



Park District of Oak Park  
Continued Regular Board Meeting from February 19, 2026  
John Hedges Administrative Center  
218 Madison Street  
Oak Park, Illinois 60302

Thursday, March 5, 2026

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.

**I. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Commissioners Lentz, Wollmuth, Worley-Hood and President Porreca.

**Absent:** Commissioner Ade Onayemi.

**Park District Staff Present:** Jan Arnold, Executive Director; Ann Marie Buczek, Director of Marketing and Community Engagement; Mitch Bowlin, Director of Business Operations; Maureen McCarthy, Deputy Director of Recreation; Patti Staley, Director of Horticulture and Conservatory; and Karen Gruszka, Executive Assistant.

**Others:** Sue Boyer, FOPCON President and Cathi Knickrehm, Chair, ESAC.

**II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The motion was passed by a roll call vote of 4:0

**III. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Field Center Demolition Contract Approval – Commissioner Worley-Hood: *I move that the Board approve a contract with Liebe Construction Services, 586 Jennifer Circle, Mundelein, IL, for the Field Center Building Demolition and to authorize the Executive Director to sign the contract.*

Executive Director Arnold informed the Board the bid went out on February 4 with a February 17 mandatory walkthrough with seven contractors in attendance. The bids were opened February 25 with Liebe Construction Services being the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, who is also the current contractor for the new Field Center. No date has been set for the demolition as it relies on the completion of the new building due to afterschool childcare dedicated at Field Center. The board confirmed the playground equipment was already ordered to be on time when the playground starts.

Motion was made by Commissioner Worley-Hood and seconded by Commissioner Lentz. **The motion was passed by a roll call vote of 4:0.**

- B. Longfellow Park Owner Purchase Tornado Shade Approval – Commissioner Worley-Hood: *I move that the Board approve the purchase of two small Tornado shade structures from PARKREATION, INC. c/o Shade Systems Incorporated and authorize the Executive Director to sign the purchase*



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agreement. Executive Director Arnold informed the Board of the budget for the Longfellow project, the current spending, and that the shades were bid through a co-op purchasing program. The board is happy to see these shade structures in our parks where needed.

Motion was made by Commissioner Worley-Hood and seconded by Commissioner Wollmuth. **The motion was passed by a roll call vote of 4:0.**

- C. PACT Facility Use License Agreement For Oak Park River Forest Youth Football Approval – Commissioner Wollmuth: *I move that the Board approve the PACT Facility Use License Agreement for Oak Park River Forest Youth Football.* Executive Director Arnold reminded the Board of the PACT Agreements brought to them in December. The Oak Park River Forest Youth Football agreement has just been signed, they are companion level, and they look for space usually in the fall.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wollmuth and seconded by Commissioner Lentz. **The motion was passed by a roll call vote of 4:0.**

- D. OPPL/PDOP Intergovernmental Agreement Approval – Commissioner Wollmuth: *I move that the Board approve the OPPL/PDOP Intergovernmental Agreement.* Executive Director Arnold reminded the Board of information shared in the past for the Whittier after school program which has twenty kids on our waitlist. We’ve been working with the library for the past two years to use the open space at the Dole branch to take care of the waitlist. Once this is approved and we open the space, we will take children off the waitlist in quantities of eight. This agreement was approved at the last Board Meeting of the OPPL.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wollmuth and seconded by Commissioner Lentz. **The motion was passed by a roll call vote of 4:0.**

**IV. NEW BUSINESS** – None

**V. CLOSED SESSION** – None

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:07pm, a motion was made by Commissioner Wollmuth and seconded by Commissioner Lentz to adjourn the Continued Regular Board Meeting from February 19, 2026. **The motion was passed by a voice vote of 5:0.**

  
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Board of Park Commissioners

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President  
Board of Park Commissioners

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