Charles M. Christensen Terrace Centre - 11500 S Beloit Ave. - Worth, IL - Room 106

BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
May 21, 2026
6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by President Donald Dambek.

II. ROLL CALL

Park Commissioners Present: Donald Dambek, Rebecca Roberts, Kari Lynn Fickes, and Mike McElroy.

Park Commissioners Absent: Melissa Nagel (excused).

Staff Members Present: Robert O'Shaughnessy, Director of Parks and Recreation; Stephanie Analitis, Superintendent of Recreation; Brian Piszczek, Superintendent of Parks; and Kelly Pezdek, Finance and Human Resources Manager/Board Secretary.

Visitors Present: None

III. VISITOR AND CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no visitors or citizens present.

IV. ADMINISTRATION, FINANCE & LIABILITY

A. Review of Minutes and Financial Reports

The following minutes were reviewed:

Committee of the Whole Meeting - April 16, 2026
Regular Meeting - April 16, 2026

The April disbursements totaling $77,627.69; the income statement through April 30, 2026; P-card expenses of $3,802.83 for March 2026; and payroll of $99,346.50 for April 16, April 30, and May 14 were reviewed by the Board.

Recommended Action: That the Board of Park Commissioners approves the Minutes and Financial Reports as presented as part of the Administrative

Matters/Consent Agenda during the Regular Board Meeting.

B. Operations Budget - Final - FY 2026-27

The Operations Budget for FY 2026-27 was presented in its final form by Director of Parks and Recreation O'Shaughnessy. Following the tentative budget presentation last month, some adjustments have been made to reflect more accurate revenues and expenses based on figures from the last fiscal year.

As was presented in previous months, the budget document is the result of all key staff being involved in its creation. This budget is being proposed with the Corporate and Recreation funds being balanced budgets.

The Operations Budget is only a guide and is dependent on the success of programs and services throughout the year.

Recommended Action: That the Board of Park Commissioners adopts the Operations Budget - Final - FY 2026-27 in its final form.

C. Ordinance No. 2026-01 - Budget and Appropriation Ordinance

The Budget and Appropriation Ordinance reflecting the operations budget amounts was presented. As per the Illinois Park District Code, the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance (in tentative form) must be posted on display and be available for public review for 30 days prior to final approval. A Public Notice must then be published at least one week prior to the Public Hearing on the Ordinance. The notice was published in The Reporter on May 8.

Recommended Action: That the Board of Park Commissioners adopt Ordinance 2026- 01 - Budget and Appropriation Ordinance and direct appropriate staff to file a certified copy of the ordinance with the Cook County Clerk within 30 days of adoption.

V. FACILITY, PARKS & PLANNING

A. Change Order #2 - Stahlak Park Improvements (OSLAD)

This change order that was approved informally prior, is to be approved formally by action. The document from Landworks, Inc. was included in the meeting information.

Recommended Action: That the Board of Park Commissioners approve Change Order #2 for the Stahlak Park Improvements to adding a 2" layer of 3" rock and adding woven fabric to the pickleball courts at a cost of $5,337.50.

B. Capital Projects Update - FY 2025-26

Director of Parks and Recreation O'Shaughnessy presented an update on the capital projects for FY 2026-27.

Recommended Action: No action recommended.

C. Parks Department Update

The Parks Department Report was included in the meeting information and presented by Superintendent of Parks Piszczek.

Recommended Action: No action recommended.

VI. RECREATION

A. Recreation Department Update

The Recreation Department Report was included in the meeting information and presented by Superintendent of Recreation Analitis.

Recommended Action: No action recommended.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no Unfinished Business.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion on Possible Intergovernmental Agreement with the Chicago Ridge Park District

Discussion was held and it was very positive to consider working together. It was suggested to set up a Meet and Greet with the Chicago Ridge board to discuss this possibility further.

Recommended Action: No action recommended.

B. Elections

1. President
2. Vice President
3. Treasurer
4. Alternate Treasurer

Recommended Action: Following discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to present the slate of officers for FY 2026-27 as follows:

Don Dambek	**President**
Rebecca Roberts	**Vice-President**
Kari Lynn Fickes	**Treasurer**
Melissa Nagel	**Alternate Treasurer**
Mike McElroy	**Commissioner**

C. Appointments

1. Director of Parks and Recreation

Recommended Action: That the Board of Park Commissioners appoint

Robert O'Shaughnessy as the Director of Parks and Recreation for the Worth Park District.

2. Park District Law Firm

   Recommended Action: That the Board of Park Commissioners appoints the firm Louis F. Cainkar, Ltd. to provide legal services to the Worth Park District.

3. Ethics Officer

   Recommended Action: That the Board of Park Commissioners appoints Robert O'Shaughnessy, Director of Parks and Recreation, as the Ethics Officer for the Worth Park District.

4. Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Officer

   Recommended Action: That the Board of Park Commissioners appoints Robert O'Shaughnessy, Director of Parks and Recreation, as the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Officer for the Worth Park District.

5. Open Meetings Act (OMA) Officers

   Recommended Action: That the Board of Park Commissioners appoints Kari Lynn Fickes, Commissioner and Kelly Pezdek, Finance and Human Resources Manager, as the Open Meetings Act (OMA) Officers for the Worth Park District.

6. Secretary to the Board

   Recommended Action: That the Board of Park Commissioners appoints Kelly Pezdek, Finance and Human Resources Manager, as the Secretary to the Board of Park Commissioners.

D. Board Committees

1. Administration, Finance & Liability
2. Facility, Parks & Planning
3. Recreation

   Recommended Action: That the Board of Park Commissioners establish three working committees of the Board: (1) Administration, Finance & Liability; (2) Facility, Parks & Planning; and (3) Recreation to meet one time per month as a Committee of the Whole.

E. Board Special Committees

1. Fall Fest Committee

   Recommended Action: That the Board of Park Commissioners approves the formation of the Special Committee for the Fall Fest event.

2. Veterans Memorial Park Committee

   Recommended Action: That the Board of Park Commissioners approves the formation of the Special Committee for the Veterans Memorial Park.

3. Committee on Local Government Efficiency

   Recommended Action: That the Board of Park Commissioners approves the formation of the Special Committee on Local Government Efficiency.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee of the Whole Meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Donald Dambek
Donald Dambek, President
Board of Park Commissioners

Kelly Pezdek
Finance and Human Resources Manager
Secretary to the Board