

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
OAK LAWN PARK DISTRICT  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
HELD ON DECEMBER 14, 2020**

The Board of Commissioners of the Oak Lawn Park District was convened in a Regular Meeting on December 14, 2020 at 7:00pm with President Coughlin presiding.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Regular Meeting of November 9, 2020**

Buschbach moved, McCauley seconded to approve.

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

**CITIZENS TO BE HEARD/CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Jr. and Sr. Special Recreation Athlete of the Year**

**Sr. Athlete - Sara Sturm**

Although she was unable to attend the meeting the Board would like to congratulate Sara Sturm on being the Special Recreation Senior Athlete of the Year. Sara has been participating in the Oak Lawn special recreation programs for many years. She participated in basketball, golf, softball, track & field, bowling, and bocce. In the fall of 2019, she qualified in doubles bocce to attend the state summer game. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 that was cancelled. We know you would have got the gold once again at state summer games. Sara has had so much growth as an athlete. We are sure if you asked her coaches they would say the same.

**Jr. Athlete - Marcus Crawford**

This year's Jr. Athlete of the Year is Marcus Crawford. Marcus has participated on the Special Olympics Basketball teams over the past few years. He has accomplished so much since joining the team. In 2019, he attended the state basketball skills tournament. Just by watching him during practices and games, coaches knew he was a great player!

The following year he moved up to the senior basketball team. On that team, he was the MVP, with the most points and most rebounds.

Marcus continues to make strides in his skill building and development on the basketball court. He is a joy to have on the team and we are so proud of all he has accomplished!

**FINANCE REPORT:**

Callahan moved, Buschbach seconded to approve payables of \$441,760.36 for the period of November 1, 2020 to November 30, 2020.

Voting: Aye: All  
Nay: None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Tax Levy**

McCauley moved, Buschbach seconded to approve the total amount levied of \$4,336,823.

Voting: Aye: All  
Nay: None

**LEGAL:** None

**APPROVAL OF BIDS OVER \$25,000:** None

**MATTERS OF THE DIRECTOR:**

Hartwig thanked all of the district's staff for continuing to come up with programs to offer to our patrons. Hartwig stated that all of the full-time staff have been taking on additional duties at the front desk at the Pavilion and Racquet Center.

Hartwig said that the Ice Arena held their Winter skating exhibition this past weekend and staff received several compliments regarding the event. Due to the mandates the event was modified severely but staff made the best of the situation and were able to stream the event for our patrons to watch remotely.

Hartwig shared that the proof for the Spring program guide has been sent to staff and the guide will continue to be a digital copy only. Staff are looking into ways to make the guide more interactive with our patrons.

Hartwig wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

Coughlin discussed the districts budget and working capital and thanked staff for continuing to monitor the cash flow for the district.

Coughlin echoed Hartwig and recognized staff for continuing to offer creative programs for our patrons. Coughlin encouraged staff to keep up the good work.

Coughlin stated that she recently drove by Lawn Manor Park and she is looking forward to the Spring and seeing the finished project.

Coughlin wished everyone a Happy Holidays!

**MATTERS OF THE COMMISSIONERS:**

Callahan thanked Hartwig and staff for their continued efforts during these trying times.

Callahan wished everyone a Happy Holidays and hopes that 2021 will be a better year for everyone.

McCauley stated that she has had the privilege to service as the finance committee chair for the Board this past year. McCauley expressed her concerns regarding the budget schedule for the upcoming fiscal year. McCauley requested that additional information regarding the budget be presented to the board this week. Specifically, McCauley asked staff to provide the board with a breakdown of each facilities current usage. McCauley stated that she is trying to get a handle on what is being offered at each facility during the current mandates. McCauley recognized that the districts hands are tied regarding revenue and she would like the Board to know the capacity that each facility is operating at.

Hartwig discussed McCauley's concerns and stated that he will provide the Board with the requested information.

Buschbach stated that after careful consideration he has made the decision to not run for the park board during the upcoming election. Buschbach announced that his son, Jim would be running for the park board.

Buschbach wished everyone a Merry Christmas!

Boland stated that she hopes this is the only meeting she will have to attend via Zoom. Boland stated that she is thankful for the district's staff and wished everyone a safe and happy holiday.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Buschbach moved, Callahan seconded to adjourn at 7:47 p.m.

Voting: Aye: All  
Nay: None

Respectfully submitted,



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Mary Pat Coughlin, President



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Tracey Gallik, Recording Secretary