

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OAK LAWN PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON OCTOBER 18, 2010**

The Board of Commissioners of the Oak Lawn Park District was convened in a Regular Meeting on October 18, 2010 at 7:02 p.m. with Vice President Wallace presiding.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Callahan, McCauley, Murphy and Wallace

Absent: Andersen

A quorum was present.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD/CORRESPONDENCE:

Volunteer of the Month, Lori Schroeder

Wallace honored Ms. Schroeder for her countless hours volunteering with her therapy dog Buddy at the Park District's Special Recreation social programs. In addition, Ms. Schroeder donates prizes and small gifts for the programs, which are much appreciated. Ms. Schroeder's positive attitude, permanent smile and willingness to help whenever needed makes her so deserving of the Volunteer of the Month award.

IndepenDance Troop

Wallace introduced the IndepenDance team that originated in 2003. This particular group of dancers has been together for two and a half years, many since age three, and are very dedicated to the art of dance. They competed at Six Flags Great America on September 11 and won four 1st Place trophies and one 3rd Place trophy.

Ms. Dawn Schnolis expressed her pride in this troop. In the 10 years that she has taught dance at the Park District, she has watched the girls become beautiful dancers and beautiful young women. "The team gives new meaning to dedication, talent and friendship. Our program would not be as successful without their passion for dance and loyalty to the Park District, and the dedication of their moms and dads." The team then performed a jazz dance to the song "Hair."

Wallace congratulated Coach Dawn and the team for their many awards and thanked them for performing at the Board Meeting. McCauley added that the dancers make themselves, their parents and the Park District proud. Coach Dawn is not only teaching art and dance but also skills of determination and the love of so many things outside the sport.

McCauley noted that the Park District prides itself on providing something for everyone. "Your love, and the investment that you and the Park District put into dance, make the Park District very proud." She noted that people throughout the community rave about the dance program and Dawn. The Park District is great because of people behind the scenes, and McCauley thanked Dawn for all she does.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Meeting of September 13, 2010

Callahan moved, Murphy seconded, to approve.

Voting: Aye: All – Nay: None.

FINANCE REPORT:

Callahan moved, Murphy seconded to approve payables of \$517,193.85 for the period of September 13, 2010 to October 18, 2010.

Voting: Aye: All – Nay: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

Credentials

Callahan motioned to appoint President Andersen and Commissioner McCauley as representatives at the convention. Murphy seconded.

Voting: Aye: All
Nay: None

LEGAL:

Attorney Farrell announced that there are two openings on this Board for the April 5, 2011 election. The filing period for candidates is December 13-20, 2010. The first date of filing is December 13 at 8:30 a.m. at 9400 South Kenton in Oak Lawn. Candidates need 248 signatures on the nominating petitions for the Board. Candidate's guide and forms can be downloaded from the State Board's website, www.elections.il.gov. The Oak Lawn Park District does not render any legal advice regarding the nominating petitions. If candidates have any questions or problems, please contact the State Board of Elections or private counsel.

MATTERS OF THE DIRECTOR:

Kelly said how pleased she was with the audit and the great job staff did during fiscal year 2009-10, a very difficult financial year. The numbers came in better than the year before, and she will relay to staff how proud she is of them at upcoming staff meetings.

The Ice Arena is doing fantastic, and Kelly thinks it is the first time in its history that the arena made money. This year, the summer shutdown resulted in about \$53,000 in savings. Hopefully, a shutdown will not be necessary next summer because it is doing well.

Kelly invited everyone to Spookview this Saturday, which is an all-staff event. Everyone is excited about it and has so much fun; it is a team-building event.

MATTERS OF THE COMMISSIONERS:

Callahan thanked Joel Craig for doing a phenomenal job on Shubert Park and said residents are excited to see the progress there. Callahan said we are a positive in society, and it is a great feeling to know that the Park District is running well. He encouraged everyone to keep up the hard work!

Murphy thanked staff for their hard work this past year to keep costs down and revenues coming in. The parks look fantastic with the trees changing colors.

McCauley said we held Finance Meetings month after month trying to make things work in these hard economic times. We had a wonderful audit from the previous year, and it confirms our amazing staff and their dedication, with everyone involved at Saturday's event. McCauley asked Kelly to tell the entire staff that she is proud of them as a Commissioner, for their amazing work and commitment to cut costs in a year that we were not able to give raises. She thanked Jerry Hayes, Tony Fanuko and staff for their highly commendable work on the clean audit.

Callahan suggested a staff luncheon to show our appreciation. He feels badly that we were not able to give raises in the past.

On a personal note, Callahan said he rented the tent for a party this summer, and staff were taking down the tent from one event and setting it up for his event at 6:30 a.m. It is an example of staff's dedication. Sometimes they are plowing snow at 1 a.m. He finds that the office staff is always pleasant. Throughout the district, we can find positives.

Wallace said Woofstock was hugely successful, and the staff planned it and did a phenomenal job. Seventy-five people with their dogs were there before the event even started that morning. We raised more than \$1,500 before expenses and \$1,200 for a bench. Memberships are starting to sell. Staff were pleasant and had fun. Lisa Durcan quickly summarized the surveys. Wallace said there is more work than we can imagine behind the scenes. While she takes credit for the idea, the event's success was due to the staff's work. She hopes to have the event every year.

Wallace planned her high school reunion at Stony Creek, and about 100 people attended. Staff decorated the room beautifully and went "above and beyond," even providing nametags. Everyone had positive comments about the event. She reminded them to keep their events – and money – in Oak Lawn and use the services provided here. Many people did not know that Stony Creek Clubhouse existed.

Wallace also talked about fiscal responsibility. Our budget is phenomenal. At a time when we hear news reports about how government spends, we have a balanced budget. It is great to be part of the Park District.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE DISCUSSION OF PERSONNEL, REAL ESTATE AND LITIGATION:
None

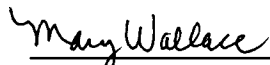
ADJOURN:

Callahan moved, McCauley seconded to adjourn.

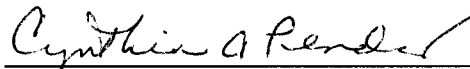
Voting: Aye: All – Nay: None.

Meeting ended at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Wallace, Vice President



Cynthia A. Pender, Recording Secretary