

OLYMPIA FIELDS EAST HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 14, 2026
Meeting Held at Olympia Fields Conference Center, 20701 Governors Hwy., Olympia Fields, IL 60461

The meeting was called to order by President Carlando Owens at 10:15 AM.

Attendance

The following board members were present: Carlando Owens, Thomas McNeal, Sam Cosentino, Meli Marquez, and Monica Plaid. Board Members absent were Arthur Bryd, Beverly Sanders, Steven Jackson, Pat Hopkins, and Larry Mullins.

Approval of Previous Minutes

The minutes from the board meeting of January 10, 2026, were distributed to all board members prior to the meeting. The minutes of January 10, 2026 will be approved at the March 2026 meeting.

President's Report

President Carlando Owens plans to meet with OFEHA's new HALO Officer. The Bylaws updates are in progress. Owens and Monica Plaid are collaborating on a plaque in memoriam to honor past OFEHA President, Pat Collier. The plaque will be placed on Promethian Way and Chariot Ln.

Finance Report

No financial report was presented due to the absence of Treasurer Byrd.

Beautification Committee Report

Committee Co-Chair Meli Marquez shared that general landscape maintenance bids are still being negotiated. The Beautification Committee has identified at least one other grant outside of the Village Beautification Grant and is preparing to apply.

Monuments and lighting are still in the beginning stages of exploration:

- One resident mentioned some other places use digital billboards for advertising revenue opportunities. Owens mentioned that to do that the Village would need to be involved.
- A second resident recommended we move our electric box on Brookwood off of Route 30 to help with the land ownership ambiguity. Owens said that would be an ordinance issue.
- Marquez suggests we consider "wayfinding" signage vs "monument"
- Trustee Oliver suggested that the Beautification Co-Chairs communicate with John McDonald for clarity around what we can have.
- Membership Chair Plaid also supports moving signage away from the state line.

Communications Committee Report

Committee Chair presented the report:

- It was requested that each committee chair share a synopsis of each committee's activity for last year (submit by March 14) for inclusion in the next newsletter. In addition, provide a synopsis of the committee expectations for 2026.
- Paid advertisements are available to resident businesses. Plaid requested that Cosentino send that information to our residents
- Marquez inquired if we are set up for Zelle on the website yet. Confirmation has not yet been received from the Treasurer.

Membership Committee Report

Committee Chairman Monica Plaid reported that the annual dues membership mailings have gone out. Plaid will check with Treasurer Byrd regarding the Zelle payment option.

Membership cards are back, but the old discount program will not be continued this year. However, discounts are available through the Village chip program. Plaid referenced the Beautification Committee's reliance on dues collection. Thomas McNeal mentioned he is aware of a new resident in the community. Monica has hit a roadblock on finding where to host an OFEHA picnic. Seargent Means won't let OFEHA host a picnic unless it is in a rented room. Meli recommends a cul de sac, but one resident stated electricity would need to be available for music and other activities.

Social Committee/Fundraising Report

No report was provided due to the absence of Chairman Larry Mullins.

Village Liaison

No report was provided at this meeting.

Old Business

There was no old business

New Business

There was no new business.

Next Meeting Date

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Saturday, March 14, 2026, at 10 AM at the Olympia Fields Conference Center.

Adjournment

Sam Cosentino moved to adjourn the meeting, Monica Plaid seconded, and the motion was unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 PM.