

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OAK LAWN PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON JUNE 9, 2025**

The Board of Commissioners of the Oak Lawn Park District was convened in a Regular Meeting on June 9, 2025 at 7:00pm with President Donahue presiding.

ROLL CALL:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Meeting of May 12, 2025

Mottl moved, Stalker seconded to approve.

Voting: Aye: All
Nay: None

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD/CORRESPONDENCE:

Volunteer of the Month – Dance Teaching Assistants

From tying tiny shoes to reminding dancers to point their toes, our teaching assistants go above and beyond every day in our dance classes. These young women not only put in multiple hours a week in the dance rooms for our IndepeNDANCE dance teams, but they also volunteer their time with our younger classes weekly (September thru April). We are so grateful for the passion, patience, and leadership they bring to our program. These incredible role models help shape our youngest dancers into confident, inspired performers. Thank you for sharing your talents and making such a meaningful impact on the next generation of stars!

Huge thank you to our teaching assistants:

- Isabella Alazniz
- Lindsey Benkomeyer
- Avary Bowman
- Lili Davis
- Nora Farrell
- Adrianna Fox
- Carly Janor

Volleyball For Charity Beneficiaries

The Oak Lawn Park District, in cooperation with SRASA, successfully offered the 44th Annual Volleyball for Charity Tournament on Saturday, April 26, 2025. This year we had 43 teams participate in the tournament. Through everyone's efforts and generosity, we raised a total of \$17,155.51 that will be donated to The Rae Strong Foundation, Park Lawn, and SRASA. Volleyball for Charity has donated over \$113,000 in the nine years we've been running the event. We are ecstatic about this year's success and we look forward to continuing this tradition for years to come.

Park Lawn: \$2,573.33

The Rae Strong Foundation: \$6,004.43

SRASA: \$7,586.86 (\$8,577.76 including Zelle payments)

Total Donation: \$17,155.51

NEW BUSINESS: None

FINANCE REPORT:

Zumhagen moved, Buschbach seconded to approve the payables of \$2,468,355.22 for the period of May 1, 2025 to May 31, 2025.

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 wished everyone a happy Summer. Hartwig said the pools have had a tough time getting going with the cooler weather, but the golf course has been packed. Hartwig is hoping for the heat to pick up so the pools can finally get into full swing.

Hartwig shared that Day Camp is bursting at the seams and Sports Camp already has over 200 kids signed up. Both camps are set to kick off on June 16th.

Hartwig also talked about the Day Camp Workshop hosted by SSPRPA, where more than 400 staff members from all over Chicagoland attended. We sent over 100 of our own camp staff to the training in Lemont this year.

Hartwig mentioned the ribbon cutting at Oak Meadows Park that happened before the meeting and said the park has been super popular. Hartwig gave a shoutout to Ryan Gory, Superintendent of Parks, and Upland Design for doing an amazing job on the renovation.

Hartwig shared that renovations at the Memorial Activity Center are coming along nicely, and a ribbon cutting is planned for next month.

Hartwig attended the Volunteer Dinner at Stony Creek. The district relies on a lot of great volunteers throughout the year, and it would have been nice to see more of them there to be recognized.

Hartwig mentioned that the auditors will be arriving on Monday to begin the audit process.

Hartwig also noted that he will be out of the office from June 10th-16th, but will still be available if needed while he's away.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Donahue shared that he visited Oak Meadows Park over the weekend with his son Jack and said the park was packed and everyone seemed to be loving the zipline.

Donahue said he is happy with the progress being made at the Memorial Activity Center and is really looking forward to seeing how excited the seniors will be once the building opens for programs.

Donahue noted that while spending money on parking lots is not the most exciting thing, the district has made great progress on long-overdue repairs.

Donahue also mentioned that the new golf carts at Stony Creek have been a big hit, with lots of positive feedback coming in.

Donahue added that the new pickleball courts at Wolfe Wildlife Park look so nice, they almost do not seem real.

Donahue shared that he recently attended a birthday party at the Pavilion and enjoyed seeing so many people using the walking path and weight room.

As summer and camps get underway, Donahue said he wanted to take a moment to thank all the summer staff and is looking forward to another great season.

MATTERS OF THE COMMISSIONERS:

Buschbach shared that Oak Meadows Park holds a special place in his heart, as it was the park he played at growing up. He said he is really glad to see it brought back to life with the recent improvements.

Although he couldn't make it to the Volunteer Dinner, Buschbach wanted to express his appreciation for all the volunteers. He said they play a huge role in the district's success, always going above and beyond.

He also mentioned that he is looking forward to attending the upcoming theatre production this weekend.

Mottl shared that the makeup performance for the StagePlay production went really well, with only two cast members unable to attend out of the whole group.

She also said the Dodgeball League has officially wrapped up and everything went smoothly. The kids especially loved the medals they received at the end of the season.

Mottl added that it has been awesome to see so many people out enjoying Oak Meadows Park. The park has been busy non-stop and is clearly a hit with the community.

Stalker shared that she's heard lots of great feedback from the women in the Stony Creek golf league, with many of them saying how beautiful the course looks.

She also mentioned that her son Sean is excited to return to Day Camp this summer and is especially looking forward to working with the teen group this year.

Stalker thanked everyone who played a part in the Oak Meadows Park renovations.

Zumhagen shared that she lives near Oak Meadows Park and how it's been a joy to see the park so full of life. Even her teenage kids have been spending time there and enjoying it.

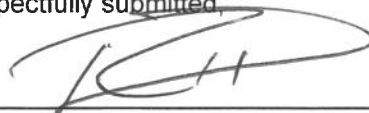
She also mentioned that she recently attended the IAPD Bootcamp, where she got to connect with other commissioners and learn more about what it means to serve on the Board.

ADJOURNMENT:

Zumhagen moved, Stalker seconded to adjourn at 7:25 p.m.

Voting: Aye: All
Nay: None

Respectfully submitted,



Ryan Donahue, President



Tracey Gallik
Recording Secretary