

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
OAK LAWN PARK DISTRICT  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
HELD ON APRIL 10, 2023**

The Board of Commissioners of the Oak Lawn Park District was convened in a Regular Meeting on April 10, 2023 at 6:55 p.m. with Vice President Johnson presiding.

**BUDGET HEARING:**

Johnson opened the budget hearing, noting that the budget has been on display for more than 30 days. Johnson asked the Commissioners and anyone in the audience if they had any questions. Upon hearing no questions, Johnson closed the budget hearing at 6:56 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Boland, Buschbach, Donahue and Johnson  
Absent: Coughlin  
A quorum was present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Finance Meeting of March 13, 2023**

Buschbach moved, Boland seconded to approve.

Voting: Aye: Boland, Buschbach, and Johnson  
Abstain: Donahue  
Nay: None

**Regular Meeting of March 13, 2023**

Boland moved, Buschbach seconded to approve.

Voting: Aye: Boland, Buschbach, and Johnson  
Abstain: Donahue  
Nay: None

**CITIZENS TO BE HEARD/CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Volunteer of the Month – Steve Canty**

This month's volunteer is a repeat recipient of this award due to his continued and valuable service to the park district's special recreation department. Steve Canty continually showed up at special events to assist with set up as well as promoting all of the wonderful things the park district offers their patrons. Most recently, Steve gave his time 3 days a week at our Special Recreation University program which is a mini-day program for adults with disabilities. Steve built wonderful relationships with so many of the participants, staff & other volunteers. Steve truly buys into the OLPD mission and we are so lucky to have his service. Thanks for all you have done!

**Special Olympic Eagles Basketball Teams**

We are here to honor two of our Special Olympic Eagles Basketball teams that have competed in the 2023 Special Olympics Illinois State Basketball Tournament. These two teams played their hearts out during both games they played. We are so proud of all your accomplishments this season. Congratulations to both Eagles basketball teams on getting the bronze medal.

**Oak Lawn Eagles B**

Johnny Damme  
Shane Figura  
Anthony Forde  
Becca Gehle  
Jessica Haugh  
Caitlyn McManus  
Jimmy O'Keefe  
Jenna Richards  
Ezekiel Rivera  
Mariam Wahid  
Mary Wolfe

**Oak Lawn Eagles D**

Ibrahim Abdelhadi  
Emma Cody  
Ben Fritz  
Andres Garcia  
Ethan Gowaski  
Brendan Kandich  
Henry Krickl  
Andrea Moreno  
Gina Reilly  
Khaled Shehata

**Gary Callahan**

Former Park District Commissioner, Gary Callahan, stated that he was in attendance at the meeting because he wanted to say thank you to Commissioner Boland and Commissioner Coughlin for their years of service to the park district. Callahan said he had the opportunity to serve along-side them for four of their six years on the Board. Callahan thanked them for their commitment and dedication to the district. Callahan wished them well as they will be leaving the Board next month.

Callahan congratulated Melissa Mottl who was also in attendance on recently being elected to the park Board. Callahan wished Mottl the best of luck during her term with the district.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**FINANCE REPORT:**

Buschbach moved, Donahue seconded to approve the payables of \$910,324.39 for the period of March 1, 2023 to March 31, 2023.

Voting: Aye: All  
Nay: None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**CONSENT AGENDA:** None

**Adoption of the Budget and Appropriations Ordinance for FY 23'-24'**

Donahue moved, Buschbach seconded to approve the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for FY 23'-24'

Voting: Aye: All  
Nay: None

**LEGAL:** None

**APPROVAL OF BIDS OVER \$30,000:**

**Pathway Fixtures and Service Cabinets**

Buschbach moved, Boland seconded to approve the Pathway Fixtures and Services Cabinets bid be awarded to Production Distribution for \$61,959.00

Voting: Aye: All  
Nay: None

**MATTERS OF THE DIRECTOR:**

Hartwig congratulated Commissioner Donahue on the birth of his son, Jack. Hartwig also congratulated Cate Coyle, Pavilion General Manager, on the birth of her daughter, Madelyn. Hartwig congratulated Commissioner Coughlin on the birth of another grandchild.

Hartwig discussed the Easter events that were held across the district. Hartwig stated that the egg hunts last weekend were completely sold out and there were over 4,000 eggs distributed across the three hunts. Hartwig also stated that Eggcellent Open Gym was a huge success again with all of the time slots being sold out at the Racquet Center.

Hartwig stated that the Dance Department's Recital is coming up at the end of the month. Hartwig stated that ticket sales were going great with over 2,500 tickets sold in the first twenty minutes.

Hartwig stated that Season Tickets for theatre will go on sale on Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at Oak View. Staff are excited to be able to offer season tickets again this year.

Hartwig thanked Ryan Gory, Superintendent of Parks and Planning, for his oversight of the renovations at Central Pool. Hartwig stated that the pool looks fantastic and a ribbon cutting/open house will be scheduled soon.

Hartwig discussed a bill that has been proposed to increase wages for lifeguards to \$22.50/hour. Hartwig stated that if this bill passes it would be detrimental to the district's pools.

Hartwig welcomed newly elected Commissioner Melissa Mottl and stated that he looks forward to working with her.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

Johnson congratulated Commissioner Donahue on the birth of his son.

Johnson stated that he always receives compliments regarding our parks and he thanked the Maintenance Department for always making sure the district's parks are in pristine condition.

**MATTERS OF THE COMMISSIONERS:**

Donahue thanked everyone for the congratulations and stated that both mom and son are doing great.

Donahue thanked the Marketing Department for all their efforts on the new mascot for the district.

Donahue stated that the Volleyball For Charity event is this Saturday at the Pavilion. Donahue encouraged everyone to attend and thanked staff for their efforts with the event.

Boland stated that the weather has been nice lately and it has been wonderful to see so many patrons out enjoying our parks.

Boland thanked Callahan for his kind words and thanked him for his guidance during their time on the Board together. Boland stated that it is hard to believe that she has been on the Board for 6 years, but she is thankful for the opportunity to have served.

Buschbach congratulated Donahue and wished him and his family well.

Buschbach thanked Boland and Coughlin for their guidance to him while serving on the Board together.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Boland moved, Buschbach seconded to adjourn at 7:26p.m.

Voting: Aye: All  
Nay: None

Respectfully submitted,



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Daniel Johnson, Vice President



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Tracey Gallik, Recording Secretary