

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OAK LAWN PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON AUGUST 9, 2021**

The Board of Commissioners of the Oak Lawn Park District was convened in a Regular Meeting on August 9, 2021 at 7:01 p.m. with Vice President Coughlin presiding.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Buschbach, Donahue, Johnson, and Coughlin

Absent: Boland

A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Meeting of July 12, 2021

Johnson moved, Buschbach seconded to approve.

Voting: Aye: All

Nay: None

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD/CORRESPONDENCE:

Volunteer of the Month

The Volunteer of the Month award is presented to Janet Engstrom.

Janet is a longtime resident of Oak Lawn and an active member of the Oak Lawn Garden Club. She is an active Master Gardener volunteer. For 12 years Janet has been a greenhouse volunteer here at the Oak Lawn Park District working with the horticulturist and other volunteers to grow plants for the parks.

This year during the shutdown between December and April Janet volunteered many hours per week in the greenhouse caring for the plants. The greenhouse looked beautiful and was well organized. Her volunteering moved outdoors in April to the Oak Lawn Community Garden. She started all the plants for Pantry Garden and was the lead volunteer in getting the Pantry Garden planted for this season. This required organizing volunteers, staying in communication with the garden managers and keeping plants alive by watering the garden. The Oak Lawn Community Garden Pantry garden occupies half of the community garden space, is comprised of 41 beds and supplied 2,000 fresh organic produce to local food pantries last year. Janet has been involved in harvests since last summer. Janet has shown herself to be reliable, knowledgeable and her exemplary work is why she is our Volunteer of the Month.

Robert Mason re Lawn Manor Park

Robert Mason of 10528 S. Tripp addressed the Board with his concerns regarding excessive alcohol consumption at Lawn Manor Park. Mr. Mason stated that a private organization that rents the field has been in violation of park district ordinance, section 22A and he wanted to bring the matter to the Board's attention.

Coughlin thanked Mason for his comments and stated that the district would look into the matter further.

NEW BUSINESS: None

FINANCE REPORT:

Buschbach moved, Johnson seconded to approve payables of \$1,095,187.05 for the period of July 1, 2021 to July 31, 2021.

Voting: Aye: All

Nay: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of the Audit

Johnson motioned, Buschbach seconded to approve the audit.

Voting: Aye: All
Nay: None

LEGAL: None

APPROVAL OF BIDS OVER \$25,000: None

MATTERS OF THE DIRECTOR:

Hartwig stated that he was lucky enough to chaperon the Sports Camp canoe trip this past month. Hartwig said there were 112 participants on the trip with over 20 staff members. Overall, the trip went really well and he was excited to see so many kids enjoy themselves on the Kankakee River.

Hartwig made mention of the COVID variance and stated that staff are continuing to monitor the masks mandates. Hartwig stated that he hopes that things will change for the better soon.

Hartwig thanked staff for working extremely hard this summer. Hartwig said that the stress of the pandemic has impacted everyone in some way but he is happy that the district has continued to be an outlet for so many people in the community.

Hartwig thanked the Finance Department for completing another successful audit process and for following best practices.

Hartwig stated that Justin Waters has been hired as the new Marketing Manager and he will start on August 23rd.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

No report.

MATTERS OF THE COMMISSIONERS:

Coughlin thanked the Maintenance Department for doing such a great job on the softball fields this summer.

Coughlin recognized the staff at Oak View for keeping the dance classes to 10 participants to allow for a more one-on-one atmosphere as well as all the hard work on the Broadway Jr production of Annie.

Coughlin made mention of all of the activities going on at the Racquet Center and commended the staff for always coming up with new ideas for our patrons.

Buschbach thanked the Finance Department for doing such a great job on the audit.

Buschbach stated that he hopes with the Olympics going on that there will be an increase in participation in our gymnastics programs as well as other programs across the district.

Donahue thanked the Finance Department for their hard work on the audit process.

Donahue made mention of the Go Oak Lawn Campaign and stated it is very nice to see so many people taking advantage of the program.

Donahue echoed Buschbach regarding the Olympics and stated that he hopes to see an increase in our program participation.

Johnson thanked the Finance Department for their work during the audit process.

Johnson stated that although the recent concert on the green was cancelled due to the weather the other concerts were very successful.

Johnson recognized the staff at Stony Creek. Johnson said he recently participated in a golf outing there and the staff were extremely friendly and helpful.

ADJOURNMENT:


Buschbach moved, Johnson seconded to adjourn at 7:23 p.m.

Voting: Aye: All
Nay: None

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Pat Coughlin, Vice President



Tracey Gallik, Recording Secretary