

**MINUTES OF FINANCE MEETING  
OAK LAWN PARK DISTRICT  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
HELD ON FEBRUARY 9, 2026**

The Board of Commissioners of the Oak Lawn Park District was convened in a Finance Meeting on February 9, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. with President Donahue presiding.

**PRESENT:** Buschbach, Mottl, Stalker and Donahue

**ABSENT:** Zumhagen

A quorum was present.

Ron Badali, Superintendent of Finance, presented an overview of the proposed Fiscal Year 2027 budget for the Recreation and Special Recreation Funds. He explained that these patron-facing funds support many of the programs, services, and facilities utilized by the community. Badali reported that, through December 2025, the Recreation Fund which includes Oak View, the Pavilion, Aquatics, and Theater have experienced generally positive financial results. He also noted that property tax revenues have appeared lower due to a delay in the collection and distribution of Cook County property taxes, but distributions have begun to arrive. Badali stated that updated information would be provided prior to final budget adoption and noted that the proposed budget may continue to be adjusted as staff refine projections ahead of the scheduled adoption in April 2026.

Badali also reported that the district is currently working with Strum, the district's insurance broker, to review health insurance rates and determine potential benefit options. Preliminary information from Blue Cross Blue Shield indicates a potential increase of approximately 23%, however, Badali noted that additional discussions and analysis will take place before any final decisions are made.

Badali provided highlights from the Recreation Fund facilities.

- Oak View revenues have remained consistent with the previous year, with strong participation in Summer Day Camp and dance programming, though some timing differences affected recital revenue.
- The Pavilion reported strong revenue from sports camps, martial arts, FLASH programs, and facility rentals despite disruptions from recent infrastructure improvements.
- The Aquatics program experienced an excellent summer season with participation meeting or exceeding the previous year, though expenses increased due to staffing and materials.
- Theater programming remained steady, though revenues were slightly lower compared to the previous year when the production of *Beauty and the Beast* generated unusually high ticket sales.

Across the Recreation Funds, expenses have increased primarily due to wages, purchased services, and facility related costs. The proposed budget also includes a \$500,000 transfer from the Recreation Fund to the Capital Projects Fund to support ongoing facility and park improvements.

Badali also reviewed the Special Recreation Fund, noting that the district's program continues to be one of the most respected in the state and offers a wide variety of opportunities for participants, including Special Olympics programs, social clubs, camps, and Special Recreation University. Participation and program revenues have remained strong through December 2025, despite the delay in property tax distributions. Expenses have increased due to the need for additional specialized staff and supplies to accommodate the growing number of participants. For 2027, the Special Recreation Fund proposes a \$300,000 transfer to the Capital Projects Fund to support ADA and accessibility related improvements.

Donahue inquired about the reported budget deficit of \$800,000. Badali explained that a large portion of the deficit is due to the delayed property tax collections and stated that he will provide the Board with additional information in next week's Director's Report.

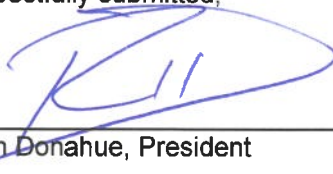
**ADJOURN:**

Stalker motioned to adjourn at 7:02 p.m.; Mottl seconded.

Voting: Aye: All

Nay: None

Respectfully submitted,



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Ryan Donahue, President



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Tracey Gallik Recording Secretary