

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
OAK LAWN PARK DISTRICT  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
HELD ON DECEMBER 8, 2025**

The Board of Commissioners of the Oak Lawn Park District was convened in a Regular Meeting on December 8, 2025 at 7:00pm with President Donahue presiding.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Regular Meeting of November 10, 2025**

Mottl moved, Zumhagen seconded to approve.

Voting: Aye: All  
Nay: None

**CITIZENS TO BE HEARD/CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Special Olympics Fury Floor Hockey Team**

Congratulations to the Fury Floor Hockey Team on an outstanding season! Your hard work, determination, and teamwork have truly paid off, earning 1<sup>st</sup> Place at the Therapeutic Recreation Section Tournament and gold at the State Special Olympics Floor Hockey Tournament. The Board of Commissioners proudly applauds your achievements and dedication. Well done, Fury!

Oak Lawn Fury - Coach Scott Curtiss, Joe Balich, and Alan Balich

Matt Balich	Emily Lambrigger
Scott Curtiss	Allie Leehaug
Johnny Damme	Emily McNeill
Marcel Edwards	Jennifer Nowicki
Shane Figura	Taylor Schaar
Becca Gehle	Len Taylor
Sarah Gehle	Julia Huscher
Andrew Vranicar	Matthew Wrass

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**FINANCE REPORT:**

Stalker moved, Buschbach seconded to approve the payables of \$1,471,941.20 for the period of November 1, 2025 to November 30, 2025.

Voting: Aye: All  
Nay: None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Tax Levy**

Buschbach moved, Stalker seconded to approve the total amount levied of \$5,285,173.00.

Voting: Aye: All  
Nay: None

**Easement Agreement**

Mottl motioned, Zumhagen seconded to approve an easement agreement between the Park District and School District 123.

Voting: Aye: All  
Nay: None

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

**MATTERS OF THE DIRECTOR:**

Hartwig discussed the theatre production of The Producers, stating that it was a great production and that the cast did an excellent job. He reported that the next production will be the teen show of The Little Mermaid and encouraged everyone to purchase tickets early before the show sells out.

Hartwig stated that he is looking forward to attending the IndependANCE Holiday Dance Show scheduled for this weekend at Oak View.

Hartwig also reported that open gyms at the Racquet Center have been full and well attended throughout the winter season.

Hartwig shared that the Light Stroll at Lakeshore Park was held on Friday night and had a strong turnout. Although he was unable to attend due to an IPRA/IAPD Joint Conference Committee meeting, he received very positive feedback about the event. Hartwig also discussed the upcoming state conference, noting that the host hotel is undergoing renovations and he is hopeful the work will be completed prior to the start of the conference. He commented that the conference will be here before we know it.

Hartwig wished everyone a happy holiday season and Happy New Year.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

Donahue stated that he is excited that the Ice Arena is scheduled to reopen in January and noted that many community members are looking forward to returning to skating at the rink.

Donahue mentioned the new golf simulators at Stony Creek, stating that there is a noticeable improvement and that he has heard consistently positive feedback from users.

Donahue also referenced a recent social media post featuring the Grinch and Cindy Lou Who, describing it as a fun and festive way to engage the community during the holiday season.

Donahue noted that the holiday open gym at the Recreation Center looked like a lot of fun.

Donahue added that the Light Stroll was a beautiful event and extended special thanks to all of the event sponsors.

**MATTERS OF THE COMMISSIONERS:**

Zumhagen stated that she attended the theatre production of The Producers and found it to be very fun with many laughs.

She shared that she and her family have attended the open gyms at the Recreation Center and that they have been a big hit with her children.

Zumhagen also stated that her family is excited for the Ice Arena to reopen and they are looking forward to ice skating soon.

Zumhagen reported that she was unable to attend the Light Stroll during the event but did participate by helping decorate a tree. She stated that she enjoyed being involved in the event in that way.

Stalker reported that she hosted a family party at Stony Creek over the past weekend. She stated that the facility was decorated very nicely and that she was able to view the recent renovations to the simulators, noting that everything looked great.

Stalker thanked the Finance Department for all of their efforts with tax levy preparations and for ensuring all required work was completed.

Mottl reported that indoor soccer took place over the weekend and stated that schedules were distributed ahead of time this year. She noted that participants knew where to go at the pavilion and that signage was placed throughout the building, making the event easy to navigate.

Mottl also shared that her children are currently enrolled in swim lessons and that she appreciates the new technology that provides progress reports, describing it as a positive modernization of the program.

She added that basketball season will be starting soon and that her family is excited for the season to begin.

Buschbach reported that the Oak Lawn Park Foundation held a meeting at the end of November; however, a quorum was not present, so no business was conducted. He stated that he hopes the results of the golf outing will be available for review at the next meeting.

Buschbach also shared that he and his wife attended The Producers and enjoyed the performance.


He stated that they are looking forward to attending The Little Mermaid in February. Buschbach concluded by wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mottl moved, Zumhagen seconded to adjourn at 7:22 p.m.

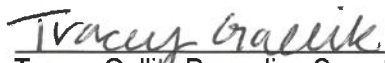
Voting: Aye: All  
Nay: None

Respectfully submitted,



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Ryan Donahue, President



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Tracey Gallik, Recording Secretary