



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

**BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING**

May 21, 2026

7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order at 7:12 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; and Kelly Pezdek, Finance and Human Resources Manager/Secretary to the Board

Visitors Present: None

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

IV. VISITOR AND CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no visitors or citizens present.

V. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS/CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting - April 16, 2026

B. Minutes of the Regular Meeting - April 16, 2026

C. Disbursements - April Totaling: \$ 77,627.69

D. Payroll Totaling: \$ 99,346.50

- April 16, 2026: \$ 31,359.99
- April 30, 2026: \$ 33,046.56
- May 14, 2026: \$ 34,939.95

E. Financial Reports

It was moved by Rebecca Roberts, seconded by Kari Lynn Fickes to approve the Administrative Matters/Consent Agenda. Motion was approved 3-1 (abstention).

VI. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A. Correspondence

The following correspondence was referred to by President Dambek: (1) a letter from the IAPD congratulating the Park District on receiving a PowerPlay! Grant; (2) two letters from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development about the Community Program Grant (Congressman Casten); and (3) correspondence from Mary Werner, Village President, regarding paving for Stahlak Park.

B. Public Recognition

There was no Public Recognition

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTION

A. Administration, Finance & Liability

1. Operations Budget - Final - FY 2026-27

It was moved by Kari Lynn Fickes, seconded by Mike McElroy that the Board of Park Commissioners adopts the Operations Budget - Final - FY 2026-27 in its final form. Motion was approved 4-0.

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

It was moved by Kari Lynn Fickes, seconded by Rebecca Roberts 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. Motion was approved 4-0.

B. Facilities, Parks and Planning

1. Changes Order #2 - Stahlak Park Improvements (OSLAD)

It was moved by Mike McElroy, seconded by Rebecca Roberts 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. Motion was approved 4-0.

C. Recreation

No Action Recommended.

VIII. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. Recreation

The Recreation Report was included in the board meeting information and presented at the Committee of the Whole Meeting.

B. Parks

The Parks Report was included in the board meeting information and presented at the Committee of the Whole Meeting.

C. Administration

The Administration Report was included in the board meeting information and was presented by Director of Parks and Recreation O'Shaughnessy.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no Unfinished Business.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. Elections

1. President

It was moved by Mike McElroy, seconded by Kari Lynn Fickes that the Board of Park Commissioners appoint Donald Dambek as President of the Park Board of Commissioners. Motion was approved 4-0.

2. Vice President

It was moved by Mike McElroy, seconded by Kari Lynn Fickes that the Board of Park Commissioners appoint Rebecca Roberts as Vice President of the Park Board of Commissioners. Motion was approved 4-0.

3. Treasurer

It was moved by Kari Lynn Fickes, seconded by Donald Dambek that the Board of Park Commissioners appoint Kari Lynn Fickes as Treasurer of the Park Board of Commissioners. Motion was approved 4-0.

4. Alternate Treasurer

It was moved by Rebecca Roberts, seconded by Kari Lynn Fickes that the Board of Park Commissioners appoint Melissa Nagel as Alternate Treasurer of the Park Board of Commissioners. Motion was approved 4-0.

B. Appointments

1. Director of Parks and Recreation

It was moved by Donald Dambek, seconded by Mike McElroy that the Board

of Park Commissioners appoint Robert O'Shaughnessy as the Director of Parks and Recreation for the Worth Park District. Motion was approved 4-0.

2. Park District Law Firm

It was moved by Mike McElroy, seconded by Rebecca Roberts that the Board of Park Commissioners appoint the firm Louis F. Cainkar, Ltd. to provide legal services to the Worth Park District. Motion was approved 4-0.

3. Ethics Officer

It was moved by Rebecca Roberts, seconded by Kari Lynn Fickes that the Board of Park Commissioners appoints Robert O'Shaughnessy, Director of Parks and Recreation, as the Ethics Officer for the Worth Park District. Motion was approved 4-0.

4. Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Officer

It was moved by Donald Dambek, seconded by Mike McElroy that the Board of Park Commissioners appoint Robert O'Shaughnessy, Director of Parks and Recreation, as the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Officer for the Worth Park District. Motion was approved 4-0.

5. Open Meetings Act (OMA) Officers

It was moved by Donald Dambek, seconded by Mike McElroy 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. Motion was approved 4-0.

6. Secretary to the Board

It was moved by Donald Dambek, seconded by Rebecca Roberts that the Board of Park Commissioners appoint Kelly Pezdek, Finance and Human Resources Manager, as the Secretary to the Board of Park Commissioners. Motion was approved 4-0.

C. Board Committees

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

It was moved by Rebecca Roberts, seconded by Kari Lynn Fickes 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. Motion was approved 4-0.

D. Board Special Committees

1. Fall Fest Committee

It was moved by Rebecca Roberts, seconded by Mike McElroy that the Board of Park Commissioners approves the formation of the Special Committee for the Fall Fest event. Motion was approved 4-0.

2. Veterans Memorial Park Committee

It was moved by Mike McElroy, seconded by Kari Lynn Fickes that the Board of Park Commissioners approves the formation of the Special Committee for the Veterans Memorial Park. Motion was approved 4-0.

3. Committee on Local Government Efficiency

It was moved by Mike McElroy, seconded by Kari Lynn Fickes that the Board of Park Commissioners approves the formation of the Special Committee on Local Government Efficiency. Motion was approved 4-0.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved by Rebecca Roberts, seconded by Mike McElroy to enter Executive Session for the purpose of Personnel (individuals) 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21). Motion was approved 4-0.

The Executive Session began at 8:13 p.m.

XII. RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING

It was moved by Mike McElroy, seconded by Rebecca Roberts to reconvene the Regular Board Meeting at 8:18 p.m. Motion was approved 4-0.

A. Collective Bargaining Agreement between Worth Park District and Service Employees International Union Local 73 - For the Parks Department.

It was moved by Mike McElroy, seconded by Rebecca Roberts that the Board of Park Commissioners approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement between Worth Park District and Service Employees International Union Local 73 - For the Parks Department. Motion was approved 4-0.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING

It was moved by Mike McElroy, seconded by Kari Lynn Fickes to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting at 8:19 p.m. Motion was approved 4-0.



Donald Dambek, President
Board of Park Commissioners



Kelly Pezdek
Finance and Human Resources Manager
Secretary to the Board