

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OAK LAWN PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON JULY 10, 2023**

The Board of Commissioners of the Oak Lawn Park District was convened in a Regular Meeting on July 10, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. with President Johnson presiding.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Buschbach, Donahue, Mottl, Stalker, Johnson
A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Meeting of June 12, 2023

Donahue moved, Mottl seconded to approve.

Voting: Aye: All
Nay: None

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD/CORRESPONDENCE:

Special Olympics Summer Game Athletes

The Oak Lawn Park District Special Olympic Summer Games team has done it again. On June 9th-11th, they represented the park district and won the highest honors.

The athletes from our agency competed in Aquatics, Bocce Ball, Gymnastics, and Track & Field. It was a long weekend in the heat, but all of the athletes competed to the best of their ability. We would like to congratulate you all on a job well done at the 2023 Special Olympic State Summer Games.

With all that said, these athletes walked away with 11 gold medals, 8 silver medals, and 9 bronze medals! Congratulations to our team for doing so well in the competition.

Oak Lawn Professional Firefighters Local 3405

A representative from the Oak Lawn Professional Firefighters Local 3405 presented a check to Special Recreation Athletic Support Association (S.R.A.S.A.) in the amount of \$2,000. The funds were raised through an Autism Awareness t-shirt sale.

Brother Rice High School – Terry McGuffage

Terry McGuffage, parent and spokesperson for Brother Rice High School discussed the school's proposal to build a new locker room space at the Oak Lawn Ice Arena. McGuffage stated that high school hockey is becoming more and more competitive and high school hockey programs are fighting off privately funded club programs for players in the area.

McGuffage stated that the Oak Lawn Ice Arena is the home ice for the Brother Rice Hockey program. McGuffage said the locker rooms at the Ice Arena are very small and in his opinion are just changing rooms. McGuffage said he has seen firsthand what it looks like to have over 20 players inside the rooms along with their gear. Understanding the need for more space, McGuffage stated that the hockey program set out to begin fundraising and requested permission from the park district to build a locker room for Brother Rice. The district conceptually approved the idea and asked that Brother Rice submit a formal proposal for the current concessions stand area.

Brother Rice proceeded to hire a professional architect to provide initial designs and renderings of the space. These renderings were distributed to the Board for review during this meeting. McGuffage stated in addition to funding the construction of the locker room, Brother Rice would also pay rent for the space.

McGuffage stated prior to this meeting Brother Rice was informed by the district that the plan for the new locker room was no longer viable. McGuffage stated that he wanted to make sure the

Board heard directly from him before the door was closed on the opportunity.

McGuffage stated that Brother Rice loves their home ice advantage at Oak Lawn Ice Arena, and they hope to be there for many more years. However, the facility is now 30 years old and the locker room spaces are insufficient. Brother Rice wants to offer an improvement to the district funded fully by Brother Rice and rented by Brother Rice.

NEW BUSINESS: None

FINANCE REPORT:

Buschbach moved, Stalker seconded to approve the payables of \$ 854,352.52 for the period of June 1, 2023 to June 30, 2023.

Voting: Aye: All
Nay: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

CONSENT AGENDA: None

LEGAL: None

APPROVAL OF BIDS OVER \$30,000:

Lawn Manor Pickleball Courts

Donahue moved to table, Stalker seconded.

Voting: Aye: All
Nay: None

MATTERS OF THE DIRECTOR:

Hartwig stated that we are half way through Summer camps across the district and so far things are going well. Hartwig made mention of second session enrollment and stated he was happy to see such high numbers across the district.

Hartwig discussed the 4th of July fireworks display and stated that our show has to be the best one in the area. Hartwig stated that the duration of the show was over 24 minutes long and the finale itself was several minutes. Hartwig stated that he looks forward to next years display.

Hartwig thanked Ron Badali and Ruby Perez for their hard work and dedication throughout the entire audit process for the district. Hartwig said the two of them make a great team and keep this district in great shape financially.

Hartwig thanked the Maintenance Department for doing such a great job maintaining our parks throughout the Summer so far. Hartwig stated that there have been several incidents of vandalism but our Maintenance Department has done a fantastic job remediating the issues immediately.

Hartwig stated that the Broadway Jr. production of Aladdin Jr will open this weekend. Hartwig mentioned that there are over 1,300 tickets sold for the production already.

Hartwig stated that he will be out of the office from Sunday through Saturday. He said for the last 13 years he has been volunteering with the Boy Scouts and will be volunteering his time again during their Summer camp.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Johnson stated that he attended the 4th of July parade and rode in the park district's firetruck.

Johnson thanked everyone involved with the preparations for the fireworks display. Johnson said he received a note stating how wonderful the display was again this year.

Johnson stated that although some of the Summer concerts on the Village green have been rained out he was happy to be able to attend the concert last night.

Johnson discussed the Golf Course and stated that the greens are in great shape this Summer.

MATTERS OF THE COMMISSIONERS:

Buschbach congratulated all of the Special Recreation Summer Games Athletes on a job well done. Buschbach thanked all staff involved with preparing for the Summer Games.

Donahue thanked staff for their efforts with the renovations at Lewandowski Park.

Donahue discussed the 4th of July fireworks and stated the display was one of the best he has seen.

No report from Stalker.

No report from Mottl.

ADJOURNMENT:

Donahue moved, Stalker seconded to adjourn at 7:21p.m.

Voting: Aye: All
Nay: None

Respectfully submitted,



Daniel Johnson, President



Tracey Gallix, Recording Secretary