

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OAK LAWN PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON MAY 12, 2025**

The Board of Commissioners of the Oak Lawn Park District was convened in a Regular Meeting on May 12, 2025 at 7:00pm with President Buschbach presiding.

ROLL CALL:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Finance Meeting of April 14, 2025

Mottl moved, Stalker seconded to approve.

Voting: Aye: Donahue, Mottl, Stalker, Buschbach
Abstain: Johnson
Nay: None

Regular Meeting of April 14, 2025

Donahue moved, Mottl seconded to approve.

Voting: Aye: Donahue, Mottl, Stalker, Buschbach
Abstain: Johnson
Nay: None

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD/CORRESPONDENCE:

Volunteer of the Month – Kacper Liszka

For the month of April we would like to recognize Kacper Liska as the Volunteer of the Month. Kacper volunteered his Saturday to help referee at the annual Volleyball for Charity tournament on April 26th. He had to deal with some craziness but kept his cool the whole time! Kacper thank you so much for all of help on such a big day!

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 \$3,000. The funds were raised through an Autism Awareness t-shirt sale.

NEW BUSINESS: None

FINANCE REPORT:

Johnson moved, Donahue seconded to approve the payables of \$ 1,698,323.73 for the period of April 1, 2025 to April 30, 2025.

Voting: Aye: All
Nay: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

APPOINTMENT OF OFFICIALS:

Director

Mottl motioned, Donahue seconded to appoint Tom Hartwig as Director of the Oak Lawn Park District.

Voting: Aye: All
Nay: None

Attorney

Stalker motioned, Mottl seconded to appoint John Farrell as the district's Attorney.

Voting: Aye: All
Nay: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

Resolution for the Illinois Department of Transportation

Mottl moved, Stalker seconded to approve the Resolution for the Illinois Department of Transportation.

Voting: Aye: All
Nay: None

Designation of Freedom of Information and Open Meetings Act Officers

The Park District is required to designate one or more staff members as Freedom of Information Act and Open Meetings Act officers.

Stalker motioned, Donahue seconded to approve Tom Hartwig and Tracey Gallik as the district's officers.

Voting: Aye: All
Nay: None

LEGAL:

Consideration and action on an ordinance abating the tax hereto levied for the year 2024 to pay the principal of and the interest on General Obligation Park Bonds (Alternative Revenue Source), Series 2024B, of the District.

Mottl moved, Stalker seconded to approve.

Voting: Aye: All
Nay: None

Review of Executive Session Minutes

There were no new Executive Session Minutes to review.

APPROVAL OF BIDS OVER \$30,000: None

MATTERS OF THE DIRECTOR:

Hartwig thanked the Board for appointing him as Director of the park district again.

Hartwig welcomed Andrea Zumhagen to the district.

Hartwig reported that he, along with staff and Commissioner Buschbach, attended Parks Day at the Capitol and the Legislative Conference in Springfield last month. While there, he had the opportunity to meet with several legislators. He also noted that the Illinois Association of Park Districts (IAPD) is currently monitoring hundreds of bills that could potentially impact park districts across the state.

Hartwig shared that construction at Oak Meadows Park is progressing well, with renovations nearing completion. He highlighted the addition of vibrant new playground equipment and a newly installed zip line.

Hartwig also discussed ongoing renovations at the Memorial Activity Center. Hartwig thanked Ryan Gory, Superintendent of Parks, for his leadership and attention to detail in managing the project.

Hartwig noted that the 44th Annual Volleyball for Charity Tournament was held in April at the Pavilion, drawing a total of 43 teams. Hartwig expressed appreciation to The Whistle for sponsoring the event and donating food for the After Party. This year's After Party took place at Stony Creek, providing excellent exposure for the course.

Hartwig wished all the moms a Happy Mother's Day.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Buschbach shared that he recently visited the golf course with his grandkids, where they enjoyed a round of mini golf. He commented that the course is very kid friendly and said everyone had a great time.

MATTERS OF THE COMMISSIONERS:

Johnson said the last four years on the Board flew by and that it was a great experience overall. Johnson thanked Buschbach for his time as Board President and wished Andrea Zumhagen the best of luck as she joins the Board.

Mottl thanked Johnson for his years of service on the Board and welcomed Andrea.

Mottl spoke about the recent dance recital, mentioning that the kids spent seven months preparing for the performance. Mottl said everyone did a fantastic job and praised the teachers for their hard work in making the recital such a success.

Mottl also commented on the progress at Oak Meadows, saying it looks great and that she is excited to bring her kids to the park once it is finished.

Donahue thanked Johnson for his time and dedication while serving on the Park Board.

Donahue noted that summer is quickly approaching and that programs throughout the district are ramping up. Donahue shared his excitement for the season and all the activities happening across the district.

SWEARING IN OF COMMISSIONERS:

Andrea Zumhagen was sworn in as Park District Commissioner.

EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE DISCUSSION OF PERSONNEL, REAL ESTATE, AND LITIGATION

The Board entered into Executive Sessions at 7:23 p.m.

The Board adjourned Executive Session at 7:30 p.m.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

President

Stalker nominated Commissioner Donahue to be Board President for the coming year; Mottl seconded.

Voting: Aye: All
Nay: None

Vice President

Stalker nominated Commissioner Mottl as Vice President; Buschbach seconded.

Voting: Aye: All
Nay: None

Secretary

Mottl nominated Commissioner Stalker as Secretary; Zumhagen seconded.

Voting: Aye: All
Nay: None

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS:

Donahue made the following appointments:

- Finance Commissioner Buschbach

- Public Relations & Marketing Commissioner Stalker
- Recreation Commissioner Zumhagen
- Building & Grounds Commissioner Mottl

ANNUAL MEETING:

Appointment of Auditors

Mottl motioned to approve Lauterbach & Amen; Stalker seconded.

Voting: Aye: All
Nay: None

Designation of Depositories

Zumhagen motioned, Stalker seconded to approve the depositories as presented:

1. Illinois Funds 2. Old National Bank 3. Illinois Trust

Voting: Aye: All
Nay: None

Designation of Newspapers for Legal Notices

Buschbach motioned, Stalker seconded to approve the newspapers listed:

1. SouthtownSTAR 2. Oak Lawn Independent 3. Reporter
4. Chicago Tribune 5. Chicago Sun-Times

Voting: Aye: All
Nay: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Mottl moved, Zumhagen seconded to adjourn at 7:34 p.m.

Voting: Aye: All
Nay: None

Respectfully submitted,



Ryan Donahue, President



Tracey Gallik, Recording Secretary