

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OAK LAWN PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON AUGUST 11, 2025**

The Board of Commissioners of the Oak Lawn Park District was convened in a Regular Meeting on August 11, 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 July 14, 2025

Mottl moved, Zumhagen seconded to approve.

Voting: Aye: All
Nay: None

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD/CORRESPONDENCE:

Oak Lawn Parks Foundation

Steve Loulousis, Chairman of the Oak Lawn Parks Foundation, presented a donation check to the district in the amount of \$3,550.

NEW BUSINESS: None

FINANCE REPORT:

Stalker moved, Mottl seconded to approve the payables of \$1,950,294.59 for the period of July 1, 2025 to July 31, 2025.

Voting: Aye: All
Nay: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

Centennial OSLAD Grant Resolution

Mottl moved, and Stalker seconded, to approve the OSLAD Grant Resolution, allowing the district to apply for the grant and confirming that if awarded, the district will move forward with the project at Centennial Park.

Voting: Aye: All
Nay: None

Cook County Intergovernmental Agreement

Buschbach moved, Zumhagen seconded to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with Cook County to support a grant application for supplemental funding related to the Wolfe Wildlife Pathway project.

Voting: Aye: All
Nay: None

Board Policy Manual Update – Bid Limit

Zumhagen moved, and Mottl seconded, to approve an increase in the bid threshold for supplies and materials from \$30,000 to \$60,000.

Voting: Aye: All
Nay: None

Comprehensive Master Plan Update – Upland Design

Mottl moved, and Stalker seconded, to approve the Comprehensive Master Plan Update.

Voting: Aye: All
Nay: None

LEGAL: None

APPROVAL OF BIDS OVER \$30,000:

Racquet, Fitness, and Gymnastics Center Guaranteed Maximum Price

Staff requested the Board approve the Racquet, Fitness, and Gymnastics Center renovations with a Guaranteed Maximum Price of \$4,519,782.00 with W.B. Olson as the Construction Manager.

Mottl moved, Zumhagen seconded to approve.

Voting: Aye: All
Nay: None

MATTERS OF THE DIRECTOR:

Hartwig reported that he attended the employee night for the theater production of Hairspray. He stated the production was outstanding and shared that he received a text from former director Maddie Kelly praising the show, noting she had goosebumps throughout the performance.

Hartwig noted that summer camps have concluded, and the buildings are now quiet. He stated that the overall camp season went very well this year.

Hartwig thanked Ryan Gory and the Pavilion staff for their quick response to the water that entered the Pavilion two weeks ago. Hartwig reported that the sport court was underwater halfway up the Arena side. Moving forward, changes will be made at the back of the building to help with the slope and prevent similar incidents. Hartwig noted that staff were experienced in handling this type of situation and responded quickly, resulting in the Pavilion Arena being closed for only two days.

Hartwig reported that the Flash program is starting up again and is currently running smoothly. The Flash program is offered in 10 schools across Oak Lawn.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Donahue stated that as summer comes to an end, he thanked all staff for their hard work and noted how well they represented the district throughout the season.

MATTERS OF THE COMMISSIONERS:

Zumhagen congratulated the cast and crew of the theater production of Hairspray. She noted the exceptional talent in the performance and expressed pride that many of the performers were Oak Lawn residents.

Stalker reported that she recently welcomed a new puppy into her home, and she will be participating in the puppy kindergarten classes offered by the park district.

Stalker also noted that her son worked as a camp counselor again this summer and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Mottl shared that she and her family attended the theater production of Hairspray and were very impressed. Mottl said they look forward to future shows.

Mottl reported that her children attended both Day Camp and Sports Camp this summer. Mottl said her daughters who participated in Day Camp came home with group photos, which were a meaningful keepsake. Mottl said her son attended Sports Camp and participated in Olympic Week, receiving a bronze medal in softball.

Mottl thanked staff for their quick response to the recent water issues at the Pavilion, noting how fast the situation was handled.

Mottl stated she had the opportunity to visit the golf course for the first time. She mentioned that she returned with her daughters for mini golf. She noted being very impressed and shared that the whole family had a great experience.

Mottl reported that she attended a social gathering with several Oak Lawn residents over the weekend. She shared updates on district projects and stated that residents expressed gratitude for the ongoing renovations across the district.

Buschbach reported that he attended his first meeting with the Oak Lawn Park Foundation last Thursday as the district representative. He stated he will provide updates from future meetings. He noted that the Parks Foundation will be sponsoring a mini golf event at Stony Creek for the Special Recreation Department and that their annual golf outing will be held October 4th at Stony Creek. The park district will be purchasing dinner tickets in support of the event.

Buschbach stated he was unable to attend the Hairspray production due to his daughter's wedding but was pleased to hear positive feedback about the show.

Buschbach thanked Ryan Gory and Upland Design for their work on updating and reviewing the district's comprehensive master plan.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mottl moved, Zumhagen seconded to adjourn at 7:47 p.m.

Voting: Aye: All
Nay: None

Respectfully submitted,



Ryan Donahue, President



Tracey Gallik, Recording Secretary