Oakmont Borough Council **Final**
Minutes of the Regular Meeting **July 21, 2026**

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 Fox, Ormay, Vice President Pagnotta, Paris, Parsons, and Borough Council President Ride; Sophia Yahnke, Junior Council Member; Borough Manager Fodi; Borough Solicitor Mueller, and Oakmont Police Chief Ford
Excused:	Isaiah Wilson, Dimitri Hong and Sophia Facaros
Visitors:	3 visitors

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

President Ride stated OBC met for an executive session to discuss legal matters, personnel matters, and a review of the collective bargain agreement .

PROPOSED ORDINANCE FOR CONSIDERATION

i. PROPOSED Ordinance O3-2026: Consideration of a Proposed Ordinance, amending Borough Code Chapter 205, Zoning, to provide that Data Centers shall be available as a Use by Special Exception in the I Zoning District, and establishing other requirements to such use.

ii. Public comment on a Proposed Ordinance that will amend Chapter 205 of the Borough Code addressing Data Centers.

There was no public comment.

Mr. Fodi briefed OBC and the public on the history of OPC's drafting of the ordinance. He stated that the Borough has not been approached for a data center and explained the areas within the Borough that could be utilized for use, but currently there are no spaces that would fit a data center.

Ms. Mueller explained the process for being granted a special exception and a variance.

(Following public comment, and provided no additional testimony is needed, it is the recommendation to take make a motion and approved Ordinance O3 of 2026.)

iii. Motion by Ms. Ormay, seconded by Mr. Fox, to approve Proposed Ordinance O3-2026 amending Borough Code Chapter 205, Zoning, to provide that Data Centers shall be available as a Use by Special Exception in the I Zoning District, and establishing other requirements to such use. Motion carried unanimously.

REGISTERED SPEAKER

- **Randy Galm, Borough Treasurer, 2nd Quarter Treasurer Report 2026**
  Mr. Galm delivered the 2nd Quarter Report, highlights included:
  - Overall performance and cash position are in good shape.

- Grant reimbursements
- General Fund is on track.
- Expenditures are mostly below 50%. Shade Tree and Tax Collection are the only two that are high.
- Review of accounts and their statuses.

- **Colin Lampark, P.E. Hatch Senior Project Engineer, Update on Construction at the Wastewater Treatment Plant and Review of Change Order #2**
  Mr. Lampark delivered a presentation updating OBC on the Wastewater Treatment Plant construction. Highlights included:
  - Images of the project progression.
  - Clarifier #2 Tank construction complete.
  - Motor control centers anticipated August arrival.
  - New generator and transformer have been installed.
  - Bypass of influent force main for upcoming outage and subsequent upsizing of influent sewer completed.
  - Review of 6-month project calendar. Project completion is planned for August 2027.
  - Project risk and project change overviews, including equipment delivery delays, change in conditions, out-of-scope work, etc.
  - Change orders are anticipated.

  OBC discussed the issues with the railroad and anticipated change orders, equipment service and replacement timelines,

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- Cindy Wagner, 615 Twelfth Street, raised concern for safety from Maryland to Pennsylvania. She stated there aren't any stop signs to slow traffic. She asked OBC to do a traffic study to see what the traffic flow and speed is along the road.

CORRESPONDENCES

- **Nothing to Report**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- President Ride announced the opening of the dog park at Chateau Beach and the children's park at Riverside Park. She also reminded everyone of the annual street sale taking place on July 25th.

COUNCIL MINUTES

- May 5, 2026, Work Session Minutes
- June 2, 2026, Work Session Minutes
- June 16, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes

No changes were submitted. All minutes are approved as written.

DISCUSSION ITEMS (BOROUGH MANAGER)

Mr. Fodi led the discussion on the following items:

A. Appointed Boards:

Oakmont Boulevard Project:

- **Nothing to Report**

Civil Service Commission:

- **Nothing to Report**

Communications Committee:

- **Nothing to Report**

Dark Hollow Woods Committee:

- **Nothing to Report**

Kerr Museum:

- **Resignation from Kerr Museum Board**
  Motion by Vice-President Pagnotta, seconded by Ms. Paris, to accept the resignation of Heather Deem from the Kerr Museum Board. Motion carried unanimously.

- Mr. Parsons briefed OBC on the status of the air conditioning unit in the Kerr Museum and his conversation with Joan Stuart.

  OBC discussed the air conditioning issues at the Kerr.

Oakmont Carnegie Library:

- **June Board Meeting Minutes (included for informational purposes, including recently adopted operational policies.)**
  Mr. Fodi directed OBC to the director's report in their packets and reminded OBC of the upcoming 125th celebration on August 9th.

  Mr. Parsons stated that the OCL Board has invited all members of OBC, and several organizations will be participating in the celebration.

Recreation Board:

- **Contract No. 24-PK1 - Chateau Beach Dog Park - Payment #6 Final**
  Motion by Mr. Parsons, seconded by Ms. Ormay, to approve Payment #6 FINAL for the Chateau Beach Dog Park Project in the amount of $10,785.66 to VS&H Construction Company, LLC. Motion carried unanimously.

  OBC discussed signage for the dog park, including liability/using facilities at own-risk and signage directing people to the park from Hulton Road.

