

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OAK LAWN PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 9, 2024**

The Board of Commissioners of the Oak Lawn Park District was convened in a Regular Meeting on September 9, 2024 at 7:01pm with President Buschbach presiding.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Donahue, Mottl, Stalker, and Buschbach

Absent: Johnson

A quorum was present.

PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING THE INTENT OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS TO SELL NOT TO EXCEED \$15,500,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION PARK BONDS (ALTERNATE REVENUE SOURCE) FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, AND NOT TO EXCEED \$2,500,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION LIMITED TAX PARK BONDS FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

President Buschbach opened the Public Hearing and asked if anyone had any questions or would like to speak. Upon hearing no comments, Donahue motioned to close the Public Hearing, Stalker seconded.

Voting: Aye: All
Nay: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Finance Meeting of August 12, 2024

Stalker moved, Mottl seconded to approve.

Voting: Aye: All
Nay: None

Regular Meeting of August 12, 2024

Mottl moved, Stalker seconded to approve.

Voting: Aye: All
Nay: None

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD/CORRESPONDENCE:

Volunteers of the Month – James Narbone and Emilio Avina

For the month of July, we would like to award James Narbone and Emilio Avina as the Volunteers of the Month. Both James and Emilio are past campers that decided to dedicate their summer as Counselors in Training for our Day Camp program.

James and Emilio, you both demonstrated remarkable maturity, creativity, and a genuine love for working with the campers. From your positive attitudes to the energy you brought to every activity, you have set an incredible example for the campers around you. Your hard work and commitment have not only made our camp a better place but have also inspired others to follow in your footsteps. Oak View staff and the counselors would like to say thank you and good luck in high school!

Oak Lawn Parks Foundation

Steve Loulousis, Chairman of the Oak Lawn Parks Foundation, presented a check to the district in the amount of \$2,000.

Loulousis stated that the Parks Foundation will be hosting their annual Golf Outing at Stony Creek on Saturday, October 5th and encouraged the Board to attend the dinner that evening.

NEW BUSINESS: None

FINANCE REPORT:

Donahue moved, Stalker seconded to approve the payables of \$ 1,449,635.89 for the period of August 1, 2024 to August 31, 2024.

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.

Mottl moved, Donahue seconded to approve the audit.

Voting: Aye: All
Nay: None

LEGAL: None

APPROVAL OF BIDS OVER \$30,000:

Oak Meadows Park

Stalker moved, Mottl seconded to approve the bid for Oak Meadows Park be awarded to Hacienda Landscaping, Inc.

Voting: Aye: All
Nay: None

MATTERS OF THE DIRECTOR:

Hartwig stated that right after the last Board Meeting the district held the Summer's Last Blast event at Centennial Park. Hartwig said despite the weather taking a turn during the middle of the event there were still a handful of people that stayed to watch the movie. Staff will be looking to adjust the spacing of the stations for next year's event.

Hartwig mentioned that the pools are now officially closed for the year. Hartwig thanked the Aquatics and Maintenance staff for doing everything they could to keep the pools open as long as they did this year.

Hartwig stated that the district's new website will be coming out soon. Hartwig said the website will now have RecTrac integrated into it so registering for our programs/classes should be easier for our patrons once the new site is live.

Hartwig stated that the district will be hosting a Comprehensive Master Plan update meeting with all staff along with Upland Design tomorrow at Stony Creek. During the meeting, staff will also be evaluating the district's SWOT analysis. Results from the meeting will then be presented to the Board in the next few months.

Hartwig discussed the upcoming Conversation Jamboree event. Hartwig stated that this is a rebranded event which was previously known as Monarch Fest. Hartwig said the event is scheduled for September 21st at Oak Lawn Park District Prairie from 11:00am to 2:00pm.

Hartwig mentioned that the NRPA Conference is coming up next month and he looks forward to attending the conference.

Hartwig thanked the Finance Department for all their work during the audit process. Hartwig stated that due to their efforts the district received a clear management letter from the auditors.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Buschbach thanked the Finance Department for their work on the audit. Buschbach said the results are as good as they can be and the Finance Department continues to raise the bar of the park district.

MATTERS OF THE COMMISSIONERS:

Donahue thanked the Finance Department for doing such a great job with the district's finances.

Stalker also thanked the Finance Department for their efforts on the audit.

Stalker stated she attended the Village's Fall Music event and while there she received numerous compliments from residents regarding the district's parks and how beautiful they are. Stalker thanked the Maintenance Department for always making sure our parks are in the best shape.


Mottl stated she attended the Summer's Last Blast event with her family, and they all had a great time. Mottl recommended that the stations be closer to together but overall her children really enjoyed the event.

ADJOURNMENT:

Donahue moved, Stalker seconded to adjourn at 7:26 p.m.

Voting: Aye: All
Nay: None

Respectfully submitted,



Jim Buschbach, President



Tracey Gallin, Recording Secretary