



PARK DISTRICT of OAK PARK

**Park District of Oak Park
Regular Park Board Meeting
John Hedges Administrative Center
218 Madison Street
Oak Park, Illinois 60302**

Thursday, June 18, 2026

Minutes

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

I. ROLL CALL

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

Park District Staff Present: Jan Arnold, Executive Director; Maureen McCarthy, Deputy Director of Recreation; Mitch Bowlin, Director of Business Operations; Bill Hamilton, Superintendent of Properties and Planning; Nelson Acevedo, Director of Parks & Facilities, Ann Marie Buczek, Director of Marketing & Community Engagement; Roger Oney, Parks & Facilities Supervisor, and Karen Gruszka, Executive Assistant.

Others: None

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The motion was passed by a roll call vote of 5:0.

IV. VISITOR/PUBLIC COMMENT – None

V. CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Onayemi and seconded by Commissioner Lentz to approve the Cash and Investment Summary and Warrants and Bills for the month of May 2026; approval of minutes from the Spring Park Tour from May 14, 2026; Annual Meeting from May 14, 2026, Committee of the Whole Meeting from May 14, 2026, and Regular Board Meeting from May 21, 2026; approval of 2025 Audit Report; approval of PDCC Member - Matt Barber; approval to continue to hold the identified closed session minutes and release the March 5, 2026 and March 19, 2026 Closed Session Minutes; and approval of Disposal Ordinance 2026-06-19. The motion was passed by a roll call vote of 4:0.

VI. STAFF REPORTS

Executive Director's Report – In addition to the Executive Director Report (which is included in the Board Packet), Executive Director Arnold noted the blue slide is back open at Rehm pool after being closed, camp is completing its second week, and concerts opened on Sunday, June 7. Commissioners Onayemi, Lentz, and Porreca have confirmed they will be part of the July 4, mythical creatures theme; the PDOP will be pulling their flatbed with the tractor decorated as a fire breathing dragon. Vic Guarino, former commissioner, will lead the foundation duck race for



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the scholarship on September 6 at 5pm. Finally, we are looking at the bikes at Rehm and having communications with people and trying to control access and the speeds at the entrance.

A. **Updates and Information** – Written report included in the Board Packet.

B. **Revenue/Expense Status Reports** – No questions asked.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. **Administration and Finance Committee**

1. PDOP Fixed Asset Review

Commissioner Onayemi - I move that the Board approve the attached asset list. Executive Director Arnold explained the PDOP fixed asset policy is for any asset over \$5,000 and that Mitch Bowlin provided the PDOP 2025 Fixed Assets for the Board's review. No questions were asked. We will be including this for review in the parks and planning annual report moving forward. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Lentz. **The motion was passed by a roll call vote of 5:0.**

2. 2027 Budget Guidelines and Timeline

Commissioner Onayemi - I move that the Board review and give consensus on the 2027 Budget Timeline/Guidelines. Executive Director Arnold informed the Board that staff will be recommending 2.7% increase to the levy, plus an additional 1.5% increase to capture assessed valuation growth for a total increase of 4.2%. This full capture will help with the \$15.80 mandated wage increase and the non-resident fee will be brought up to \$30 to help offset the increased costs of inclusion aids. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Lentz. **The motion was passed by a roll call vote of 5:0.**

3. Donation of Slipper Shade Chandelier

Commissioner Onayemi - I move that the Board accept the donation of the slipper shade chandelier. The Board was informed of a donation from resident Marilyn Murphy that was offered to Susan Crane for Cheney Mansion and that the Board would need to accept it. The chandelier will be used in the bridal room on the second floor. The Board had no questions and were appreciative of the donation. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Lentz. **The motion was passed by a roll call vote of 5:0.**

4. OSLAD Resolution Approval - Barrie Park

Commissioner Onayemi - I move that the Board adopt the Resolution of Authorization for the State of Illinois Department of Natural Resources OSLAD grant application for Barrie Park Improvement Project and authorize Executive Director Arnold to sign the agreement. As discussed at the Board Retreat and the COW Meeting, staff are looking to move forward to request an OSLAD grant for 50%, \$200,000, for our Barrie Park project. We are engaging PCI for \$14,000 to write the grant application. The application should be released any day and will be due in September. The awards are typically made in January, which will give us plenty of time to go out to bid in the timeframe. The Board confirmed the money in the budget for PCI. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lentz. **The motion was passed by a roll call vote of 5:0.**



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B. Parks and Planning Committee

1. Conservatory Boiler Contract Approval

Commissioner Worley-Hood - I move that the Board approve a contract with C. Aitelli Heating and Piping Contractors in an amount not to exceed \$228,000 and grant Executive Director, Jan Arnold, permission to sign the contract. The Board was reminded of the earlier conversations brought to them regarding the boiler needs of the Conservatory and due to the age of the current system made up of three boilers, for compatibility, all three would need to be replaced. Eleven contractors showed up for the mandatory pre-bid walk through, and Mark Nussbaum reviewed the bids for accuracy with C. Aitelli Heating and Piping Contractors being the lowest, responsible bidder. The Board confirmed that the efficiency of the boilers was not up to par as well due to their age. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Lentz. **The motion was passed by a roll call vote of 5:0.**

2. Maple Park Tennis Court Contract Approval

Commissioner Worley-Hood - I move that the Board approve the contract with Chicagoland Paving Contractors in an amount not to exceed \$160,000 and grant Executive Director, Jan Arnold, permission to sign the contract. The Board was informed that three bids were received with Chicagoland Paving Contractors being the lowest, responsible bidder. They are currently doing the D97 parking lot at Mann School, so we are familiar with them. The Board confirmed they have paved tennis courts before and were informed of the timeline that the tennis courts would be completed in August-September and be striped for pickleball as well. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Lentz. **The motion was passed by a roll call vote of 5:0.**

C. Recreation and Facility Program Committee – None

VIII. NEW BUSINESS – None

IX. COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

Commissioner Porreca: Extended thanks to Executive Director Arnold and staff for a thorough and helpful agenda for the Board Retreat and good conversation.

Commissioner Worley-Hood: Wished to echo Commissioner Porreca's comments.

Commissioner Onayemi: Also echoed Commissioner Porreca's comments as well.

Commissioner Lentz: Enjoyed parks in and around Arlington, VA while on vacation and has enjoyed watching our parks come to life with the warmer weather. She also mentioned how she enjoys being on a Board all working together like they did at the retreat.



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President Wollmuth: Thanked everyone for Day In The Village and he appreciates all that staff do and enjoyed the conversations he had with the residents that stopped by. He also echoed the commissioner's comments on the Board Retreat, saying it was good to be able to hear staff's input and get into the meat of the subjects and clarify issues. He felt the day was very focused and purposeful.

X. CLOSED SESSION – None

XI. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:21pm, the Regular Board Meeting was adjourned. **The motion was passed by a voice vote of 5:0.**

Secretary
Board of Park Commissioners

July 16, 2026

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