Shade Tree Commission:

- **Nothing to Report**

Announcements & Old Business

- **Nothing to Report**

B. Administration:

- **Multimodal Grant Application - Improvements to Allegheny River Boulevard**
  Motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Paris, to approve Resolution #16 of 2026 confirming the Borough's application to the Commonwealth Financing Authority requesting Multimodal Accessibility and Corridor

Improvement Grant assistance in the amount of $3 million dollars for improvements to Allegheny River Boulevard.

OBC discussed the scope of the project, the timeline of the project, and how the grant application was written.

Motion carried unanimously.

- **Gaming Economic Development Tourism Fund Grant (GEDTF) Application – Stormwater Infrastructure Oakmont Avenue**
  Motion by Ms. Ormay, seconded by Mr. Fox, to approve Resolution #17 of 2026 confirming the Borough's application to the Commonwealth Financing Authority requesting a $200,000 GEDTF grant assistance for stormwater infrastructure improvements on Oakmont Avenue. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Riverview School District Use of Creekside Soccer Field**
  President Ride explained the agreement for the Riverview School District to utilize the field. This is a short-term agreement to use the fields until the end of August when a more long-term agreement should be made.

  Motion by Vice-President Pagnotta, seconded by M, to enter into a short-term agreement with Riverview School District permitting their use of Creekside Park Soccer Field for practices and league matches between August 1 and October 31, 2026, for the cost of $400. Motion carried unanimously.

  Note: Discussion and Possible action to enter into a short-term agreement with Riverview School District permitting their use of Creekside Park Soccer Field for practices and league matches between August 1 and October 31, 2026.

- **Deer Management Discussion and Possible Action**
  Ms. Ormay briefed OBC on the meeting she and Mr. Fodi had with Suburban Wildlife Management Solutions, LLC. The cost of the program is $34,000 for 50-75 deer. The cost is moveable based on the number of deer. If deer aren't found, they will cancel the program to avoid wasting funds.

  Ms. Mueller stated she reviewed the agreement and did not see any issues with it.

  A vote will be taken at the August Work Session during a special meeting that will be advertised.

  OBC discussed options between USDA and Suburban Wildlife Management Solutions to help with deer control in Oakmont, the cost of the programs, the options for utilizing both sharp shooting and archery or using only one means of control, and the timeline to make a motion to move forward.

C. Community Planning:

- **Zoning Hearing Board Decisions from the July 6 Hearing**

Mr. Fodi explained the following issues were approved:

- Zoning Hearing Board Bauer: A variance from Sections 205-201 and 205-314.C of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of Oakmont to allow ornamental aluminum fencing up to 6 feet in height in the front yard of 4 Elmcrest Road, was approved.

- Zoning Hearing Board Kumar: A variance from Section 205-305 and Chart A of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of Oakmont to allow a three-foot side yard at 635 Sixth Street was approved.

D. Finance:

- **Warrant List for June 2026**
  Motion by Mr. Parsons, seconded by Vice-President Pagnotta, to approve the Warrant List for June 2026 in the total amount of $478,940.17. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Public Safety:

- Mayor's Report
  Chief Ford briefed OBC on the Civil Service, there are currently three candidates. The car involved in the accident was not totaled, but would like to add another unit to the fleet at some point.

F. Public Works

- **Contract No. 25-R01 - 2025 Roadway Improvement Program**
  Motion by Ms. Ormay, seconded by Ms. Paris, to approve Payment #3 (FINAL) in the amount of $33,381.20 to A. Folino Construction, Inc., for the completion of the 2025 Roadway Improvement Program. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Contract No. 2024-01 - Partial Payment - Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades – General Construction**
  Motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Parsons, to approve partial payment #11 in the amount of $648,045.00 for the WWTP Plant Upgrades to Lone Pine Construction, Inc. Motion carried unanimously.

  Mr. Lampark explained the change order amount was included in the full amount shown to OBC earlier in the year.

- **Contract H-376273 Oakmont WWTP Upgrades - Construction Management/Inspection**
  Motion by Ms. Paris, seconded by Ms. Ormay, to approve Payment #11 in the amount of $30,105.91 to Hatch Associate Consultants, Inc., Pittsburgh for Construction Management & Inspection for April/May 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Contract No. 2024-01 - Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades - Change Order #2**
  Motion by Mr. Parsons, seconded by Mr. Fox, to approve Change Order #2 in the amount of $127,255.10 for the WWTP Plant Upgrades. Motion carried unanimously.

G. Monthly Reports

- **Borough Solicitor**
  Ms. Mueller stated the one outstanding piece of litigation with Mr. Keiff has no updates.

Ms. Mueller explained that the Governor signed a new law that imposes statewide regulations for decommissioning solar farms.

Ms. Mueller asked for an executive session after the meeting to discuss a property litigation issue.

- **Library Director**

- **Parkview EMS Report** –
  - 130 dispatches
  - 73 transfers to the hospital
  - 30% were for Presby SeniorCare

- **Police Department**

- **Budget Report for June 2026**

- **Balance Sheets for June2026**

H. Future Agenda Topics

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- Les Leisure asked if generators could use diesel fuel instead of natural gas for generators.

  Mr. Fodi explained that the tank has to be built under the generator and the volume of the gas causes issues.

  Mr. Leisure asked if the soccer agreement with the school is the same as the Twin-Boro agreement.

- Cindy Wagner, 12th Street, raised concerns about the bloody aspect of the deer culling. Ms. Wagner requested the culling be discreet to avoid seeing the culling of the deer.

ADJOURNMENT

- Motion by Ms. Ormay, seconded by Ms. Paris, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bianca Labrador