

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
OAK LAWN PARK DISTRICT  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
HELD ON MAY 13, 2024**

The Board of Commissioners of the Oak Lawn Park District was convened in a Regular Meeting on May 13, 2024 at 6:55 p.m. with President Johnson presiding.

**BUDGET HEARING:**

Johnson opened the budget hearing, noting that the budget has been on display for more than 30 days. Johnson asked if there were any questions. No questions were asked, and the budget hearing was closed at 6:57 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Buschbach, Donahue, Mottl, and Johnson

Absent: Stalker

A quorum was present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Finance Meeting of April 8, 2024**

Mottl moved, Donahue seconded to approve.

Voting: Aye: All

Nay: None

**Regular Meeting of April 8, 2024**

Buschbach moved, Donahue seconded to approve.

Voting: Aye: All

Nay: None

**CITIZENS TO BE HEARD/CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Volunteers of the Month – Volleyball For Charity Referees**

For the month of April, we would like to award Paul Erickson, Jersey Panock, and Jenna Panock as the volunteers of the month. These three individuals volunteered as referees for our annual Volleyball for Charity tournament that happened on April 6th. Their expertise and commitment significantly enhanced the quality of the tournament, earning praises from both event coordinators and participating teams. Mr. Erickson has refereed Volleyball for Charity since 2002 and has only missed one year! We cannot thank you all enough for helping us with this tournament.

**Volleyball For Charity Beneficiaries**

The Oak Lawn Park District, in cooperation with SRASA, successfully offered the 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Volleyball for Charity Tournament on Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>. This year we had 45 teams participate in the tournament. Through everyone's efforts and generosity, we raised a total of \$13,368.47 that will be donated to The Rae Strong Foundation, Park Lawn, and SRASA. Volleyball for Charity has donated over \$96,000 in the eight years we have been running the event. We are thrilled with this year's success, and we look forward to continuing this tradition for years to come.

Park Lawn: \$2,673.70

The Rae Strong Foundation: \$4,678.96

SRASA: \$6,015.81

Total Donation: \$13,368.47

Volleyball for Charity presented the checks to The Rae Strong Foundation, Park Lawn, and SRASA

**Oak Lawn Professional Firefighters Local 3405**

A representative from the Oak Lawn Professional Firefighters Local 3405 presented a check to Special Recreation Athletic Support Association (S.R.A.S.A.) in the amount of \$2,500. The funds were raised through an Autism Awareness t-shirt sale.

**Oak Lawn Parks Foundation**

Steve Loulousis, Chairman of the Oak Lawn Parks Foundation, presented a check to the district in the amount of \$7,750. The funds were raised through recent events and will be used towards the Junior Golf Program and building improvements at Stony Creek Golf Course.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**FINANCE REPORT:**

Mottl moved, Buschbach seconded to approve the payables of \$ 1,029,580.33 for the period of April 1, 2024 to April 30, 2024.

Voting: Aye: All  
Nay: None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Adoption of the Budget and Appropriations Ordinance for FY 24'-25'**

Buschbach moved, Donahue seconded to approve the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for FY 24'-25'.

Voting: Aye: All  
Nay: None

**Designation of Freedom of Information and Open Meetings Act Officers**

The Park District is required to designate one or more staff members as Freedom of Information Act and Open Meetings Act officers.

Donahue motioned, Mottl seconded to approve Tom Hartwig and Tracey Gallik as the district's officers.

Voting: Aye: All  
Nay: None

**LEGAL:**

**Review of Executive Session Minutes**

There are no new Executive Session Minutes to review.

**APPROVAL OF BIDS OVER \$30,000:** None

**APPOINTMENT OF OFFICIALS:**

**Director**

Donahue motioned, Mottl seconded to appoint Tom Hartwig as Director of the Oak Lawn Park District.

Voting: Aye: All  
Nay: None

**Attorney**

Mottl motioned, Buschbach seconded to appoint John Farrell as Attorney.

Voting: Aye: All  
Nay: None

**MATTERS OF THE DIRECTOR:**

Hartwig thanked the Board for his reappointment as Executive Director.

