

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OAK LAWN PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON JULY 11, 2022**

The Board of Commissioners of the Oak Lawn Park District was convened in a Regular Meeting on July 11, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. with President Coughlin presiding.

ROLL CALL:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Meeting of June 13, 2022

Johnson moved, Buschbach seconded to approve.

Voting: Aye: All
Nay: None

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD/CORRESPONDENCE:

Volunteer of the Month – Pat Pollard

The Oak Lawn Park District June 2022 Volunteer of the Month is Pat Pollard. Pat Pollard works at the Oak Lawn Public Library and runs their teen group. Pat, for at least a few years now, has been regularly providing park clean up events for local teens. Pat will go out about twice a month and work with teens from the community beautifying our parks and natural areas. Pat is an absolute pleasure to work with and most definitely is making an impact on the youth of Oak Lawn.

Special Olympics USA Games Athlete

Joe Coffelt is a determined competitor who worked hard in training for the Special Olympics 2022 USA Games. The games were held in Orlando, Florida from June 6th- June 10th.

Joe's training paid off, he brought home 1 gold medal in the 100yd backstroke, 1 bronze medal in the 4 X 50yd medley relay & a 7th place ribbon in the 200yd freestyle race.

Joe prepared for the recent USA games competition with his OLPD coaches Emily and Laura. Although Joe's coaches are unable to be here they are so proud of what you were able to accomplish at USA games. Joe was 1 of 12 Special Olympic Illinois swimmers to attend the games.

On behalf of the Board of Commissioners, congratulations!

NEW BUSINESS: None

FINANCE REPORT:

Boland moved, Johnson seconded to approve the payables of \$783,809.44 for the period of June 1, 2022 to June 30, 2022.

Voting: Aye: All
Nay: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

CONSENT AGENDA: None

LEGAL: None

APPROVAL OF BIDS OVER \$25,000:

Oak View Playground

Staff recommended that the Oak View Park Renovation Project be awarded to George's

Landscaping Inc. out of Joliet, IL who submitted a price of \$161,030 which includes alternates 1 & 3 for a total contract price of \$206,229.

Buschbach moved, Johnson seconded to approve the bid to George's Landscaping Inc.

Voting: Aye: All
Nay: None

MATTERS OF THE DIRECTOR:

Hartwig discussed the first session of Summer camp ending on Friday and the new session starting today. Hartwig stated that both Day Camp and Sports Camp enrollment numbers are looking good this Summer.

Hartwig said he along with some of his family members attended the Broadway Jr. production of Legally Blonde on Friday night. Hartwig congratulated the entire staff, cast, and crew for doing such a wonderful job. Hartwig made mention of the new ticketing software and asked staff to look into sending a survey out to patrons regarding their overall experience.

Hartwig stated that the district will be participating in the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce Golf Outing on Wednesday at Stony Creek.

Hartwig welcomed two new staff members to the district, Ben Stacy – Recreation Supervisor at the Ice Arena and Aquatics Department, and Ryan McGrath – Recreation Supervisor at the Pavilion.

Hartwig stated that he hopes to host a Board/Staff retreat this Fall. He will send out additional information in the future.

Hartwig thanked the Oak Lawn Police Department for their presence at the 4th of July fireworks at Richards High School.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Coughlin stated that she watched the 4th of July fireworks from her home and she mentioned how wonderful the display was this year.

Coughlin thanked the adopt a flower bed volunteers for working so hard on keeping our parks and facilities looking so beautiful.

Coughlin attended the theatre production of Legally Blonde and she thanked everyone involved for doing such a great job.

Coughlin commended staff for their reports that they submit each month. Coughlin said that she is happy to see that the pre-school program will be offering a second class this Fall.

MATTERS OF THE COMMISSIONERS:

Donahue stated he attended Legally Blonde and he was impressed with the amount of talent in the production.

Donahue said the fireworks display was great again this year and he looks forward to the show next year.

Donahue discussed the Summer's Last Blast event and stated that he is excited to see what staff come up with for the event.

Johnson said he watched the fireworks from the Elks Lodge in Oak Lawn and everyone he was with was happy with the display.

Johnson said that he announced the 4th of July parade this year and he was happy to see the park district's participation in the parade.

Johnson thanked the Maintenance Department for keeping up with the repairs for the splash pads this Summer.

Boland stated she attended the fireworks display at Richard High School again this year and she thoroughly enjoyed the show.

Boland thanked staff for all their hard work this Summer.

Buschbach thanked the Aquatics Department for their continued hard work throughout the Summer. Buschbach stated that although other organizations have had a hard time finding pool staff, he is happy to see our pools fully staffed.

ADJOURNMENT:

Boland moved, Buschbach seconded to adjourn at 7:20p.m.

Voting: Aye: All
Nay: None

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Pat Coughlin, President



Tracey Gallie, Recording Secretary