

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OAK LAWN PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON JANUARY 13, 2020**

The Board of Commissioners of the Oak Lawn Park District was convened in a Regular Meeting on January 13, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. with President Buschbach presiding.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Boland, Callahan, Coughlin, McCauley and Buschbach
A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Meeting of December 9, 2019

Callahan moved, Boland seconded to approve.

Voting: Aye: Boland, Callahan, Coughlin, Buschbach
Abstain: McCauley
Nay: None

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD/CORRESPONDENCE:

Volunteer of the Month – Kal Mager

We are very excited to announce and honor our volunteer of the month, Kal Mager. Kal was an exceptional help at the Oak View Center this Holiday Season. Kal was our volunteer Santa Claus for the Preschool and Tot Programs and did an amazing job. He was very engaging with the children and very enthusiastic. Kal's performance as Santa was incredible and went a long way in making Christmas special for a number of our participants. His commitment to the character, creating back-stories and the way he was speaking with the children made children feel like Santa was really visiting from the North Pole. Kal, we thank you for your time volunteering as Santa, it is greatly appreciated.

FINANCE REPORT:

Callahan moved, Boland seconded to approve payables of \$711,853.35 for the period of December 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019.

Voting: Aye: All
Nay: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mancari

Callahan stated that Mr. Mancari attended the December Board Meeting and was presented with an offer to purchase the hole in the ground and the easement located by the Administration Building. Mancari asked for time to think about the offer and has counter offered with one million dollars to purchase the property.

Callahan motioned, McCauley seconded to deny the counter offer of one million dollars.

Voting: Aye: All
Nay: None

Indoor Aquatic Center Financial Presentation

Phil Costello, Superintendent of Finance, stated that the construction budget for the project is \$13,248,000 with a long-term revenue source bond of \$13,250,000. Additionally, the district will be applying for a \$2.5 million dollar grant for the project to help reduce the long-term bond.

Costello said the annual operating budget for the project would be \$342,000 with \$102,000 going towards staffing costs.

Costello said as far as the project timeline, the district plans to finalize the design plans by the end of February and secure bond financing by June 2020. The approximate completion of the project is projected for Fall of 2022. Costello then answered a few questions from patrons in the audience.

Callahan thanked Costello for the presentation. Callahan reiterated that the district would be able to fund the project with or without the grant support. Callahan also stated that this project would not affect or increase resident's taxes.

CONSENT AGENDA:

PARC Grant Program Resolution of Authorization – Indoor Aquatics Center

Callahan moved, Boland seconded to approve the PARC Grant Program Resolution of Authorization.

Voting: Aye: All
Nay: None

Board Policy Manual – Non-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment Policy

Coughlin moved, McCauley seconded to approve the changes to the Board Policy Manual - Non-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment Policy.

Voting: Aye: All
Nay: None

LEGAL: None

APPROVAL OF BIDS OVER \$25,000:

Tennis Courts Resurfacing at the Racquet Center

Staff recommends that the low bidder U.S. Tennis Court Construction be awarded the bid in the amount of \$29,950 to resurface the tennis courts at the Racquet Center.

Callahan moved, Boland seconded to approve the staff recommendation.

Voting: Aye: All
Nay: None

MATTERS OF THE DIRECTOR:

Kelly thanked the patrons in the audience for attending the meeting and for following up on the indoor aquatics center.

Kelly stated the district loves partnerships and the front page of the Southtown is an example of that. The Special Recreation Department collaborated with Oak Lawn Hometown Middle School for our Special Recreation Basketball Day. Aside from the school, the district has a partnership with the Library for the StoryWalk at Lake Shore Park. The next StoryWalk is scheduled for Monday, January 20th.

Kelly shared the news on the upcoming renovations to Lawn Manor Park. Kelly said the park renovation will include a fun new unique fitness equipment wall. The renovation will also be included in the kick-off for the Go Oak Lawn campaign that will be launched this Spring.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Buschbach thanked patrons for attending the community input regarding the indoor aquatics center that was scheduled for Monday evening at the Pavilion.

Buschbach wished everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year!

MATTERS OF THE COMMISSIONERS:

McCauley stated that she recently had the opportunity to meet with the Marketing and Communications Department. McCauley said it was a wonderful meeting and it was great to see all the new and exciting things the department is doing. McCauley commended the department for all their hard work on the new website.

McCauley thanked the district's staff for always producing such a wonderful program guide. McCauley said she loves looking through it and seeing the variety of programs offered across the entire district.
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McCauley echoed Buschbach and wished everyone a Happy New Year!

Callahan thanked Maddie Kelly, Joel Craig, Tim Scott, and the Board for their efforts in trying to make the collaboration with Freedom Golf Association (FGA) work. Callahan stated that although the district will not be building the adaptive golf-learning center at Stony Creek the partnership will continue with FGA.

Callahan thanked those who attended the community input meeting at the Pavilion. Callahan said the indoor aquatics center is something that the community has been asking for and it needs to happen. Callahan reassured those in the audience that the indoor aquatics center would not increase resident's taxes.

Coughlin stated that it was very enlightening to be a part of the community input meeting regarding the indoor aquatics center. Coughlin said there were a lot of great discussions and she is proud to be a part of the park district Board.

Coughlin wished everyone a safe and Happy New Year!

Boland stated that she enjoyed attending the community input meeting. Boland said it is exciting to hear about how happy the community is for the indoor aquatics center.

Boland wished everyone a Happy 2020!

Callahan and the Board congratulated Commissioner McCauley on receiving the Illinois Special Olympic Hero Award.

ADJOURNMENT:

Callahan moved, Coughlin seconded to adjourn at 7:35 p.m.

Voting: Aye: All
Nay: None

Respectfully submitted,



Jim Buschbach, President



Tracey Gallik, Recording Secretary