

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
OAK LAWN PARK DISTRICT  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
HELD ON MARCH 14, 2022**

The Board of Commissioners of the Oak Lawn Park District was convened in a Regular Meeting on March 14, 2022 at 7:01 p.m. with President Boland presiding.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Finance Meeting of February 14, 2022**

Johnson moved, Buschbach seconded to approve.

Voting: Aye: All  
Abstain: Coughlin  
Nay: None

**Regular Meeting of February 14, 2022**

Buschbach moved, Johnson seconded to approve.

Voting: Aye: All  
Abstain: Coughlin  
Nay: None

**CITIZENS TO BE HEARD/CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Volunteer of the Month – Sam Wessel**

This month's volunteer has been spending his time with the Special Recreation Department. In December 2021, Sam reached out to the district because he had an Eagle Scout Project that he wanted to complete with us. We decided he would assist at the Therapeutic Recreation Section basketball tournament hosted by the Special Recreation Department at the Oak Lawn Pavilion in February 2022.

Sam hit the ground running, asking if he could run a bake sale during the tournament while also volunteering to help with concessions to raise funds for the department. Unfortunately, Covid-19 did not allow us to have a bake sale or concessions at the tournament. Sam took it upon himself to organize donations for our Special Recreation Department. In total, he donated 9 bags of arts & craft supplies, basketballs, footballs, and a soccer ball.

During the tournament, Sam organized all 12 of the scorekeepers. He also made sure all of the teams had sanitized tables ready with their water and snacks.

We are so grateful for his generous donations of both supplies and most importantly his time.

Congratulations Sam Wessel on being our Volunteer of the Month!

**NEW BUSINESS: None**

**FINANCE REPORT:**

Johnson moved, Coughlin seconded to approve payables of \$391,553.54 for the period of February 1, 2022 to February 28, 2022.

Voting: Aye: All  
Nay: None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None**

**CONSENT AGENDA: None**

**LEGAL: None**

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

**MATTERS OF THE DIRECTOR:**

Hartwig announced that Phil Costello, Superintendent of Finance, accepted a new position with the Palatine Park District. Hartwig stated that it has been a pleasure to work with Costello and he wished him the best of luck with Palatine Park District.

Hartwig stated that he along with other park district staff participated in the Suburban Park and Recreation Association (SPRA) wallyball tournament at the end of February. Hartwig stated that he is happy to say that our district took 2<sup>nd</sup> place at the tournament.

Hartwig made mention of the weather and stated that he is excited to see more and more people outside enjoying our parks.

Hartwig reminded everyone that the Fish Fry's are back at Stony Creek and he encouraged everyone to attend.

Hartwig shared that the district is currently in the process of developing a new Strategic Plan. Hartwig stated that he is proud that the district is able to do this process in-house and he will be sharing more information as progress is being made.

Hartwig discussed a meeting with School District 122 regarding a reunification drill at the Pavilion.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

Boland thanked Costello for being so instrumental in the success of the park district. Boland stated that Costello has taught her a lot during her time on the Board. Boland stated that Palatine Park District is lucky to have him and she wished Costello the best of luck in this next chapter.

Boland thanked Justin Waters, Marketing Manager, for all of his efforts on social media. Boland stated that there is always something new and exciting being posted on the districts website and Facebook pages.

Boland said she was excited to see that the Pavilion was offering an Open House and stated that she hopes that continues to be offered for years to come.

**MATTERS OF THE COMMISSIONERS:**

Buschbach thanked Costello for his guidance during his transition onto the Board. Buschbach stated that he looked forward to learning more from Costello but that he wishes him well at Palatine Park District.

Buschbach thanked staff for their hard work in planning all of the holiday activities coming up.

Coughlin stated that although she missed the February Board meeting she felt like she knew exactly what was going on thanks to the Marketing Department for posting on social media so often.

Coughlin recognized and thanked the Parks Foundation for their donation to the district at the last Board meeting.

Coughlin thanked Costello and the rest of the Finance Department for all of their hard work with the budget process. Coughlin wished Costello well at Palatine Park District.

Coughlin stated that she was happy to see some new programs such as the flag football league being offered. Coughlin recognized the Racquet Center staff for doing such a great job in utilizing all parts of their facility for programming.

Johnson wished Costello the best of luck and stated he is going to miss attending Chamber events with Costello.

Johnson stated that the Major's Village Address was a success and he was happy to speak on behalf of the district during the event.

Johnson recognized George Kottaras who attended the meeting to fulfill a requirement for his merit badge for the Boy Scouts. The Board welcomed and thanked Kottaras for attending the meeting.

Johnson thanked to Maintenance Department for their efforts in removing the snow at our parks and facilities so quickly.

Donahue thanked Costello for his guidance on the financial aspect of the district. Donahue wished Costello good luck.


Donahue stated that the district has had a great Winter session with our programs and he hopes that those numbers continue to rise as we enter the Spring session. Donahue said he is excited for Summer and all the possibilities for our participants.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Voting: Aye: All  
Nay: None

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Lisa Boland, President

  
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Tracey Gallik, Recording Secretary