

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OAK LAWN PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON APRIL 14, 2025**

The Board of Commissioners of the Oak Lawn Park District was convened in a Regular Meeting on April 14, 2025 at 6:55 pm with President Buschbach presiding.

BUDGET HEARING:

Buschbach opened the budget hearing, noting that the budget has been on display for more than 30 days. Buschbach asked if there were any questions. No questions were asked, and the budget hearing was closed at 6:56 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Donahue, Mottl, Stalker, and Buschbach

Absent: Johnson

A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Finance Meeting of March 10, 2025

Stalker moved, Mottl seconded to approve.

Voting: Aye: Mottl, Stalker, Buschbach

Abstain: Donahue

Nay: None

Regular Meeting of March 10, 2025

Mottl moved, Stalker seconded to approve.

Voting: Aye: Mottl, Stalker, Buschbach

Abstain: Donahue

Nay: None

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD/CORRESPONDENCE:

Oak Lawn Parks Foundation

Steve Loulousis, Chairman of the Oak Lawn Parks Foundation, presented a check to the district in the amount of \$3,000.

Loulousis stated the donation is going to be used for non-budgeted items at Stony Creek Golf Course.

NEW BUSINESS: None

FINANCE REPORT:

Stalker moved, Mottl seconded to approve the payables of \$ 1,543,779.76 for the period of March 1, 2025 to March 31, 2025.

Voting: Aye: All

Nay: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

Adoption of the FY'26 Budget and Appropriations Ordinance

Donahue moved, Stalker seconded to approve the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for FY 25'-26'.

Voting: Aye: All

Nay: None

Resolution of Authorization – Land & Water Conservation Fund Grant

Mottl moved, Donahue seconded to approve the Resolution of Authorization – Land & Water Conservation Fund Grant.

Voting: Aye: All
Nay: None

Surplus Property

Staff requested the Board to approve the following as surplus property.

| <u>Qty</u> | <u>Description</u> |
|------------|--------------------------------|
| 9 | 8-foot x 21-inch park benches |
| 4 | 6-foot by 21-inch park benches |
| 1 | 4-foot x 21-inch park bench |

| <u>Qty</u> | <u>Year</u> | <u>Description</u> |
|------------|-------------|--|
| 1 | 2013 | Dodge Grand Caravan VIN: 2C4RDGBG1DR792086 |

Stalker moved, Mottl seconded to approve the surplus property.

Voting: Aye: All
Nay: None

LEGAL: None

APPROVAL OF BIDS OVER \$30,000:

Asphalt Guaranteed Maximum Price

Staff requested the Board approve the Asphalt Renovations with a Guaranteed Maximum Price of \$4,179,823.00 with W.B. Olson as the Construction Manager.

Mottl moved, Stalker seconded to approve.

Voting: Aye: All
Nay: None

MATTERS OF THE DIRECTOR:

Hartwig reported that the district was active over the weekend, hosting the Eggcellent Open Gym at the Racquet Center and Easter Egg Hunts at Oak View. Both events were well-attended and received positive feedback.

He also highlighted the upcoming Parks Day at the Capitol and the Legislative Conference, noting that Commissioner Buschbach and several staff members will be participating this year.

Hartwig said preparations are underway for the 44th Annual Volleyball for Charity Tournament, scheduled for April 26th. Hartwig shared that several staff attended the recent men's volleyball match between Lewis University and Loyola, where the district's unified volleyball team had the exciting opportunity to take the court during the second and third sets. This appearance was made possible through the support of Rae Strong, one of the tournament's beneficiaries.

Looking ahead, Hartwig noted that summer is fast approaching, and program registrations are beginning to rise throughout the district.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Buschbach recognized district staff that organized and participated in the job shadow day at the Pavilion.

MATTERS OF THE COMMISSIONERS:

Donahue shared that his family recently welcomed their second child, Emma.

Donahue also referenced the results of the SWOT analysis, noting that 85% of respondents had visited a park within the past year.

Mottl thanked the Finance Department for their efforts on the budget.

Mottl referenced a viral TikTok video that featured the Racquet Center's open gym, noting how exciting it was to see the facility gaining recognition from outside the district.

Mottl also mentioned the upcoming baseball season and highlighted how well maintained the fields are, especially as outside organizations begin to use them.

In addition, Mottl spoke about the upcoming dance recital, sharing that her daughter is excited to wear her costume. She expressed appreciation to the staff for their consistent communication regarding the event.

Stalker mentioned that she went to the Egg Hunt at Oak View with her niece and had a great time. Her niece even tried to join one of the dance classes, and she thinks there's a good chance she will be a future dancer in one of the district's programs.

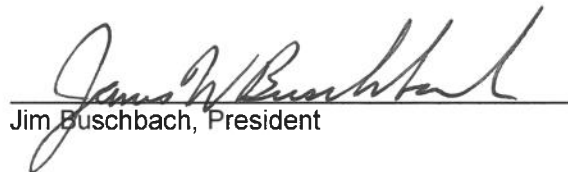
She also thanked the Finance Department for all their work on putting together the district's budget.

ADJOURNMENT:

Donahue moved, Stalker seconded to adjourn at 7:14 p.m.

Voting: Aye: All
Nay: None

Respectfully submitted,


Jim Buschbach, President


Tracey Gallik, Recording Secretary