

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OAK LAWN PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 13, 2021**

The Board of Commissioners of the Oak Lawn Park District was convened in a Regular Meeting on September 13, 2021 at 7:03 p.m. with President Boland presiding.

ROLL CALL:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Finance Meeting of August 9, 2021

Johnson moved, Coughlin seconded to approve.

Voting: Aye: All
Abstain: Boland
Nay: None

Regular Meeting of August 9, 2021

Coughlin moved, Johnson seconded to approve.

Voting: Aye: All
Abstain: Boland
Nay: None

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD/CORRESPONDENCE:

Volunteer of the Month – Adopt a Flowerbed Volunteers

The Adopt-a-Flowerbed volunteers are a group of local residents who sign up to take on a flowerbed in one of the Oak Lawn parks or facilities. These gardens are in the parks to offer a splash of color and to attract butterflies and hummingbirds. Many of our volunteers have worked on their gardens for years.

The program has existed for about 20 years. In the last 15 it has grown from 22 gardens to almost 50. They vary in size and shape. Four gardens are registered as Monarch Waystations. When a volunteer signs up they are encouraged to treat the gardens as their own. OLPD supplies the plants for the garden. About 1/3 to 1/2 are grown in the greenhouse at Stony Creek every winter. This year was very unusual and the volunteers really stepped up. Some offered to help organize the orders for the volunteers. Many volunteers took on extra gardens to plant. They all supplemented the watering when needed. They took on more than usual because making the parks beautiful for everyone is important to them. We honor these volunteers tonight because they worked so hard and it showed. The gardens are gorgeous this summer.

NEW BUSINESS: None

FINANCE REPORT:

Johnson moved, Donahue seconded to approve payables of \$758,765.95 for the period of August 1, 2021 to August 31, 2021.

Voting: Aye: All
Nay: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

Surplus Property

Staff are seeking to dispose of the following items:

<u>Qty</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	2006	Club Cart Utility (not in use)
1	2004	Club Cart Utility (not in use)

1	2001	Club Cart Utility (not in use)
1	1995	Cushman Truckster (does not run)
1	1996	Jacobsen Greens King Greens mower

Johnson motioned, Coughlin seconded to approve the surplus property.

Voting: Aye: All
Nay: None

LEGAL: None

APPROVAL OF BIDS OVER \$25,000: None

MATTERS OF THE DIRECTOR:

Hartwig introduced and welcomed Justin Waters the district's new Marketing Manager to the Board.

Hartwig discussed the current COVID mandates and stated that staff will continue to monitor them and inform the Board of any changes.

Hartwig made mention of the 40th Annual Volleyball For Charity Tournament that was held at the Pavilion this past weekend. Beneficiaries for the tournament will be presented with a check at the October Board Meeting.

Hartwig stated that the pools are now closed for the season. Hartwig said this was one of the most difficult years with the COVID mandates and staffing shortages. Hartwig thanked Whitney Olson for doing such a great job overseeing the pools this summer.

Hartwig stated that although the pools are closed the splash pads will remain open until October 1st weather permitting.

Hartwig encouraged everyone to attend the Monarch Fest that is scheduled for Saturday from 1:00pm-5:00pm at the Oak View Center.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Boland thanked the Maintenance Department for their continuous hard work throughout the entire summer.

Boland recognized Scott Gray and Melissa Ferruzza for working hard this summer overseeing the Day Camp program.

Boland thanked Commissioner Johnson for service in the armed forces.

MATTERS OF THE COMMISSIONERS:

Donahue welcomed Justin Waters to the district and wished him luck.

Donahue made mention of the progress being made at Brandt Park and he stated he looks forward to the ribbon cutting.

Donahue stated that he will be attending the NRPA Conference next week in Nashville, TN. Donahue said he looks forward to bringing back some new and exciting ideas from the conference.

Johnson stated that he recently attended a golf outing at Stony Creek and he wanted to recognize the staff at the golf course for doing such a wonderful job with the event.

Johnson mentioned that his 5 year old nephew is enrolled in our Gym Ninja program at the Racquet Center. Johnson said that although his family lives in Brookfield, they continue to make the drive because of how wonderful the program is.

Johnson shared a compliment that he received from a vendor about Ryan Gory, Superintendent of Parks and Planning.

Coughlin echoed all of the same compliments that were shared. Coughlin thanked staff for doing everything they have done so far to get our programs back up and running.

ADJOURNMENT:

Coughlin moved, Johnson seconded to adjourn at 7:18 p.m.

Voting: Aye: All
Nay: None

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa Boland, President



Tracey Gallik, Recording Secretary