

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

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

ROLL CALL:

Present: Callahan, Andersen, Vorderer, Wallace and McCauley

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Meeting of November 13, 2006

Callahan moved, Vorderer seconded, to approve.

Voting: Aye: All – Nay: None.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD/CORRESPONDENCE:

A. State Senator Edward Maloney

McCauley acknowledged Senator Maloney for his contributions to the Oak Lawn Park District and for his work as an advocate of parks and recreation. Along with State Senator Jim Brosnahan, he recently secured a \$100,000 grant from the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. The funds will be used to purchase playground equipment and replace safety surfaces.

Senator Maloney spoke of his work at Oak Lawn High School for 28 years and with Chicago Parks for many years. (In 2005, IPRA recognized Senator Maloney for his contributions as well.) He recognizes that the recreational desires of citizens have changed over the years. He thanked the Oak Lawn Park District for its outstanding work to provide diverse recreational opportunities and thanked citizens for supporting the parks.

B. Mike Leonard

Mr. Leonard, Chairman of the Illinois Parks and Recreation Certification Board, presented Lisa Durcan with a plaque honoring her recent IPRA Certification. He noted that Lisa provides exceptional service to the community. She has passed the national examination that tests recreational management, programming and operations knowledge. Lisa joins 750 fellow certified professionals in Illinois and several in Oak Lawn.

C. Volunteer of the Month – Joe Tiesch

McCauley honored Joe Tiesch, son of Chris Tiesch, who has been a volunteer since he was five years old. He has helped the Special Recreation Young Adult Club with crafts, games and dancing. He assists at special events and portrays the monster at Spookview. This learning experience carried over to his adult life. Now age 22, Joe continues to be a park volunteer.

D. Special Olympic Athletes

McCauley congratulated Michael Fioravanti as Junior Athlete of the Year. He participated in Special Olympic Junior Basketball, Track & Field, Challenger Little League, and received a Gold Medal for Special Olympic Golf at the fall state games. Michael displays a willingness to learn and dedication to his team.

McCauley honored Chris Whelan as Senior Athlete of the Year. Chris has been involved in Special Olympic Swimming since 1995. She has competed in state summer games and has won many medals as a great swimmer and competitor.

E. Jordan Moeller – Oak Lawn Ice Arena Skater

McCauley congratulated Jordan Moeller, age 11, for his silver medal in the Juvenile Men Division of the 2007 Regional Skating Championships. He went on to compete in the 2007 Junior Nationals "Reach for the Stars" Championships where he placed 5th in initials and 13 in finals. Jordan has been skating since age five at Oak Lawn Ice Arena and trains six days a week.

F. Sean Durcan

McCaughey thanked Sean Durcan, husband of Ice Arena Manager Lisa Durcan, for his work to demolish the shell of Memorial Pool. The estimated cost was \$9,000-10,000, but it was very difficult to locate a contractor. Mr. Durcan is experienced in demolition work and completed this project in less than two days.

G. James Hickey

Mr. Hickey is an Oak Lawn resident and fitness center member. He stated his dissatisfaction with the time to repair the center since the October flood. He noted that the area is small, and it would seem reasonable to have completed the repairs in a months' time. While the center has reopened, the flooring is the biggest project and is not completed.

Further, Mr. Hickey stated that when the center reopened November 20, there was an odor in the air caused by the exposed glue on the floor. As other patrons are returning to the center, they too notice the odor. In addition, any time equipment is moved, molecules from the old floor are further disturbed. Mr. Hickey suggested that because the wrong flooring was delivered, we now have an opportunity to inspect the air quality and seal the floor surface before the new flooring is installed. He asked for an update on the timeline and plans.

Joel Craig replied that the flooring has been ordered, and delivery is expected in two to three weeks, at which time it will be installed. Meanwhile, the mastic on the floor has been scrubbed. The ventilation system has been checked for mold and impurities; and while there is an odor, it is not a safety hazard. Craig noted that this renovation project was not planned, but was an emergency. As a result, contractors fit this project around their other jobs.

Mr. Jim Murphy, Oak Lawn resident and fitness center member, added that while the staff are helpful, there seems to be a communication problem and members don't know what is happening. Mr. Hickey added that there are equipment problems at the center, specifically the length of time to repair equipment and the uncertainty of when it will be operational. Because there are only 16 machines requiring electricity and maintenance, it is important that a treadmill not be broken for three months as recently happened.

Mike Marty stated that equipment repair is not done in-house. An outside service is called to assess the problem, and many times a part may need to be ordered or the equipment may need to be replaced. Mr. Murphy stated that a stationary bike took two months to repair and suggested that equipment be on a preventative maintenance schedule. Marty stated that currently the equipment is checked twice a year.

Mr. Hickey asked to receive further information about the cost of the flood repairs and the portion covered by insurance.

