

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OAK LAWN PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2023**

The Board of Commissioners of the Oak Lawn Park District was convened in a Regular Meeting on September 11, 2023 at 7:02 p.m. with President Johnson presiding.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Buschbach, Donahue, Mottl, Stalker, and Johnson
A quorum was present.

A moment of silence was taken in remembers of 9-11.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Meeting of August 14, 2023

Mottl moved, Stalker seconded to approve.

Voting: Aye: All
Abstain: Donahue
Nay: None

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD/CORRESPONDENCE:

Volunteer of the Month – George Anagos

For September we have nominated George Anagnos as Volunteer of the Month. George has volunteered to perform as our newly released mascot Duke Mallard at our back-to-school event, Summer's Last Blast. It is no easy feat to perform for over two hours in a heavy suit with the intense heat while remaining wacky and entertaining. Thank you, George, for your volunteer service and bringing smiles to everyone's faces reminding them to always Take Time For Fun!

NEW BUSINESS: None

FINANCE REPORT:

Donahue moved, Buschbach seconded to approve the payables of \$ 1,038,752.16 for the period of August 1, 2023 to August 31, 2023.

Voting: Aye: All
Nay: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of the Audit

Board approval of the audit is considered the best practice amongst park districts.

Stalker moved, Mottl seconded to approve the audit.

Voting: Aye: All
Nay: None

Intergovernmental Agreement – School District 123

Buschbach moved, Donahue seconded to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with School District 123.

Voting: Aye: All
Nay: None

Brother Rice High School

Buschbach moved, Mottl seconded to approve an exclusive use locker room for Brother Rice to be constructed at the Oak Lawn Ice Arena.

Voting: Aye: None
Nay: All

LEGAL: None

APPROVAL OF BIDS OVER \$30,000:
Menard Activity Center Renovations

Mottl moved, Stalker seconded to approve the Menard Activity Center Renovations bid be awarded to Happ Builders for \$1,131,100.00.

Voting: Aye: All
Nay: None

Lawn Manor Park

Mottl moved to table; Stalker seconded.

Under discussion, Hartwig stated that the district is waiting for a grant agreement from the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunities (DCEO) for this project. Therefore, it would be best to table the bid until the agreement is completed.

Voting: Aye: All
Nay: None

Ice Resurfacers

Mottl moved, Stalker seconded to approve the Ice Resurfacers bid be awarded to LSK Enterprises for the WM Mammoth for \$ 224,457.28.

Voting: Aye: All
Nay: None

MATTERS OF THE DIRECTOR:

Hartwig stated that he attended the 9-11 memorial service that was held at the Oak Lawn fire station today. Hartwig shared his appreciation to all first responders and thanked all service men and women for their dedication to our country.

Hartwig said that the district submitted an entry for IAPD's Best of the Best awards. The submission was for Outstanding Citizen Volunteer of the Year. Hartwig stated that he is happy to share that former Commissioner Gary Callahan and former staff members Mike Boudreau and Greg Fitzmaurice were selected as winners of the award. The awards ceremony will take place on October 20th at the Wheeling Park District.

Hartwig thanked the Finance Department for doing such a good job during the district's audit process. Hartwig encouraged them to keep up the great work.

Hartwig shared that the cast of the upcoming theatre production of Elf has been announced. Hartwig encouraged everyone to get their tickets because they will sell fast.

Hartwig stated that he attended the Monarch Fest that was held on August 26th at Oak View. Hartwig shared that this is an award-winning event and staff are looking at ways to revamp it for next year.

Hartwig said that full-time staff will be gathering tomorrow for a Strategic Plan update meeting. The purpose of the meeting is for staff and their assigned groups to give an update on the progress being made on their strategic initiatives. Hartwig stated that the district does our Strategic Plan in-house which creates buy in from all staff and saves the district thousands of dollars.

Hartwig mentioned that the district is currently seeking out a new vendor for our website. Staff are working with companies to go over their proposals for the site. Staff hope to have a new vendor selected by the beginning of October.

Hartwig stated that he is happy to announce that the golf course has hired Chris Dunne as the Manger at Stony Creek. Hartwig stated that Dunne has been an employee with the district for years and the golf course is lucky to have him.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Johnson stated that he too attended the 9-11 Memorial today at the Oak Lawn Fire Department.

Johnson said he attended the Special Recreation mini golf day at the golf course this past weekend and he had the opportunity to meet Chris Dunne. Johnson thanked all staff involved with making the event so nice for our Special Recreation families.

Johnson made mention of the Monarch Fest and stated that he attended with Mayor Vorderer. Johnson stated that the movie that was played in the theatre regarding Monarch's was engaging and very informative.

MATTERS OF THE COMMISSIONERS:

Mottl stated that her son started the soccer program with the park district and he is really enjoying it so far. Mottl stated that the coaches have been great and she is looking forward to the rest of the season.

Mottl said she purchased her tickets for Elf and she is looking forward to attending the production this Fall.

Donahue thanked the Finance Department for all the efforts on the audit.

Stalker stated that she too attended the Special Recreation mini golf day at Stony Creek. Stalker said the event went great and she was happy to attend.

Buschbach thanked all first responders and stated that he can still remember exactly where he was when 9-11 occurred.


Buschbach thanked the Finance Department for all their work during the audit process.

ADJOURNMENT:

Donahue moved, Stalker seconded to adjourn at 7:19p.m.

Voting: Aye: All
Nay: None

Respectfully submitted,



Daniel Johnson, President



Tracey Gallik, Recording Secretary