Oakmont Borough Council **(FINAL)**
Minutes of the Regular Meeting **July 15, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER OF REGULAR MEETING

Council President Ride called the Regular Meeting of Oakmont Borough Council to order at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 767 Fifth Street, Oakmont, Pennsylvania 15139.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present:	Council Members Arnold, Leonardi, Ormay, Wilson, and Borough Council President Ride; Borough Manager Fodi, Borough Solicitor Leyland, and Oakmont Police Chief Ford
Excused:	Mayor Facaros, Vice-President Pagnotta, Rocco Brown, Junior Council Member
Visitors:	nine (9) visitors present

CONDITIONAL USE HEARING
Mr. Fodi briefed the public on the application for conditional use:

- Consideration of a Conditional Use Application for Day Care/Child Care service, on property owned by Holy Family Parish-St Irenaeus, proposed at 637 4th Street, located in the R-3 Residential District

    - **Public Testimony Regarding Consideration of a Conditional Use for Holy Family Parish**
      QK Architecture, the architect of record, delivered a presentation to OBC regarding the plans the daycare/childcare for the St. Irenaeus property. The presentation included highlights such as placement of the rooms and the playground requirements.

    - **Council Comments**
      Mr. Fodi told OBC the response from OPC and BYU.

      Ms. Leonardi asked what the anticipated classroom size is.

      Father Kevin Poecking, Pastor Holy Family Parish, stated they anticipate 20 children, but the premises is listed for a higher capacity.

      President Ride asked if there would be parking behind.

      Father Poecking stated parents will pick-up and drop-off in front of the school.

      Mr. Arnold asked if there were any anticipated ADA issues.

      Father Poecking stated there are not currently any issues.

    - **MOTION:**
      Motion by Mr. Arnold, seconded by Ms. Leonardi, to approve Conditional Use for Holy Family Parish for a proposed Daycare/Childcare at 637 4th Street. Motion carried unanimously.

REGISTERED SPEAKER

- **Randy Galm, Borough Treasurer, 2nd Quarter Report**
  Mr. Galm delivered the 2nd Quarter Report. Highlights included:
  - Grant reimbursement timeline concerns for delayed projects
  - Cash Position is as expected, as are revenue areas
  - Borough Board and Project Funds
  - Capital Roads and Pedestrian Improvements

- **Joe Flanick, Jr., OVFD**
  Mr. Flanick delivered a brief overview of calls in June:
    - 47 Calls, 24 within the Borough, 22 were mutual aid. Calls included gas smells, CO alarms, vehicle accidents, missing persons search
    - U.S. Open Staffing

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- Andy Hollinger, 736 Third Street, Verona, PA, spoke to OBC regarding gravesites at the Oakmont-Verona Cemetery. He stated the board of the cemetery is not recognizing the deed and have built a garage over the spot for his and his sister's future plots. Mr. Hollinger stated the shed has been moved slightly, but they're now putting graves in front of the shed. He is asking for the Borough's help to speak to the proper people at the cemetery.

  Mr. Leyland explained that OBC doesn't have the authority to tell the cemetery what to do, but they can reach out to the cemetery to offer a recommendation/speak to them about the issue.

  Mr. Hollinger thanked Mr. Fodi for sharing his story with OBC.

CORRESPONDENCES

- Park Improvements
  Mr. Fodi briefed OBC on the correspondence. The highlight was what is happening with the money from the USGA and parks improvements.

  The correspondence is in the packets for OBC.

- Anthony Lascola, Re: Large Items and Curbside Solid Waste Collection
  Mr. Fodi stated the correspondence went into concerns with services from the waste collection company and issues with going with the lowest bidder. There have been several items left behind from the current garbage collection company and it's making the Borough look worse.

  Mr. Fodi explained that the industry has changed, and it's common for companies to not pick up items that do not fit within a garbage bag. The Borough is considering doing a large item collection with dumpsters throughout the year for residents.

COUNCIL MINUTES

- June 17, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes
  The minutes are approved as written.

  Mr. Arnold requested Ms. Labrador to edit the July 1, 2025, minutes.

DISCUSSION ITEMS (BOROUGH MANAGER)
Mr. Fodi led the discussion on the following items:

A. Appointed Boards:

Oakmont Boulevard Project:
- Nothing to Report

Kerr Museum:
- Nothing to Report

Oakmont Carnegie Library:
- Nothing to Report

Dark Hollow Woods Committee:
- Nothing to Report

Recreation Board:
- Nothing to Report

Shade Tree Commission:
- Nothing to Report

Communications Committee:
- Nothing to Report

Civil Service Commission:
- Nothing to Report

Announcements & Old Business
- Projects Occurring in Oakmont since July Work Session:
    - Foundation Parking Lot: The parking lot is almost completed, and they are awaiting their HOP.
    - Chateau Beach Dog Park
      The contracts were signed; Mr. Leyland will review them. The preconstruction meeting will happen the week of July 21st.
    - 2026 Road Program
      The contracts were finalized. The preconstruction meeting will be held the week of July 21st.
    - OBP Handrail Installation Project
      The project has started. The news lights have had issues and they are being investigated. The lights are under warranty.
    - Riverside Playground Improvement Project
      Four proposals were received. A full presentation will happen in August/September for Council.

