

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OAK LAWN PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON DECEMBER 9, 2019**

The Board of Commissioners of the Oak Lawn Park District was convened in a Regular Meeting on December 9, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. with President Buschbach presiding.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Boland, Callahan, Coughlin and Buschbach

Absent: McCauley

A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Meeting of November 11, 2019

Callahan moved, Boland seconded to approve.

Voting: Aye: All

Nay: None

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD/CORRESPONDENCE:

Jr. and Sr. Special Recreation Athlete of the Year

Jr. Athlete - Andres Garcia: This year's Jr. Athlete of the Year is Andres Garcia. Andres is currently a participant on our Special Olympics Eagles Basketball team. This past year Andres qualified to compete in the Illinois Special Olympics State Summer Games. He competed in the shot-put and received a 5th place ribbon. Andres continues to make strides in his skill building and development on the basketball court and on the track. Andres is a joy to have on our team and we are so proud of all he has accomplished!

Sr. Athlete - Taylor Schaar: This year's Sr. athlete is Taylor Schaar. Taylor has been participating in the Oak Lawn special recreation programs for many years. She has participated in Pep Squad, Floor Hockey, Snowshoeing, Softball, Gymnastics and Volleyball to name a few. Taylor has had so much growth as an athlete. I am sure if you ask her coaches they would say the same.

The Board and staff congratulated Andres and Taylor.

FINANCE REPORT:

Callahan moved, Boland seconded to approve payables of \$546,340.37 for the period of November 1, 2019 to November 30, 2019.

Voting: Aye: All

Nay: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mancari

Callahan motioned, Coughlin seconded to remove the Mancari discussion from the table.

Voting: Aye: All

Nay: None

Under discussion, Buschbach stated that Mr. Mancari offered to purchase the hole in the ground and the easement located by the Administration Building for \$875,000. Buschbach asked what the pleasure of the Board was regarding the offer.

Coughlin motioned, Callahan seconded to reject the offer of \$875,000.

Voting: Aye: All

Nay: None

Buschbach made a motion that the district sell the approximate 2.5 acres of land to Mancari or the Village of Oak Lawn, which includes the easement, for \$1,200,000. The payments may be made in 12 monthly installments of \$100,000 each.

Buschbach said it would be agreed in writing that:

1. The Oak Lawn Park District Maintenance Department would be allowed access to its property for maintenance purposes.
2. No building or other structure would be built within 300 feet of the Oak Lawn Park District swimming pool without written approval from the Oak Lawn Park District Board.

Finally, the money received from the sale would be held in escrow until the Oak Lawn Park District finds other land to purchase that would be ideal for recreational purposes or to be used for other capital projects.

Under discussion, Callahan asked Mancari if he would be interested in the new terms of the offer. Mancari asked for time to think about the offer.

Callahan and Steve Radice had dialogue regarding the previous negotiations from years ago regarding the property.

Callahan motioned, Coughlin seconded to leave the discussion on the table and to vote on the new terms of the offer at the January 13, 2020 meeting.

Voting: Aye: All
Nay: None

Indoor Aquatic Center Presentation

Lou Noto, from DLA Architects presented a rendering of the proposed 21,800 square foot Indoor Aquatics Center. The location of the center is now being proposed as an addition to the Community Pavilion.

The conceptual plan includes a six-lane lap pool, climbing wall, vortex, and leisure pool with a water play structure. The Board discussed the design and the amenities included in the proposed center.

Callahan asked about the estimated cost and Noto stated that with all the proposed amenities the estimated cost is \$14.5 million dollars for the center.

Kelly stated that it would be in the best interest of the district to hire a construction manager. The construction manager would help with the design process as well as give a better understanding and more accurate accounting of the project.

Kelly said staff interviewed prospective construction managers for the proposed center and after performing due diligence, staff is recommending that the Board approve W. B. Olson, Inc. as the construction manager for the center.

Callahan moved, Boland seconded to hire W. B. Olson, Inc. as the construction manager for the Indoor Aquatics Center.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Tax Levy

Coughlin moved, Boland seconded to approve the total amount levied of \$4,201,273.00

Voting: Aye: All
Nay: None

LEGAL: None

APPROVAL OF BIDS OVER \$25,000: None

MATTERS OF THE DIRECTOR:

Kelly wished the district a Happy 75th Birthday. Kelly said the district turned 75 years old on November 28th.

Kelly encouraged the Board to attend the Employee Recognition dinner on Thursday, December 12th at Stony Creek Golf Course. Kelly said the dinner will also be celebrating the district's birthday.

Kelly said there are so many different recreational activities being offered throughout the holidays that it would take her forever to go over them all. Kelly thanked park district staff for always coming up with things for our patrons to do during the holidays.

Kelly wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Buschbach said he stopped into the Administration Building on Friday and while there he was offered a "special" donut. Buschbach said the donut box had writing on it stating that Baby Gallik is due in June 2020. Buschbach congratulated Tracey Gallik and her husband on the exciting news.

Buschbach discussed the possibility of changing the start time of the Board meetings. The Board discussed the idea and agreed to keep the meeting time at 7:00pm.

Buschbach wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

MATTERS OF THE COMMISSIONERS:

Callahan apologized for the earlier discussion regarding the previous negotiations concerning the hole in the ground property. Callahan stated that these are business decisions and that is what everyone needs to remember.

Callahan wished everyone a Happy Holiday's and Merry Christmas.

Boland said she hopes to see everyone Thursday at the Employee Recognition dinner.

Boland wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Coughlin stated she follows the district's social media accounts and it is incredible to see the number of different activities offered throughout the holidays. Coughlin stated that there is something for everyone.


Coughlin wished everyone Happy Holidays.

ADJOURNMENT:

Callahan moved, Coughlin seconded to adjourn at 8:02 p.m.

Voting: Aye: All
Nay: None

Respectfully submitted,



Jim Buschbach, President



Tracey Gallik, Recording Secretary