

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OAK LAWN PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON JANUARY 14, 2008**

The Board of Commissioners of the Oak Lawn Park District was convened in a Regular Meeting on January 14, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Andersen, McCauley, Vorderer, Wallace and Callahan

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Meeting of December 10, 2007

Andersen moved, McCauley seconded, to approve.

Voting: Aye: All – Nay: None.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD/CORRESPONDENCE:

Sandi Doretti—Oak Lawn Ice Arena

On behalf of his wife, Mr. Doretti of Oak Lawn submitted emails and other information for the record to President Callahan.

FINANCE REPORT:

Andersen moved, Wallace seconded to approve payables of \$337,068.51 for the period of December 10, 2007 to January 14, 2008.

Voting: Aye: All – Nay: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

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Andersen moved to table this item until Treasurer's concerns are addressed. McCauley seconded.

Voting: Aye: All – Nay: None.

LEGAL: None

APPROVAL OF BIDS OVER \$10,000: None

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Callahan thanked Kelly and her staff for doing an awesome job over the Christmas holiday in providing all types of programs.

Ms. Cathy Cepican, Children's Museum Board President, notified him that the Park District is the recipient of the Children's Museum Soaring Spirit Award. It will be presented at the Destination Imagination Gala Event on April 12. Per Ms. Cepican's letter, "this award is given to those who have played an important role in the history of the Children's Museum, and the Park District has been supportive in so many ways."

Callahan reported that Jim Schmaedeke is leaving the Park District after 17 years. Jim is like family and is a sincere person who exhibits tremendous integrity. Callahan is sad to see him leave and thanked Jim for all he has done on behalf of the Park District.

Schmaedeke thanked Callahan and feels like he has worked for a family, with a great staff and Board. Kelly is a fine director who supports her staff and gives credit where it is due. He appreciated their faith and trust in him. Schmaedeke said Jerry Hayes is a great new Superintendent replacing him.

MATTERS OF THE DIRECTOR:

Kelly will speak more about Schmaedeke at his retirement party. She will miss having Jim at her side all these years. She welcomed Jerry Hayes who is taking Jim's place.

Kelly echoed Callahan's comments about the tremendous activities offered over Christmas break thanks to the creativity of staff. The Clubhouse is bringing in patrons in the off season. It hosted a New Year's Eve celebration and is offering lunchtime shows. There are 78 people registered for the one this week. Also planned is an upcoming Jazz luncheon with Vince Clark and Shamrock Suppers.

Kelly distributed Distinguished Park and Recreation Agency ribbons to Commissioners to wear at the IAPD Conference.

MATTERS OF THE COMMISSIONERS:

Wallace asked if staff could look into adding a newsletter to the quarterly program guides, similar to the Village newsletter but perhaps on a smaller scale. She thought it would be a way to communicate with residents and fulfill our obligation to make the Park District as great as possible. It could inform residents where their tax dollars are going and plans for 2008.

She congratulated Schmaedeke on his retirement and hopes he and his family enjoy this time.

McCauley wished everyone a Happy New Year. Her resolutions included regular exercise; and while she is at the Pavilion, she sees children and adults of every age walking and working out.

She is amazed at the quarterly guide and the amount of programs offered, and she thanked staff for their work to provide these programs for everyone's enjoyment.

McCauley talked about Schmaedeke's overwhelming dedication to the Park District. He was at the Administration Building any day or time she was there. She thanked Jim for his work and extended best wishes to him and his family.

Vorderer wished everyone a Happy New Year. 2007 was a wonderful year in which the Park provided many services to make the Village a better place to live. 2008 likely will be an even better year.

Vorderer thanked Schmaedeke for his guidance in helping him as a Commissioner. He expressed how Jim shows patience and an even temperament, even on the golf course. He wished Jim an enjoyable retirement.

Andersen extended wishes for a Happy New Year and reiterated that 2008 will be great.

He thanked Jim for a fine job and noted he was an exemplary leader with a great deal of integrity. He wished the best to Jim and his family.

Andersen reported on the upcoming IAPD Annual Conference. He and McCauley are speaking, and Andersen is chairing two sessions. Callahan will attend the Joint Legislative Committee as a new member, and Andersen was asked to chair the Membership Committee this year. In March, McCauley will attend the Great Lakes Regional Council Meeting of the NRPA as a new member. Andersen is "passing the baton" to his contemporaries on the Board.

Andersen reported that with budget meetings now taking place, the District will present citizens with programs beyond those offered at other Districts. With his involvement on the state level, Andersen believes that Oak Lawn Park District is the finest in the state if not the country; and he is honored to be part of it.

Commenting on Schmaedeke's retirement, Farrell stated that he worked with Jim over many years and had several conversations with him each week. Jim handled all matters efficiently and in a high-class manner and always protected his staff. He will miss working with Jim and wished him the best.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD/CORRESPONDENCE:

Volunteer of the Month, Caitlyn Kean

Callahan honored high school freshman Caitlyn Kean as Volunteer of the Month for her work in the Special Recreation Swim Program for the past year. Caitlyn is a dedicated volunteer who has immense patience working with special needs athletes, and she always finds time to volunteer.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

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


None

ADJOURN:

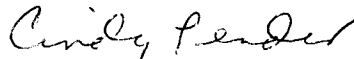
Vorderer moved, Andersen seconded to adjourn at 7:22 p.m.

Voting: Aye: All – Nay: None.

Respectfully submitted,



Gary Callahan, President



Cindy Pender, Recording Secretary