B. Administration:

- Deer Survey Update
  Ms. Ormay led the discussion on how to roll out the survey to the Borough, and she is concerned with keeping the prices down. Ms. Ormay suggests having a small stack of surveys in the Borough office, a QR code, a link on the Borough website, and a QR code in the community newsletter.

OBC discussed the length of time to have the survey open, where to have the survey available, and how to correlate the data.

- Motion by Mr. Arnold, seconded by Ms. Ormay, to approve closing Allegheny River Boulevard between Pennsylvania and Washington Avenues on July 26, 2025, between the hours of 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM for the Oakmont Chamber of Commerce Summer Street Sale and Car Cruise. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Community Planning:

- River's Edge Lot Line Revision
  Ken Doyno, architect on file, spoke to OBC about their lot line revision request. They would like to undo a previous change to draw the lot line back to where it originally was for the club house and combine two lots. There will be no change to any public land.

  Motion by Mr. Arnold, seconded by Mr. Wilson, to approve The River's Edge Lot Line Revision Number 17. Motion carried unanimously.

- 26 Ann Street: Zoning Hearing Board Granted Use by Special Exception for a Dormitory
  Mr. Fodi stated the application is to change the former nursing home into a dormitory. The use of the property to go from a nursing home into a dormitory is a change of use. The paperwork is in place, but is still in review for approvals.

  The dormitory will be for students going to Catholic schools.

- Final VOPP Public Hearing: July 29, 6:00 p.m., at Three Rivers Rowing
  Mr. Fodi said the final hearing will take place on July 29th. The grant required VOPP to hold four public hearings in the communities, and this is the final one.

  Mr. Arnold stated the plan requires a traffic signal at Plum and ARB, and the signal will cost the Borough $500,000. He urged OBC to take a position and object to the plan at the meeting.

  President Ride explained some of the other options that VOPP is considering, including the trail going under the viaduct.

  A letter will be drafted in opposition of the trail going on ARB and requiring the light.

- ARB Brick Repair: Continuing Discussion Re: Future Maintenance Costs to keep ARB as an all-brick or brick and concrete roadway. Mr. Fodi said the Borough Engineer will work with the Street Department to see what is under the brick on ARB. A meeting will be held to discuss the findings. Mr. Fodi is researching grants from the ARB conservation association.

- Sidewalk Repair Policy Discussion
  Mr. Fodi briefed OBC regarding trees damaging sidewalks and utilities. The Borough has a responsibility to repair sidewalks that are damaged due to official Borough activities directed at maintaining or removing Borough trees when that activity is to

remove conflicts with underground utility shut-off components. Residents are still responsible for repairing their sidewalks in all other situations.

OBC discussed the current policy for residents to cover sidewalk repairs, splitting sidewalk repair costs with residents, developing a sidewalk repair program, tree planting and potential issues from the trees.

D. Finance:

- Motion by Ms. Leonardi, seconded by Ms. Paris, to approve the Warrant List for June 2025, in the amount of $615,298.99. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Public Safety:

- Mayor's Report
  No report this month.

- Monthly Police Report
  Chief Ford directed OBC to review the report in their packets. Chief Ford spoke to OBC about the sentencing of the final defendant, who murdered the small child in Oakmont, who was given life without parole. The Oakmont Police were the only representatives for the child at the hearings.

- Parkview EMS Monthly Report
  - 147 dispatches
  - 62 to Presby – skewed due to U.S. Open
  - 13 mutual aid calls with the OVFD

F. Public Works

- Motion by Mr. Arnold, seconded by Ms. Ormay, to authorize the AVNCOG to make Payment #2 (FINAL) to Ron Gillette, Inc. in the amount of $5,564.43 for the CDBG Yr 49 ADA Ramp Construction Project. Motion carried unanimously.

- Motion by Mr. Arnold, seconded by Ms. Ormay, to approve Change Order #1 for the 2024 Oakmont Commons Stormwater Improvements for a decrease of $2,482.50 in the contract amount. Motion carried unanimously.

- Motion by Mr. Arnold, seconded by Ms. Paris, to approve Payment Recommendation #4 in the amount of $24,011.25 to Boney Construction, LLC for the 2024 Oakmont Commons Stormwater Improvements Project. Motion carried unanimously.

  President Ride and Mr. Fodi spoke about the amount of work the Borough has put into remediating water in the Oakmont Commons alongside the HOA. There have been improvements in the area.

- Washington Avenue: Temporary Pothole Repairs
  Mr. Fodi said minor repairs will be made until Folino starts the project. The Borough has completed CCTV review of several sinkholes in the Borough.

- Washington Avenue/3rd Street Stormwater Management: Staff Update on Recent Preventive Maintenance and Ongoing Study of Repair Options
  Mr. Fodi said the Borough Engineer has completed CCTV reviews of the stormwater lines in question, and there have been elevation changes due to age of the system and sediment build-up within the pipes . The pipe will be cleaned and worked on.

G. Request for Agenda Items from Council
President Ride stated any suggestions for topics can be submitted to Mr. Fodi.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- There were no comments.

ADJOURNMENT

- Motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Ms. Ormay, to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss the union contract and personnel matters. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bianca Labrador