

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
OAK LAWN PARK DISTRICT  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
HELD ON NOVEMBER 10, 2025**

The Board of Commissioners of the Oak Lawn Park District was convened in a Regular Meeting on November 10, 2025 at 7:00pm with President Donahue presiding.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Finance Meeting of October 20, 2025**

Stalker moved, Zumhagen seconded to approve.

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

**Regular Meeting of October 20, 2025**

Buschbach moved, Mottl seconded to approve.

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

**CITIZENS TO BE HEARD/CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Volunteer of the Month – Janay Hernandez and Jade Cruz**

For the month of October, we would like to recognize Janay Hernandez and Jade Cruz as the Volunteers of the Month.

These two girls did an amazing job at our Turkey Shoot Booth at Howl-O-Ween. Janay and Jade told participants about the Turkey Shoot, all our upcoming events, and even promoted the website! The girls were so fun and energetic while making the kids feel special and informing parents.

A huge thank you from Marketing Manager, Justin Waters who said you girls were absolutely amazing with the Howl-O-Ween participants!

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**FINANCE REPORT:**

Zumhagen moved, Stalker seconded to approve the payables of \$3,328,873.79 for the period of October 1, 2025 to October 31, 2025.

Voting: Aye: All  
Nay: None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**2026 Board Meeting Dates**

Mottl motioned, Zumhagen seconded to approve the below 2026 Board Meeting Dates.

January 12	July 13
February 9	August 10
March 9	September 14
April 13	October 19
May 11	November 9
June 8	December 14

Voting: Aye: All  
Nay: None

**LEGAL:**

**Review of Executive Session Minutes**

There are no new Executive Session Minutes to review.

**APPROVAL OF BIDS OVER \$30,000: None**

**MATTERS OF THE DIRECTOR:**

Hartwig noted that although the weather felt like winter today, fall conditions are expected to return next week. He reported that parking lot renovations are nearing completion. Hartwig also stated that the grading for the Pavilion parking lot was done incorrectly, and the contractor will be required to return to correct the issue.

Hartwig stated that renovations at the Ice Arena are moving along. Hartwig hopes that the Ice Arena will reopen either the first or second week of January. Hartwig said the new concrete is anticipated to be poured the first week of December and requires a 28 day cure.

Hartwig reported that he and several staff members attended the IAPD Legal Symposium. He stated that the symposium provided very useful information and noted that IAPD makes a strong effort to secure engaging presenters for the sessions.

Hartwig stated that School District 123 invited Park District staff to attend their Veterans Day event. He noted that the event is a wonderful experience.

Hartwig stated tickets for the theatre production of Producers are still available. The production opens this upcoming weekend.

Hartwig reminded the board of the employee recognition dinner scheduled for December 11<sup>th</sup> at Stony Creek golf course. Hartwig encouraged the board to attend.

Hartwig reported that nonresident registration began today, generating approximately \$80,000–\$100,000 in revenue so far. He also noted that the District's registration software has experienced issues recently and stated that he is exploring alternative software options.

Hartwig stated that the district will be kicking off their budget season soon and more information will be presented to the board at the upcoming board meetings.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

Donahue thanked Commissioner Mottl for stepping in last month to run the Board Meeting.

Donahue reported that he attended the NRPA Conference in October. Donahue stated that the venue was great this year and he attended several valuable sessions at conference.

Donahue stated that he is anticipating the Ice Arena reopening in January and noted that many patrons are eager to return to skating.

**MATTERS OF THE COMMISSIONERS:**

**IAPD Credentials**

Donahue asked if any board members would be attending the IAPD Annual Business Meeting in January. Donahue then designated a delegate and alternate for the meeting.

Mottl motioned, Buschbach seconded to appoint first and second delegates Buschbach and Hartwig.

Voting: Aye: All  
Nay: None

Buschbach stated that the Oak Lawn Park Foundation will hold their final meeting of the year on Wednesday. He expressed hope that the Foundation will share the results from their recent golf outing. The Foundation's next event is scheduled for February 28<sup>th</sup> and will be a trivia night.

Buschbach reported that he has been attending Thursday events at Stony Creek and has been enjoying the food. He noted that the kitchen will be closing for the winter season but looks forward to attending again next year.

Buschbach stated that he attended several open gym sessions at the Racquet Center with his grandkids, noting that they always have a great time when they are there.

Mottl stated that the FLASH program is going well and that her children have been enjoying it this school year.

Mottl reported attending the Halloween Dance Show, noting that the turnout was excellent and that she heard parents praising the district's dance programs.

Mottl stated that swim lessons have been going very well for her children and that they have consistently enjoyed attending.

Zumhagen stated that she has attended the open gyms at the Racquet Center with her children. She noted that her children have enjoyed the open gyms and are also participating in private tumbling lessons. She commented that the coaches are very encouraging and that it is wonderful to see their leadership in action.

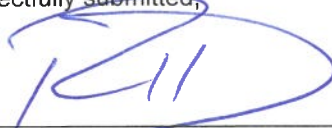
Zumhagen stated that she plans to get tickets for Producers and is looking forward to seeing the production.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Stalker moved, Zumhagen seconded to adjourn at 7:23 p.m.

Voting: Aye: All  
Nay: None

Respectfully submitted,



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Ryan Donahue, President



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Tracey Gallik, Recording Secretary