

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OAK LAWN PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON OCTOBER 20, 2025**

The Board of Commissioners of the Oak Lawn Park District was convened in a Regular Meeting on October 20, 2025 at 7:00pm with Vice President Mottl presiding.

ROLL CALL:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Finance Meeting of September 8, 2025

Zumhagen moved, Buschbach seconded to approve.

Voting: Aye: All
Nay: None

Regular Meeting of September 8, 2025

Stalker moved, Zumhagen seconded to approve.

Voting: Aye: All
Nay: None

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD/CORRESPONDENCE: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

FINANCE REPORT:

Zumhagen moved, Buschbach seconded to approve the payables of \$711,783.84 for the period of September 1, 2025 to September 30, 2025.

Voting: Aye: All
Nay: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

Ordinance Regulations Update- Restricting the Use of Motor-Driven & Low-Speed Scooters

The Board was presented with an amended ordinance regulating the use of motor-driven and low-speed scooters on Park District property. The original ordinance, enacted in 2004, has been updated to include modernized language and additional provisions to assist the Oak Lawn Police Department with enforcement.

Stalker moved, Zumhagen seconded to approve the updated ordinance.

Voting: Aye: All
Nay: None

LEGAL:

An ordinance providing for the issue of not to exceed \$2,575,000 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2025, of the District, for the payment of land for parks, for the building, maintaining, improving and protecting of the same and the existing land and facilities of the District, to provide the revenue source for the payment of certain outstanding obligations of the District, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest on said bonds and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof.

Buschbach moved, Stalker seconded to approve.

Voting: Aye: All
Nay: None

APPROVAL OF BIDS OVER \$30,000: None

MATTERS OF THE DIRECTOR:

Hartwig reported that he attended the NRPA Conference in Orlando and had a great experience. He noted that staff expressed their appreciation for the opportunity to attend and commented that the exhibit hall and educational sessions were good this year.

Hartwig stated that the IndependDANCE Halloween show took place this past weekend, and he attended the Saturday performance. He noted that the show was 35 minutes and was outstanding. He commended Brandi and the Dance Team for an excellent production.

Hartwig reported that the Howl-O-Ween event at Wolfe Wildlife was held on Saturday. Despite the ever changing weather forecast the event went on as planned and was very successful. The backup plan was to move the event to Oak View if needed, but fortunately that was not necessary. Hartwig stated that he received numerous positive comments about the event.

Hartwig shared that the South Suburban Parks and Recreation Professionals Association (SSPRPA) recently hosted their opening social at Stony Creek, where attendees had the opportunity to golf and enjoy lunch at the course.

Hartwig shared that he plans to attend the IAPD Legal Symposium in early November along with several staff members.

Lastly, Hartwig reported that he attended the Parks Foundation Golf Outing. While he did not golf, he participated in the dinner, which had over 200 attendees. He noted that the course looked great and that he received positive feedback regarding the event.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Mottl reported that she attended the NRPA Conference in Orlando. She stated that it was wonderful to connect with other professionals from across the country and see the creative ideas being implemented in other park districts. Mottl added that the conference also provided a great opportunity to spend time with staff, get to know them better, and gain a deeper understanding of their day-to-day operations.

Mottl mentioned that the outdoor soccer season has ended and shared that she thoroughly enjoyed the season. She reported receiving no negative feedback and commented that this year's team photos turned out great, as parents were able to place orders after picture day.

Mottl also mentioned that since the Winter Program Guide went live earlier today, she has received numerous messages from friends interested in participating in park district programs.

MATTERS OF THE COMMISSIONERS:

Buschbach reported that he attended the NRPA Conference and once again found it to be an enjoyable and valuable experience. He attended a session focused on senior programming, which he found to be informative.

Buschbach stated that the Oak Lawn Park Foundation will be reviewing and updating its bylaws, and he will provide an update to the Board once revisions have been completed.

Buschbach stated that a trustee from Crestwood reached out to inquire about the district's golf course, as there is discussion of developing a golf course in Crestwood. He shared that he encouraged the trustee to contact Director Hartwig for additional insight regarding Oak Lawn's golf operations.

Stalker reported that she has been attending puppy kindergarten with her new puppy and is pleased to share that her dog has successfully graduated from the program.

Stalker also attended the NRPA Conference, which she described as a great experience.

Stalker shared that she recently hosted a family reunion at Stony Creek, which included a golf outing, and noted that everyone had a wonderful time while commending the staff for their support.

Zumhagen shared that she attended the NRA Conference for the first time, spending significant time in the exhibit hall and noting the creativity displayed throughout the hall. Zumhagen mentioned that the conference was a valuable opportunity to get to know board members and staff better.

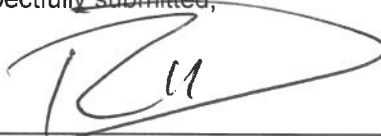
Zumhagen also reported that her family has been attending the open gyms at the Racquet Center, and her daughter is taking private gymnastics lessons there.

ADJOURNMENT:

Stalker moved, Zumhagen seconded to adjourn at 7:19 p.m.

Voting: Aye: All
Nay: None

Respectfully submitted,



Melissa Mottl, Vice President



Tracey Gallik, Recording Secretary