

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OAK LAWN PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON MARCH 8, 2021**

The Board of Commissioners of the Oak Lawn Park District was convened in a Regular Meeting on March 8, 2021 at 7:01pm with President Coughlin presiding via Zoom.

ROLL CALL:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Meeting of February 8, 2021

Callahan moved, McCauley seconded to approve.

Voting: Aye: All
Nay: None

Finance Meeting of February 8, 2021

Boland moved, Callahan seconded to approve.

Voting: Aye: All
Nay: None

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD/CORRESPONDENCE: None

FINANCE REPORT:

Callahan moved, McCauley seconded to approve payables of \$666,674.71 for the period of February 1, 2021 to February 28, 2021.

Voting: Aye: All
Nay: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Village of Oak Lawn/Mancari

Callahan moved, Boland seconded to remove from the table.

Voting: Aye: All
Nay: None

Under discussion, McCauley stated that this discussion has been going on since she joined the park board 24 years ago. McCauley stated that this intergovernmental agreement was done in good faith with the Village and that her hope is that the Village remembers this for the future.

Coughlin stated that the district never wants to lose open space however, at this time this is what is best for everyone.

Callahan moved, Boland seconded to approve the intergovernmental agreement between the Village of Oak Lawn and the Oak Lawn Park District for the transfer of land.

Voting: Aye: All
Nay: None

Patrick Connelly, Attorney representing the Village, stated that he understands how difficult this process has been and he thanked to the Board for their time and consideration on this matter.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Budget on Display

Law requires that the budget be put on display for public inspection for 30 days before final approval. During this time the district can still make minor changes to the proposed budget before it is finally adopted.

Staff asked the Board to approve the proposed budget to be placed on display for 30 days.

Callahan moved, McCauley seconded to approve the budget on display.

Voting: Aye: All
Nay: None

LEGAL: None

APPROVAL OF BIDS OVER \$25,000: None

MATTERS OF THE DIRECTOR:

Hartwig thanked the Finance Department for all their efforts in putting the budget together. Hartwig stated that this budget has been difficult considering the pandemic is still going on.

Hartwig made mention that all programming staff across the district are back to work. Hartwig also announced that the Ice Arena would be re-opening tomorrow.

Hartwig discussed the progress being made on the renovations to Lawn Manor Park and Brandt Park.

Hartwig encouraged everyone to stop by the Easter Egg Hunt scheduled for March 27th at Stony Creek Golf Course.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Coughlin recognized the Finance Department for doing a great job on the budget process.

Coughlin stated that she enjoys reading the monthly staff reports and it is exciting to see all the programs that are being added back. Coughlin also recognized the golf course and how golf participation continues to increase.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Secretary

Callahan nominated Commissioner McCauley as Secretary; Boland seconded.

Voting: Aye: All
Nay: None

MATTERS OF THE COMMISSIONERS:

Boland echoed Coughlin regarding the staff reports. Boland stated that she could feel the enthusiasm of staff through the reports now that more programs are being offered again.

Boland stated that she was recently by Wolfe Wildlife and made mention of how busy the park was. Boland was happy to see so many patrons enjoying the outdoors.

Callahan thanked the Maintenance Department for all their efforts in removing the snow so quickly. Callahan congratulated Ryan Gory on the new position in the Maintenance Department and wished him luck.

Callahan stated that although the discussion regarding the IGA has been going on for many years he was happy to see that together everyone made a decision that was best for the community.

McCauley thanked the Finance Department for the enormous amount of hours spent on the budget process this year. McCauley stated that this budget required a lot more thought and detail due to the uncertainty of the pandemic.

McCauley thanked Ryan Gory for accepting the new position within the park district and stated that the district is lucky to have him. McCauley recognized the entire Maintenance Department for stepping up and serving the community despite being so short staffed.

McCauley shared her condolences to Director Hartwig regarding the loss of his father.

ADJOURNMENT:

Callahan moved, Boland seconded to adjourn at 7:22 p.m.

Voting: Aye: All
Nay: None

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Pat Coughlin (Approved via Zoom)
Mary Pat Coughlin, President

Tracey Gallik
Tracey Gallik, Recording Secretary