

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OAK LAWN PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON FEBRUARY 14, 2022**

The Board of Commissioners of the Oak Lawn Park District was convened in a Regular Meeting on February 14, 2022 at 7:04 p.m. with President Boland presiding.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Buschbach, Donahue, Johnson, and Boland

Absent: Coughlin

A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Finance Meeting of January 10, 2022

Johnson moved, Buschbach seconded to approve.

Voting: Aye: All

Nay: None

Regular Meeting of January 10, 2022

Buschbach moved, Johnson seconded to approve.

Voting: Aye: All

Nay: None

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD/CORRESPONDENCE:

Volunteer of the Month – Dawn Duslak

Dawn can be found most mornings walking the grounds of Centennial Park, ensuring that litter, debris, and other oddities are removed and the park is left in pristine condition. Dawn's diligence and attention to detail is not easily replicated and we feel fortunate that she has chosen to share a part of each day helping to keep Centennial Park top notch. Dawn has an unwavering dedication to the Park District and we appreciate her unwavering level of service. We are very fortunate to have her as a member of our team and we know each and every resident of Oak Lawn appreciates and applauds her efforts. Dawn, thank you for all you have done to keep the grounds of Centennial Park looking pristine for all to enjoy, we simply could not do it without you.

Oak Lawn Parks Foundation

Steve Loulousis, Oak Lawn Parks Foundation Chairman, presented the park district with two donations. The first donation was in the amount of \$500 to be used towards the Junior Golf Program. The second donation was for \$10,000 to be used towards improvement projects at Stony Creek Golf Course.

Loulousis thanked the Board and staff for their continued support of the Parks Foundation.

NEW BUSINESS: None

FINANCE REPORT:

Johnson moved, Buschbach seconded to approve payables of \$449,638.04 for the period of January 1, 2022 to January 31, 2022.

Voting: Aye: All

Nay: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

CONSENT AGENDA: None

LEGAL: None

APPROVAL OF BIDS OVER \$25,000:

Central Pool Liner Replacement

Staff recommended that the Central Pool Liner Replacement bid be awarded to RenoSys Corporation. Renosys' base bid was \$104,472.00 which included \$5,000 in contingency allowances.

Johnson moved, Buschbach seconded to approve the bid to RenoSys Corporation.

Voting: Aye: All
Nay: None

MATTERS OF THE DIRECTOR:

Hartwig wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day.

Hartwig stated that he recently attended the theatre production of Crazy For You and he shared his experience with the Board. Hartwig said that his niece attended the production with him and his wife and she enjoyed it so much so that she was tap dancing her way out of the theatre when the show was over. Hartwig thanked the staff, cast, and crew for doing such a wonderful job with the production.

Hartwig made mention of the new Daddy Daughter dance that was offered this past weekend at Oak View. Hartwig said he had a family member attend the event and that he is looking forward to hearing their feedback.

Hartwig thanked the Maintenance Department for their efforts in removing the snow around the district. Hartwig said there were several patron compliments regarding how fast the facilities and parks were cleared of the snow.

Hartwig discussed the IAPD/IPRA Soaring to New Heights Conference and how nice it was to be able to attend the conference in person again. Hartwig stated that the staff that attended the conference will be giving small presentations tomorrow to summarize the sessions that they attended.

Hartwig said the district will be kicking off its new Strategic Plan in early March. Hartwig stated that while at conference he spoke with other Director's regarding their Strategic Plans and he is happy to report that ours is done in house. By doing the Strategic Plan in house it not only saves the district money but allows staff to be fully invested in the process.

Hartwig discussed the Legislative Conference that is scheduled for March 8th and 9th in Springfield, IL. Hartwig said it is a great event and he encouraged the Board to attend.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Boland thanked the Maintenance Department for removing all the snow across the district. Boland stated that our patrons are lucky to have such a hard working Maintenance Department that allows them to have safe places to walk during these winter months.

Boland recognized Justin Waters, Marketing Manager, for doing such a great job with promoting the districts programs and events.

Boland stated that she had a great time at the IAPD/IPRA Conference and she was happy to see so many park district staff in attendance.

Boland wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day.

MATTERS OF THE COMMISSIONERS:

Buschbach wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day.

Buschbach thanked the Parks Foundation for their donations to the district.

Buschbach thanked the Maintenance Department for their efforts in removing the snow. Buschbach hopes for their sake there won't be another snow storm this winter.

Buschbach stated that he attended the IAPD/IPRA Conference and he found the sessions that he attended to be very informative and engaging.

Donahue thanked the Maintenance Department for working so hard to remove the snow.

Donahue said he too attended conference and he felt honored to be on stage to receive the Distinguished Accreditation award.

Donahue stated that a family friend attended the theatre production of Crazy For You and he heard nothing but positive feedback regarding the show.

Johnson thanked the Parks Foundation for their contribution to the district.

Johnson recognized Joe Reich, who was in the audience. Johnson stated that Reich was in attendance so that he could fulfill the requirements for one of his merit badges for Boy Scouts. The Board welcomed and thanked Reich for attending the meeting.

Johnson stated that he attended the theatre production of Crazy For You this past Saturday. Johnson congratulated the staff, crew, and cast for doing such a wonderful job.


Johnson discussed a photo that was taken by former employee Dolly Foster that was posted to the district's Facebook page. Johnson said Linda Vorderer reached out to the district and asked if she could paint a rendering of the photo. Vorderer completed the painting and Johnson presented the painting at the Board meeting. Johnson stated that he purchased the photo and he is going to loan the district the photo so that it can be displayed for everyone to see at the golf course.

ADJOURNMENT:

Johnson moved, Buschbach seconded to adjourn at 7:29 p.m.

Voting: Aye: All
Nay: None

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa Boland, President



Tracey Gallik, Recording Secretary