

**SPECIAL MEETING
OAK LAWN PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON FEBRUARY 26, 2007**

The Board of Commissioners of the Oak Lawn Park District was convened in a Special Meeting on February 26, 2007 at 6:32 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Callahan, Vorderer, McCauley

Absent: Andersen, Wallace

The Board met to review the purchase of indoor playground equipment at the Pavilion, with a waiver of bidding requirements.

Tom Hartwig provided Commissioners with a memorandum of his attempts to obtain bids and to locate suitable equipment. (See memo attached.) Funds for this purchase come from the facility improvement loan, and the equipment has to be received and paid for by April 1.

Indoor playground equipment is hard to locate because the companies that sell it want to install it, but the Park runs into prevailing wage issues. We have two staff who are certified playground installers, and we will save \$8,000-\$10,000 doing the work ourselves.

A quote from Detailed Play Pro came late, so we could not take it as a bid. The proposal is for \$38,350 for a Fantasy 1000 system. The system needs to be long and narrow to fit in the atrium. The atrium measures 17' wide by 73' long between the doorways. The equipment would be attached to the brick wall and leave room to bypass by the windows. There is only one entrance into the system, which is good for channeling kids in one direction. The playground holds 32 kids, has two slides and play panels in front. Kelly stated that we may be able to get some grant money later in conjunction with the anti-obesity campaign.

Callahan asked how the playground will be incorporated into programming. This looks like a fun play land where everyone will want to bring kids. Hartwig will move the nursery into this playground area, which should boost nursery revenue. We will offer birthday parties with optional court rentals. Groups can sit nearby to eat, younger kids can use the playground, and older kids can use a court. We will be able to accommodate larger groups of various ages. Wristbands will be available for purchase to use the equipment during open time. The playground will have specific nursery hours and open times as much as possible, except for cleaning. The equipment is cleaned with a hose, and there is drainage in the atrium.

The playground will be supervised during nursery hours. Parents will be required to stay with their children when using the equipment during open times. Hartwig does not plan to offer constant supervision, but can place a supervisor in the area at times of heavy usage. No shoes will be permitted.

If the playground is successful, we have the option to add on to it. The current playground is 22' long, and we have 73' of space. Kelly stated that Hartwig has done his homework on this project and she is confident of his choice of equipment.

Callahan motioned that the Board authorize the Director to sign the necessary documents to make this purchase. Vorderer seconded.

Voting: Aye: Callahan, Vorderer, McCauley – Absent: Andersen, Wallace

Motion approved.

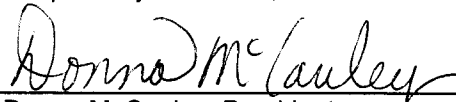
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ADJOURN:

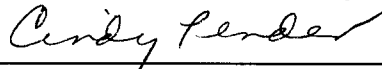
Callahan moved, Andersen seconded to adjourn.

Voting: Aye: Callahan, Vorderer, McCauley – Absent: Andersen, Wallace
Meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Donna McCauley, President



Cindy Pender, Recording Secretary

Attachment: Hartwig Memorandum