

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
OAK LAWN PARK DISTRICT  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
HELD ON JANUARY 12, 2026**

The Board of Commissioners of the Oak Lawn Park District was convened in a Regular Meeting on January 12, 2026 at 7:05pm with President Donahue presiding.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Finance Meeting of December 8, 2025**

Zumhagen moved, Mottl seconded to approve.

Voting: Aye: All  
Nay: None

**Regular Meeting of December 8, 2025**

Stalker moved, Zumhagen seconded to approve.

Voting: Aye: All  
Nay: None

**CITIZENS TO BE HEARD/CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**FINANCE REPORT:**

Buschbach moved, Zumhagen seconded to approve the payables of \$1,686,686.41 for the period of December 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025.

Voting: Aye: All  
Nay: None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**CONSENT AGENDA:** None

**APPROVAL OF BIDS OVER \$30,000:**

**Lakeshore Park Development**

On December 18, 2025, five bids were opened for the Lakeshore Park project. After review and correction of minor mathematical errors, the lowest responsible bidder remained unchanged.

GLI Services Inc. submitted the lowest bid with a base amount of \$1,038,824.72 and a total project cost of \$1,252,302.20, including all alternates. GLI Services has confirmed their understanding of the project scope and readiness to proceed per the project schedule. The project architect, Upland Design, has successfully worked with GLI Services on similar projects.

Staff recommends approval of the bid award to GLI Services Inc. in the amount of \$1,252,302.20.

Mottl moved, Stalker seconded to approve GLI Services Inc.

Voting: Aye: All  
Nay: None

**MATTERS OF THE DIRECTOR:**

Hartwig wished everyone a Happy New Year and reported that all programs are up and running and off to a strong start for the new year. Hartwig noted that the Pavilion hosted a New Year's Eve balloon drop this year. Although the event was intended to be a one-time occurrence, its popularity may lead to it becoming an ongoing event in the future.

Hartwig announced that the Ice Arena is scheduled to reopen on Wednesday of this week, with Brother Rice High School hosting a home game shortly after reopening. He shared that there is excitement surrounding the reopening. Hartwig stated that staff are currently working through issues with the boards at the Ice Arena, specifically noting that the penalty box does not yet have walls. He also announced that invitations will be sent for a ribbon-cutting ceremony scheduled for the Tuesday following the February Board Meeting at approximately 5:30pm with additional details to follow.

Hartwig reported that the IndependDANCE holiday show was very successful. He also shared that the Racquet Center's open gym and holiday drills were heavily attended throughout the holiday season.

Hartwig stated that the employee recognition dinner was held in December at Stony Creek and that those honored collectively represented more than 500 years of service.

Hartwig mentioned that the IAPD/IPRA Conference is only a few weeks away and that a staff gathering is planned for Thursday evening during the conference, with more information to be provided closer to the event.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

Donahue wished everyone a Happy New Year and expressed hope that everyone had an enjoyable holiday season.

Donahue reported that the Ice Arena is scheduled to reopen in the coming days and shared that there is a high level of excitement from the community to return to the ice.

Donahue stated that he will be attending the IAPD/IPRA Conference again this year and is looking forward to participating.

Donahue also reported that he attended the employee recognition dinner and expressed pride in being part of a district with such long-tenured staff.

**MATTERS OF THE COMMISSIONERS:**

Stalker reported that she attended the New Year's Eve balloon drop at the Pavilion and felt it was a great event.

She stated that she was unable to attend the employee recognition dinner this year but hopes to attend next year.

Stalker shared that she purchased tickets for The Little Mermaid theater production and is looking forward to attending.

She also noted that she registered her dog for dog obedience classes again and looks forward to participating.

Zumhagen reported that she attended the employee recognition dinner but had to leave early and stated that it was a great event overall.

She shared that she also attended the New Year's Eve balloon drop at the Pavilion and that her children had a great time, recommending that additional balloons be provided in the future.

Zumhagen stated that her family has been attending open gym at the Racquet Center and continues to enjoy the program.

She added that her family is excited for the Ice Arena to reopen and is looking forward to ice skating this winter.

Mottl stated that the employee recognition dinner is always a great event and expressed appreciation for staff and their years of service.

She reported that she too attended the New Year's Eve balloon drop at the Pavilion and noted that it was well attended, sharing that her children had a great time.

Mottl stated that she will be attending the IAPD/IPRA Conference and looks forward to seeing staff there.

She also shared that she purchased tickets for The Little Mermaid and plans to attend with her family.

Mottl reported that she attended the holiday dance performance and stated that it was a wonderful event, highlighting the talent of the dancers in the program.

Buschbach reported that the Oak Lawn Parks Foundation did not meet this past month however, the annual holiday dinner is scheduled for Friday, and he plans to attend.

He also stated that he purchased tickets for The Little Mermaid as well as the theater production Beautiful and is looking forward to attending both productions.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mottl moved, Zumhagen seconded to adjourn at 7:28 p.m.

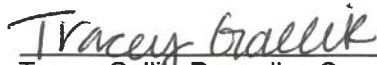
Voting: Aye: All  
Nay: None

Respectfully submitted,



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Ryan Donahue, President



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Tracey Gallik, Recording Secretary