

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OAK LAWN PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON OCTOBER 18, 2021**

The Board of Commissioners of the Oak Lawn Park District was convened in a Regular Meeting on October 18, 2021 at 7:01 p.m. with President Boland presiding.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Buschbach, Donahue, Johnson, and Boland

Absent: Coughlin

A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Meeting of September 13, 2021

Donahue moved, Johnson seconded to approve.

Voting: Aye: All

Abstain: Buschbach

Nay: None

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD/CORRESPONDENCE:

Special Olympics Outdoor Games Athlete – Nick Sunderlage

Nick we would like to congratulate you on a successful golf season. You competed in the regional golf skills competition against your peers and received the gold medal for your age group. This accomplishment allowed you to attend the State Outdoor games hosted by Special Olympics Illinois.

This year's event was on September 11th at Hickory Point Golf Course in Forsyth, Illinois. Just like the regional event Nick's skills were tested with, putting, chipping, driving, and the dreaded sand shot. Nick posted a score of 66 and was awarded a 5th place finish.

Congratulations Nick on a successful golf season. We hope you continue to work on your golf skills and are able to improve your score next season.

Volunteer of the Month – Paul Erickson

Paul Erickson is our Volunteer of the Month. Paul volunteers regularly with volleyball leagues at the Pavilion. Paul also volunteers every year for the Volleyball for Charity event. This year the event was held in September, and Paul acted as referee for the Competitive division the entire day through the championship. Oak Lawn Park District is lucky to have someone as devoted to the sport and community as Paul Erickson, thank you Paul!

Volleyball for Charity Beneficiaries

The Oak Lawn Park District, in cooperation with SRASA, successfully offered the 40th Annual Volleyball for Charity Tournament on Saturday, September 11, 2021. This year we had 16 teams participate in the tournament. The tournament is typically offered the Saturday after Easter and has closer to 40 teams. However, we are very grateful to have been able to offer this tournament and still have a great turnout, even during the pandemic. Through everyone's efforts and generosity we raised a total of \$ \$5,983 that will be donated to Park Lawn and SRASA. We are thrilled with this year's success and we look forward to continuing on this tradition for years to come.

SRASA: \$3,590

Park Lawn: \$2,393

Total Donation: \$5,983

Volleyball for Charity presented the check to Park Lawn and SRASA.

NEW BUSINESS: None

FINANCE REPORT:

Johnson moved, Buschbach seconded to approve payables of \$558,582.14 for the period of September 1, 2021 to September 30, 2021.

Voting: Aye: All
Nay: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

Brandt Park Lease Agreement

Buschbach motioned, Johnson seconded to approve the Brandt Park lease agreement with Oak Lawn-Hometown School District.

Voting: Aye: All
Nay: None

Surplus Property

Staff are seeking to dispose of (5) Wurlitzer 206A Student Electronic Pianos from the Music room at the Oak View Center. The pianos are no longer functioning properly.

Johnson motioned, Buschbach seconded to approve the Surplus Property.

Voting: Aye: All
Nay: None

LEGAL:

Review of Executive Session Minutes

Attorney Farrell asked for a motion to approve his recommendation on the release of Executive Session Minutes. Farrell recommended the following:

- May 10, 2021 – No business transacted, nothing to release.
- June 14, 2021 - Minutes may be released.
- September 13, 2021 - Minutes should not be released due to ongoing discussions.

Johnson motioned to approve the attorney's recommendation regarding the release of minutes, Buschbach seconded.

Voting: Aye: All
Nay: None

APPROVAL OF BIDS OVER \$25,000: None

MATTERS OF THE DIRECTOR:

Hartwig thanked Ryan Gory, the Maintenance Department and the volunteers for all their help with the Brandt Park renovation. Hartwig said although it is a smaller park the renovation turned out great. The addition of the track around the park is what the district has received the most compliments about.

Hartwig thanked the Maintenance Department for their work at Memorial Park and electrical updates that they have done.

Hartwig discussed the upcoming Distinguished Agency accreditation scheduled for Wednesday, October 27th. Hartwig thanked Tracey Gallik for all of her hard work on putting the information together. Hartwig stated that the district would not win this award without Gallik. Hartwig stated that he will continue to keep in touch with the Board and let everyone know how the accreditation goes.

Hartwig reminded and encouraged everyone to attend the Howl-o-ween event scheduled for Saturday, October 23rd at Wolfe Wildlife.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Boland thanked everyone involved with the renovations at Brandt Park. Boland stated that the park turned out beautiful and it was great to see so many people enjoying the park at the ribbon cutting.

Boland thanked staff for their monthly reports. Boland stated that she enjoys reading all the reports and seeing all the changes in the programs for the new season.

Boland said she looks forward to the Howl-o-ween event and wished everyone a Happy Halloween.

MATTERS OF THE COMMISSIONERS:

IAPD Credentials

Boland asked if any board members would be attending the IAPD Annual Business Meeting in January. Boland then designated a delegate and alternate for the meeting.

Johnson motioned, Buschbach seconded to appoint first and second delegates Johnson and Buschbach.

Voting: Aye: All
Nay: None

Donahue thanked staff for their hard work on Brandt Park and on all the programs this Summer.

Donahue stated that he had the opportunity to attend the NRPA Conference in Nashville, TN. Donahue said the experience was eye opening and he learned a lot from other professionals in the field. Donahue mentioned how he enjoyed getting to know the district's staff and how it is evident that our district has some of the best staff in the country.

Johnson echoed the comments about Brandt Park. Johnson said he was excited to see the addition of the ninja equipment.

Johnson stated that he looks forward to the theatre production of All Together Now and stated that he has already purchased his tickets for the production.

Johnson said he attends several golf outings at Stony Creek and he never gets any complaints about the course, food or staff. Johnson said he always receives compliments about Stony Creek and encouraged the staff to keep up the good work.

Johnson stated he attended the Oak Lawn Parks Foundation Golf Outing and Oak Lawn Chamber Golf Outing and he stated that both events were fabulous.

Buschbach stated that Brandt Park looks great and he enjoyed seeing the participants of our Ninja program demonstrate the equipment at the ribbon cutting.

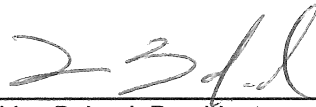
Buschbach stated that he is very excited to see that theatre is back and he looks forward to future productions.

ADJOURNMENT:

Johnson moved, Buschbach seconded to adjourn at 7:27 p.m.

Voting: Aye: All
Nay: None

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa Boland, President



Tracey Gallik, Recording Secretary