

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
OAK LAWN PARK DISTRICT  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
HELD ON JULY 8, 2024**

The Board of Commissioners of the Oak Lawn Park District was convened in a Regular Meeting on July 8, 2024 at 7:00pm with President Buschbach presiding.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Donahue, Mottl, Stalker, and Buschbach

Absent: Johnson

A quorum was present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Regular Meeting of June 10, 2024**

Mottl moved, Donahue seconded to approve.

Voting: Aye: All

Nay: None

**CITIZENS TO BE HEARD/CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Volunteers of the Month – Cub Scout Pack 3618 and Kolmar Junior Girl Scout Troop 65618**

For the month of June, we would like to award Cub Scout Pack 3618 and Kolmar Junior Girl Scout Troop 65618 as our volunteers of the month.

Cub Scout Pack 3618 started planting and caring for the Adopt-a-Flowerbed area at the trailhead for Wolfe Wildlife last year. This group meets at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Oak Lawn and has about 20 scouts and 6 leaders who have done a variety of service projects around Oak Lawn and surrounding communities, along with caring for the flowerbed. We appreciate their efforts in keeping the Wolfe trailhead looking beautiful. It is a tough spot, due to the flowerbed being quite hard and sometimes weedy, but they have done a wonderful job of caring for the area, and it is noticed and appreciated by the many patrons who pass that area every day.

Kolmar Junior Girl Scout Troop 65618 began planting and caring for the Adopt-a-Flowerbed area at the Lawn Manor sign last year. The group meets at Kolmar School in Oak Lawn. They have three leaders and 14 girl scouts who have done a variety of service projects around Oak Lawn. We appreciate their efforts in keeping the sign at Lawn Manor looking beautiful. The work they put into caring for this bed is noticed and appreciated by the many patrons who pass it every day.

**Special Olympics Summer Games Athletes**

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

The athletes from our agency competed in Aquatics, Bocce Ball, Gymnastics, Soccer and Track & Field. It was a long weekend in the heat, but all the athletes competed to the best of their ability. We congratulate you on a job well done at the 2024 Special Olympic State Summer Games.

With all that said and done, these athletes walked away with 17 gold medals, 12 silver medals, and 11 bronze medals! Congratulations to our team for doing so well in the competition.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**FINANCE REPORT:**

Stalker moved, Mottl seconded to approve the payables of \$ 1,013,279.77 for the period of June 1, 2024 to June 30, 2024.

Voting: Aye: All

Nay: None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**CONSENT AGENDA:** None

**LEGAL:** None

**APPROVAL OF BIDS OVER \$30,000:** None

**MATTERS OF THE DIRECTOR:**

Hartwig stated that the district is in full swing with its summer programs. The pool has opened for the season and camps are underway. Registration has been going very well for all programs across the district.

Hartwig thanked Ron Badali and Ruby Pentek for all their work on the audit this year. Hartwig said the process has been smooth and that's due to all of their efforts.

Hartwig stated the district has been working with the Oak Lawn Fire Department to host in-service trainings at the pools in the event of an emergency. So far, the trainings have been going well.

Hartwig stated that the Broadway Jr Camp production of Shrek Jr opens this week. Hartwig encouraged everyone to attend the production.

Hartwig stated that he did not attend the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks due to being out of the country. Hartwig said this was the first time in 25 years that he missed the fireworks. Hartwig thanked Tracey Gallik and Ryan Gory for overseeing the district and handling the fireworks while he was out of town.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

Buschbach stated that the staff reports are looking good and he is happy to see that participation numbers across the district are up from last year.

Buschbach thanked staff for their efforts this summer and wished them all well during this busy season.

**MATTERS OF THE COMMISSIONERS:**

Mottl stated that she has her tickets for the Broadway Jr production and she looks forward to seeing the show.

Mottl said she attended a pool party at Central Pool recently and she wanted to recognize all of the pool staff for doing such a great job. Mottl said the supervisors and guards were great and made sure everyone followed the pool rules while also having fun.

Mottl stated that she attended the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks and the display was great. Mottl said the crowd for the display was huge this year.

Stalker stated that she has family members that are involved in our camps and so far they are loving their summer with the district.

Donahue stated he recently had a party rental at Centennial Pool and although the pool was packed overall, he had a great time. Donahue thanked all the staff that were in attendance for his rental.

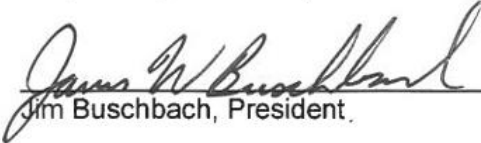
Donahue said he received a message from an Oak Lawn citizen regarding debris being left at the pond at Memorial Park. Donahue thanked the Maintenance Department for addressing the issue immediately and for cleaning up the pond.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mottl moved, Stalker seconded to adjourn at 7:22 p.m.

Voting: Aye: All  
Nay: None

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Jim Buschbach, President

  
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Tracey Gallik, Recording Secretary