Hartwig stated that he along with some of the Board members and staff recently attended Parks Day at the Capital and the Legislative Conference in Springfield. Hartwig said it was a great opportunity to network with legislators and advocate for park districts.

Hartwig thanked State Representative Sean Casten, Vice President of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Patricia Flynn, Cook County Commissioner Donna Miller, the Friends of the Chicago River Executive Director Margaret Frisbie, Mayor Terry Vorderer and the volunteers that helped clean up Wolfe Wildlife as part of the Chicago River Day cleanup on May 11<sup>th</sup>.

Hartwig stated the grant from Kelly Burke for the addition of three pickleball courts at Lawn Manor Park has been finalized and construction is underway. Hartwig stated the weather has caused a few setbacks, but things are still moving along.

Hartwig said the design construction is underway for Oak Meadows Park and additional information will be available soon.

Hartwig stated staff are getting ready for the busy Summer season. Pool memberships, swim lessons, and camps are starting to fill across the district.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

Johnson echoed Hartwig and stated that he attended the Parks Day at the Capital and Legislative Conference. Overall, he had a good time and learned a lot.

Johnson stated that he attended the cleanup at Wolfe Wildlife and he thanked everyone who helped out at the event.

Johnson said he will be representing the district at the Chamber of Commerce event that is scheduled for tomorrow.

**MATTERS OF THE COMMISSIONERS:**

Buschbach stated he too attended the Legislative Conference and he found the sessions that he attended to be informative and interesting.

Buschbach thanked Hartwig for accepting the appointment as Executive Director. Buschbach stated that the district continues to be in good hands under Hartwig's leadership.

Buschbach thanked Johnson for his leadership as Board President this past year.

Donahue stated he recently had his son's birthday at the Racquet Center. Donahue thanked all the staff involved for making it such a great party.

Mottl said she volunteered to help this year at the dance recital for her daughter's dance classes. Mottl stated it was pure excitement backstage during the entire recital.

Mottl made mention of the new entrance into the open gym area at the Racquet Center. Mottl said it makes the transition into the area a lot smoother and less congested.

**SWEARING IN OF COMMISSIONERS:** None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE DISCUSSION OF PERSONNEL, REAL ESTATE, AND LITIGATION**

The Board entered into Executive Sessions at 7:27 p.m.

The Board adjourned Executive Session at 7:31 p.m.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

**President**

Donahue nominated Commissioner Buschbach to be Board President for the coming year; Mottl seconded.

Voting: Aye: All  
Nay: None

**Vice President**

Mottl nominated Commissioner Donahue as Vice President; Buschbach seconded.

Voting: Aye: All  
Nay: None

**Secretary**

Buschbach nominated Commissioner Mottl as Secretary; Donahue seconded.

Voting: Aye: All  
Nay: None

**COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS:**

Buschbach made the following appointments:

- Finance ..... Commissioner Stalker
- Public Relations & Marketing ..... Commissioner Donahue
- Recreation ..... Commissioner Johnson
- Building & Grounds ..... Commissioner Mottl

**ANNUAL MEETING:**

**Appointment of Auditors**

Johnson motioned to approve Lauterbach & Amen; Mottl seconded.

Voting: Aye: All  
Nay: None

**Designation of Depositories**

Donahue motioned, Johnson seconded to approve the depositories as presented:

1. Illinois Funds
2. Old National Bank
3. Illinois Trust

Voting: Aye: All  
Nay: None

**Designation of Newspapers for Legal Notices**

Mottl motioned, Johnson seconded to approve the newspapers listed:

1. SouthtownSTAR
2. Oak Lawn Independent
3. Reporter
4. Chicago Tribune
5. Chicago Sun-Times

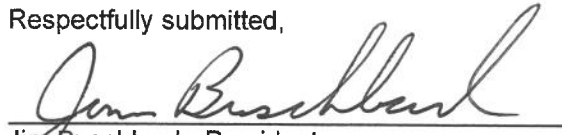
Voting: Aye: All  
Nay: None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Donahue moved, Johnson seconded to adjourn at 7:35 p.m.

Voting: Aye: All  
Nay: None

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Jim Buschbach, President

  
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Tracey Gallik, Recording Secretary