

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OAK LAWN PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON OCTOBER 21, 2024**

The Board of Commissioners of the Oak Lawn Park District was convened in a Regular Meeting on October 21, 2024 at 7:00pm with President Buschbach presiding.

ROLL CALL:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Finance Meeting of September 9, 2024

Stalker moved, Mottl seconded to approve.

Voting: Aye: Donahue, Mottl, Stalker, Buschbach
Abstain: Johnson
Nay: None

Regular Meeting of September 9, 2024

Mottl moved, Stalker seconded to approve.

Voting: Aye: Donahue, Mottl, Stalker, Buschbach
Abstain: Johnson
Nay: None

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD/CORRESPONDENCE:

Volunteers of the Month – James McNeela

For the month of September, we have nominated James McNeela as Volunteer of the Month. James has given so much of his time to the Special Recreation Department. For the past month and a half every Tuesday, James has been attending the Eagles volleyball home games to take score for the games. The participants and staff enjoyed you attending these games over the season. We hope to see more of you in the future volunteering for more Special Recreation sports programs. Congratulations James!

NEW BUSINESS:

Upland Design has been working on a new Parks Comprehensive Master Plan for the district. They solicited input from all staff and the public. They then presented the Board with some of the initial results and solicited input from the Board.

The district last completed a Parks Comprehensive Master Plan in 2006, and since then staff have been working to implement those recommendations on each park project. The purpose of the review is to give the district an opportunity to evaluate what amenities we currently have and their condition and create a vision for the future of the district. The Parks Comprehensive Master Plan is instrumental when submitting for grants to demonstrate that the district is providing the amenities that are most wanted and needed to our residents.

FINANCE REPORT:

Stalker moved, Donahue seconded to approve the payables of \$ 828,668.93 for the period of September 1, 2024 to September 30, 2024.

Voting: Aye: All
Nay: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

Surplus Property

Staff requested the disposal of the following:

- 2006 Ford F-450 Dump Truck

- 2001 EZ Go Golf Club Cart

Mottl moved, Stalker seconded to approve the surplus property.

Voting: Aye: All
Nay: None

Memorial Park Project

Staff requested the Board approve the Memorial Park Bathhouse Remodeling with a Guaranteed Maximum Price of \$3,907,260.00 with W.B. Olson as the Construction Manager.

Johnson moved, Donahue seconded to approve.

Voting: Aye: All
Nay: None

Ice Arena Project

Staff requested the Board approve the Ice Arena Renovations with a Guaranteed Maximum Price of \$4,853,752.00 with W.B. Olson as the Construction Manager.

Stalker moved, Mottl seconded to approve.

Voting: Aye: All
Nay: None

LEGAL:

Ordinance providing for the issue of not to exceed \$2,413,535 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2024A, of the District, for the payment of land for parks, for the building, maintaining, improving and protecting of the same and the existing land and facilities of the District, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof.

Johnson moved, Donahue seconded to approve.

Voting: Aye: All
Nay: None

Ordinance providing for the issue of not to exceed \$15,118,687.11 General Obligation Park Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2024B, of the District, for the payment of land for parks, for the building, maintaining, improving and protecting of the same and the existing land and facilities of the District, providing for the pledge of certain revenues to the payment of principal and interest on said bonds and the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay such principal and interest if the pledged revenues are insufficient to make such payment and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof.

Johnson moved, Stalker seconded to approve.

Voting: Aye: All
Nay: None

APPROVAL OF BIDS OVER \$30,000: None

MATTERS OF THE DIRECTOR:

Hartwig stated the District's Howl-o-ween event was this past Saturday at Wolfe Wildlife. The event went great with over 300 kids in attendance. Hartwig stated his granddaughter was able to attend this year and she had a great time. Hartwig thanked staff for their creative stations and for making the event so fun.

Hartwig said the Oak Lawn Parks Foundation hosted their annual golf outing earlier this month. The Foundation had a record breaking 167 golfers. Hartwig said the dinner was fantastic and the golf course looked great.

Hartwig said he was invited to speak at a parks and recreation class at Illinois State University this month. Hartwig stated that he enjoys speaking with students and hopes that by doing so it will continue to grow the field of parks and recreation.

Hartwig encouraged the Board to get their tickets for the production of Beauty and the Beast. There are a total of twelve performances for this production, however tickets are selling fast.

Hartwig stated that the construction fences have gone up around Oak Meadows Park and renovations are underway.

Hartwig said he attended the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) Conference in Atlanta this year. Hartwig said there were a lot of great educational sessions that he was able to attend.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Buschbach thanked the Finance Department for working so diligently on the bonds. Buschbach said although the process can be complicated, the Finance Department handled everything very well.

Buschbach thanked Upland Design and Ryan Gory for all their efforts on creating a new Parks Comprehensive Master Plan.

Buschbach said he is happy to see how well ticket sales are going for the theatre production of Beauty and the Beast. Buschbach said he is looking forward to seeing the production.

Buschbach stated that he attended the NRPA Conference. Buschbach said although he had to leave early he had a good time and attended several interesting sessions.

MATTERS OF THE COMMISSIONERS:

Johnson said he attended the NRPA Conference, and he had a good time in Atlanta.

Johnson stated he also attended the Parks Foundation Golf Outing.

Johnson shared the news that Parks Foundation member Lenore Goodfriend passed away recently. Johnson attended the services for her.

Stalker said she attended the Parks Foundation dinner at Stony Creek.

Stalker attended the NRPA Conference and stated she went to a lot of good session while there.

Stalker said she is looking forward to taking her niece to the theatre production of Beauty and the Beast.

Mottl said she attended a lot of good sessions at the NRPA Conference. Mottl said she also enjoyed talking with staff while at the conference.

Mottl stated that she along with 15 family members will be attending the theatre production of Beauty and the Beast for her niece's birthday. Mottl shared that one of her daughters is going to be Belle for Halloween this year.

Mottl said soccer season has wrapped up and her kids were very excited for their trophies. Mottl also said that the pictures for the teams were very nice this year. Mottl thanked park district staff for doing a great job with the league.

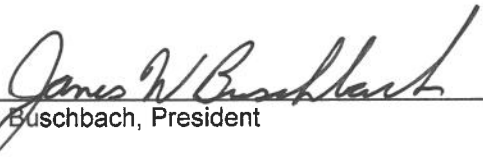
Donahue thanked the Finance Department for working so hard on the bonds and securing such a large amount of funds. Donahue stated that having these funds will allow the district to strength our infrastructure for years to come.

ADJOURNMENT:

Donahue moved, Stalker seconded to adjourn at 7:54 p.m.

Voting: Aye: All
Nay: None

Respectfully submitted,



Jim Buschbach, President



Tracey Gallik, Recording Secretary