

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OAK LAWN PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON NOVEMBER 13, 2023**

The Board of Commissioners of the Oak Lawn Park District was convened in a Regular Meeting on November 13, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. with President Johnson presiding.

ROLL CALL:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Meeting of October 16, 2023

Stalker moved, Mottl seconded to approve.

Voting: Aye: All
Abstain: Buschbach
Nay: None

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD/CORRESPONDENCE:

Volunteers of the Month – Stagg High School Key Club and Cheyenne Rhoades

For the month of October, we have nominated the Stagg High School Key Club and Cheyenne Rhoades as Volunteer(s) of the Month. On October 21st, the Key Club and Cheyenne helped us with our Halloween Event, Howl-O-Ween. The Key Club students helped run various activities throughout the event. Cheyenne dressed up as our amazing mascot, Duke Mallard! She posed for pictures for our patrons at the event. Managers and supervisors truly appreciated all the help they received and had nothing but good things to say about these students. Thank you so much to the Stagg High School Key Club and Cheyenne Rhoades!

Special Olympics Eagles Golf

We are excited to honor our State Special Olympic Golf athletes. They competed at Hickory Point Golf Course in Forsyth, Illinois. This was the first year that all three of these athletes attended this golf event.

Scott Sullivan competed in golf skills and just like the regional event Scott skills were tested with putting, chipping, driving, and the dreaded sand shot. Scott posted a score of 58, this awarded a 3rd place finish.

Congratulation Scott!

We also had a unified golf team that competed in the 9-hole event on both Saturday and Sunday. With a combined score of 189 receiving the gold medal is Eric Woyner and Josh Brander.

Congratulations both Eric and Josh.

Special Olympics Eagles Softball Team

We are here to recognize a job well done for our Eagles A Softball Team, who competed in the State Special Olympics softball tournament last month in Springfield, IL. The Eagles A Team has been to the State Championship before in recent years but this one was extra special. The Eagles had two games to show what they are made of and they did not disappoint. Each one of the Eagles athletes were either making plays in the field or hitting singles while at bat.

The Eagles A team was victorious in both games that they played, earning them the first ever State Championship for an Oak Lawn Park District Eagles Softball team.

Congratulations to the coaches and athletes on bringing home the gold medal.

Oak Lawn Eagles A: Coach- Scott Curtiss & Mike Hogan

Paul Bertucci	Brandon Brown	Matt Campbell
Josh Carroll	Scott Curtiss	Marcel Edwards
Kevin Ehmen	Cole Kalebich	Caitlyn McManus
Dana Richardson	Dan Richardson	Garret Tameling
Lenny Taylor	Mary Wolfe	

Special Olympics Eagles Volleyball Team

Each of the athletes on our Special Olympics Volleyball teams have worked hard and qualified to attend the Illinois Special Olympics State Games in Rockford, IL this October. Over the period of two days, athletes and coaches pushed themselves to work as a team and achieve great things. We are so proud of each and every one of you for your accomplishments. Congratulations Eagles for a successful Special Olympics Fall games.

Oak Lawn Eagles - Coach Ashley Singer

Paul Bertucci	Joe Coffelt	Jamie Coffelt
Jean Coffelt	Johnny Damme	Anthony Forde
Sinead Forde	Jessica Haugh	Jimmy O'Keefe
Taylor Roeda	Katie Ahern	

NEW BUSINESS: None

FINANCE REPORT:

Mottl moved, Buschbach seconded to approve the payables of \$ 629,220.57 for the period of October 1, 2023 to October 31, 2023.

Voting: Aye: All
Nay: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

2024 Board Meeting Dates

Donahue moved, Stalker seconded to approve the 2024 Board Meeting Dates.

Voting: Aye: All
Nay: None

Nepotism Policy Update

Buschbach moved, Stalker seconded to approve the updates to the Nepotism Policy.

Voting: Aye: All
Nay: None

LEGAL:

Ordinance providing for the issue of approximately \$2,316,370 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2023, 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 and for the payment of the expenses incident thereto, 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 Republic Bank of Chicago.

Buschbach moved, Stalker seconded to approve.

Voting: Aye: All
Nay: None

Under discussion, Raphaliata McKenzie of Speer Financial stated there were a total of 6 bids received for the bond. McKenzie said Republic Bank of Chicago's interest rate on the bond is 4.48%.

McKenzie discussed the bond process and said the bond was sold through a public auction conducted through Speer Financial which concluded on November 9th. The bond sale is scheduled to settle on November 27th and will have a maturity date of December 1, 2024.

McKenzie thanked the Board for their time and encouraged them to reach out if there are any questions regarding the bond.

APPROVAL OF BIDS OVER \$30,000: None

MATTERS OF THE DIRECTOR:

Hartwig stated that with today being Veteran's Day he would like to take a minute to thank all of our Veteran's for their service to our country. Hartwig thanked Johnson for his active military service.

Hartwig thanked Jacqueline Canty for her efforts in organizing the Veteran's Day dinner and for her hard work on the Salute to Health Veterans Program that the district offers.

Hartwig stated that he attended the employee night for the theatre production of Elf. Hartwig said that the lead character Buddy, was absolutely fantastic in his performance. Hartwig shared that all 9 performances of the production are completely sold out.

Hartwig mentioned that he recently attended the Illinois Association of Park District's (IAPD) Legal Symposium. Hartwig stated that there was a lot of great legal information shared and he will continue to keep the board informed on any legal issues or matters.

Hartwig said that the Howl-O-Ween event went great again this year at Wolfe Wildlife Park. The weather was beautiful, and the feedback received has been nothing but positive. Hartwig also stated that the park district owns a 1950's fire truck and it was out at the event. The Oak Lawn Fire Department saw it and has reached out to see if they can use the truck in the future for events.

Hartwig stated that he along with some of the Board members and staff recently attended IAPD's Best of the Best Awards Gala. Hartwig said he was happy to attend since three of our very talented volunteers were being honored for their service to the district. Hartwig said Mike Boudreau, Greg Fitzmaurice, and Gary Callahan were all recognized and received the Citizen Volunteer Award.

Hartwig said that the district is currently going through the budget process for fiscal year 2024-25 and the Board will be presented with the information in the coming months.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Johnson thanked Jacqueline Canty for organizing such a great Veteran's Day dinner tonight at Oak View.

Johnson said he attended the theatre production of Elf on Friday, and the entire cast and crew did a wonderful job.

Johnson recognized the Special Recreation Department and thanked Todd Mallo for all of his hard work with the Special Olympic athletes.

MATTERS OF THE COMMISSIONERS:

Donahue congratulated all of the Special Olympic athletes on their recent accomplishments.

Donahue recognized and thanked all Veteran's for their service.

Mottl stated that she will be attending the theatre production of Elf this Saturday and she is looking forward to the show.

Stalker stated she attended the Best of the Best Awards Gala and was happy to see that our talented volunteers were recognized for their efforts.

Buschbach thanked all Veteran's for their service and sacrifices. Buschbach stated that he is happy to hear about the district's Salute to Health program and thanked staff for working with our local veterans.

Buschbach thanked the residents that are a part of the local government efficiency committee and recognized them for attending the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Donahue moved, Stalker seconded to adjourn at 7:30p.m.

Voting: Aye: All
Nay: None

Respectfully submitted,


Daniel Johnson, President


Tracey Gallik, Recording Secretary