

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OAK LAWN PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2006**

The Board of Commissioners of the Oak Lawn Park District was convened in a Regular Meeting on September 11, 2006 at 7:30 p.m.

McCauley asked for a moment of silence for the September 11 victims and families.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Callahan, Andersen, Vorderer, Wallace and McCauley

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Meeting of August 14, 2006

Callahan moved, Andersen seconded, to approve.

Voting: Aye: All – Nay: None.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD/CORRESPONDENCE:

A. Volunteer of the Month, Ashli Stoffey, honored

McCauley recognized middle school student Ashli Stoffey for her work and dedication as a Volunteer Counselor-In-Training during eight weeks of Summer Day Camp. Ashli coordinated and supervised activities and completed written projects for the CIT program.

B. Dennis Cerniuk – Request to Rename Williams Place Park

Dennis Cerniuk of Oak Lawn explained that Williams Place Park was donated by his grandmother in remembrance of his grandfather William in the 1950's or 1960's. She didn't read or write English, and he believes the park should reflect the family's surname of Cerniuk. The side street is named Williams and should stay the same. Director Kelly stated that the Park District purchased the land from School District 123 on December 6, 1976, for \$210,000. Originally the property may have been donated to the village or school district, but Mr. Cerniuk was unable to obtain or provide documentation. Vorderer requested a document search to verify the facts regarding the original land donation. Approval by three-fifths of the Board is needed to change the park name.

FINANCE REPORT:

Andersen moved, Callahan seconded to approve payables in the amount of \$451,244.64.

Voting: Aye: All – Nay: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Disposal of Surplus Property

Vorderer moved, Callahan seconded to dispose of surplus property of no value or use to the Park District.

Voting: Aye: All – Nay: None.

LEGAL: None

APPROVAL OF BIDS OVER \$10,000:

A. Sandblasting and Painting of Pools

Andersen moved, Callahan seconded to approve the bid from G.P. Maintenance Services, Inc., subject to discussion. Joel Craig recapped that this work includes sandblasting and repainting Centennial big pool and Central and Memorial baby pools. This work is done every 3-4 years. Centennial baby pool is not being done at this time because the slide needs to be replaced, which is a capital project next year.

Voting: Aye: All – Nay: None.

B. Columbus Manor Tennis Court Resurfacing

Callahan moved, Vorderer seconded to approve Matthew Paving's bid, subject to discussion. Callahan asked if the Columbus Manor tennis courts are used enough to justify this expense. Craig has no attendance figures,

but sees the courts used midday. Kelly noted these courts are not used as frequently as others; but once the courts are resurfaced and word gets out in the tennis community, more players will come.
Voting: Aye: All – Nay: None.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

A. Gold Card Revisited

McCauley stated the Gold Card policy was established in the 1970's to provide retired commissioners with access to park facilities. The program was recently mentioned in the press; she opened the matter for discussion.

Callahan is satisfied with the policy, noting that past and current board members have given hundreds and thousands of hours to the park district, and in return the Gold Card offers them enjoyment. Commissioners using the facilities gain a perspective of patron likes and dislikes. Other commissioners concurred.

Wallace said program abuse would be a problem, but was not the case; and the program should continue to be monitored. The Gold Card is consistent with what other park districts offer.

Vorderer confirmed that a Gold Card is for use only by past commissioners and their immediate family who live in that home. He noted that some past commissioners volunteered 16-20 years of service and deserve thanks from the community.

Kelly noted that staff appreciate when past and present commissioners use the facilities and experience the programs firsthand. McCauley added that while commissioners' lives are busy, it is critical to continue to educate oneself by visiting the facilities and participating in the programs.

No changes to the Gold Card program were considered or made.

B. Other Matters

McCauley relayed that a senior citizen expressed gratitude to the Park District for its outstanding senior trips, which run smoothly from start to finish. Chris Tiesch coordinates these programs, and her services are much appreciated.

MATTERS OF THE DIRECTOR:

Kelly explained that when she first came to the Park District, she equated it to having a "Bachelor's degree." Working to achieve the Distinguished Agency Award brought the Park District to the "Master's" level. She thanked Commissioner Callahan for urging her to pursue University of Illinois Accreditation and feels it is the equivalent of working toward a "Doctorate degree" to further improve services.

MATTERS OF THE COMMISSIONERS:

Callahan thanked the staff for hosting great holiday events. Labor Day's celebration and dog parade were well attended. The concert was moved indoors because of rain and went smoothly, providing the best experience for patrons.

Andersen will be out of town for the October 2 board meeting. He thanked the staff for giving their time on the holidays and for being the "front line" for patron feedback, the majority of which is very positive.

Vorderer recognized the significance of this day, September 11. It was a life changing event for him, as a veteran who fought an unpopular war. He asked to recognize not only the lives lost on that day, but also the many soldiers who have given their lives over the past five years to keep our country safe, and noted that we have been safe for five years on our soil.

Vorderer expressed enthusiasm for the Parks and Recreation Resource Committee. This program will help educate the Board on how to present information to the public, work with citizens on future plans and enlist their support. It is Plan B of the aquatics referendum.

Wallace agreed that the Resource Committee and Citizens Board are a positive step to share ideas, help the Board with new programs and provide feedback to improve existing ones. She plans to join some Park District classes and visit the centers more often.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE DISCUSSION OF PERSONNEL, REAL ESTATE AND LITIGATION:

Callahan moved, Vorderer seconded to begin executive session.

Voting: Aye: All – Nay: None.

ADJOURN:

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna McCauley, President

Cindy Pender, Recording Secretary