Commissioner Callahan reemphasized that we are at the mercy of outside contractors. He noted that the Park District is moving forward and doing the best it can on this project. Fitness center members were invited to use the Pavilion free of charge, and their memberships were extended a few additional months at no charge. Over \$1 million was recently spent to upgrade the building with a new roof and lighting. New carpeting and a new desk will be installed. The Park does not want to see the facility neglected, and he apologized for the inconvenience caused to its members.

Mr. Murphy stated that patrons want a quality facility with machines that work. Callahan added that as the budgets are reviewed for next year, they would take a closer look at preventative maintenance contracts.

Commissioner Vorderer acknowledged that Mr. Hickey and Mr. Murphy are the customers of the Park District, and the Park's job is to make them happy. While some delays, such as flood emergencies, are out of the Park's control, he would support a preventative maintenance contract. Mr. Hickey noted that some patrons are going to Cardinal Fitness, which offers a competitive rate.

Commissioner Wallace thanked the men for coming to the Board meeting with their concerns and agreed that we could better communicate with members by posting updates at the facility or on the website. The Park District wants to please its members.

FINANCE REPORT:

Andersen moved, Callahan seconded to approve payables of \$3,260,308.46.
Voting: Aye: All – Nay: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

CONSENT AGENDA:

Adoption of 2006 Tax Levy Ordinance

Callahan moved, Andersen seconded to adopt the 2006 Tax Levy Ordinance.
Voting: Aye: All – Nay: None.

LEGAL:

Opening of the Bids for the General Obligation Bond Issue and Consideration of an Ordinance Approving the Sale of the General Obligation Bonds

Attorney Farrell reported five bids received:

Harris Bank Chicago	3.90%
Harris Bank Orland	3.85%
Fifth Third Bank	3.99%
First Midwest Bank	4.60%
Founders Bank	3.94%

He asked for a motion to accept the bid by Harris Bank Orland at 3.85%. Vorderer motioned, Andersen seconded to approve the lowest bid.

Voting: Aye: All – Nay: None.

Farrell recognized Laura Shallow of Fifth Third Bank who was present at the meeting. He thanked Fifth Third Bank for its interest in the Park District and expressed appreciation for their support.

APPROVAL OF BIDS OVER \$10,000:

A. Asbestos Tile Abatement at Oak View

Andersen moved, Callahan seconded to approve Associated Surface Cleaning's bid for \$13,200 for gym floor abatement.

Voting: Aye: All – Nay: None.

B. VCT Tile Installation at Oak View

Andersen moved, Callahan seconded to approve.

Voting: Aye: All – Nay: None.

C. Pavilion Track Resurfacing

A bid was submitted and accepted at the Special Meeting of November 28, 2006.

D. Park District Program Guide

Andersen moved, Vorderer seconded to approve Action Printing's bids.

Voting: Aye: All – Nay: None.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

McCauley wished the staff, commissioners, and families very happy holidays and a prosperous new year.

MATTERS OF THE DIRECTOR

Kelly noted that it has been a great year, and she wished everyone happy holidays and encouraged spending the Christmas and New Year's break at the Park District where so many activities are being offered. She distributed a flyer highlighting the winter break programs.

MATTERS OF THE COMMISSIONERS

The commissioners all extended their best wishes for the holidays.

Wallace noted that the next Finance Meeting would be January 8 at 6:30 p.m. She distributed an article from the IPRA about hosted software for online registration, as Palos Park is using. The article explains affordable options starting at \$5,000/year.

Vorderer stated the Park District adds to the holiday spirit of residents by offering numerous winter programs. He acknowledged the new cook and manager at the Clubhouse, where he had an opportunity to sample several entrees. He thought they were exciting and could draw some customers to the Clubhouse with marketing efforts.

Callahan thanked Senator Maloney for attending this meeting and for his support in Springfield. He also thanked Laura Shallow for being very involved in the community at the park and school levels.

Andersen updated the board on several meetings:

- There is an IPRA/IAPD Conference starting January 24. They are seeking help to assemble the materials for the meeting on January 9.
- The IAPD Joint Legislative Committee will be attending the NRPA Legislative Conference on February 14 in Washington, DC. It is also a time to visit our national representatives and senators. Illinois has the largest contingent of any state.
- At the October NRPA conference, Andersen expressed pride that Oak Lawn Park District was singled out and recognized as being a major contributor to the Hurricane Relief Efforts. This is significant considering the number of park members throughout the U.S.

Andersen also thanked Senator Maloney for his efforts to help our Park District and looks forward to working together for many years.

Andersen asked for executive session for the discussion of real estate, after a short refreshment break.

NEW BUSINESS: None

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

Andersen moved, Callahan seconded to begin executive session.

Voting: Aye: All – Nay: None.

ADJOURN:

Vorderer moved, Andersen seconded to adjourn.

Meeting ended at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna McCauley, President

Cindy Pender, Recording Secretary