

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
OAK LAWN PARK DISTRICT  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
HELD ON MARCH 9, 2026**

The Board of Commissioners of the Oak Lawn Park District was convened in a Regular Meeting on March 9, 2026 at 7:06pm with President Donahue presiding.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Finance Meeting of February 9, 2026**

Mottl moved, Stalker seconded to approve.

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

**Regular Meeting of February 9, 2026**

Buschbach moved, Mottl seconded to approve.

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

**CITIZENS TO BE HEARD/CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Special Recreation Winter Games Athletes**

We are proud to recognize three incredible athletes who recently represented the Oak Lawn Park District at the Special Olympics Illinois State Winter Games.

From February 10<sup>th</sup> through February 12<sup>th</sup>, these dedicated individuals competed at Chestnut Mountain and Eagle Ridge Resort in Galena, Illinois. With over 300 athletes participating in events such as snowshoeing and downhill skiing, our athletes showcased outstanding determination and sportsmanship.

**Competition Results:**

Joe Coffelt – Gold medal in the 200-meter snowshoe and silver medal in the 800-meter snowshoe.  
Taylor Schaar – Bronze medal in the 200-meter snowshoe and 5<sup>th</sup> place in the 100-meter snowshoe  
Johnny Damme – Silver medal in Alpine Slalom and 4<sup>th</sup> place in Alpine Giant Slalom

We applaud these athletes for their hard work and dedication. Congratulations on your achievements.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**FINANCE REPORT:**

Stalker moved, Zumhagen seconded to approve the payables of \$2,524,918.26 for the period of February 1, 2026 to February 28, 2026.

Voting: Aye: All  
Nay: None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**CONSENT AGENDA:** None

**LEGAL:** None

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

**MATTERS OF THE DIRECTOR:**

Hartwig thanked the Finance Department and staff for their work in preparing the budget for public display.

Hartwig discussed upcoming spring events, noting the Eggcellent open gym at the Racquet Center, egg hunts at Oak View Center, and fish fries at Stony Creek are all scheduled for next month. He also reported that Ice Arena glow skate events continue to be very popular, with over 300 participants attending on Friday nights.

Hartwig encouraged everyone to purchase tickets for the upcoming production of Beautiful: The Carole King Musical, noting that opening weekend is approaching and both Sunday's performances are already sold out.

Hartwig expressed appreciation to the Oak Lawn Parks Foundation for their donation towards the purchase of televisions at Stony Creek Golf Course.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

Donahue shared that he attended the Ice Arena's ribbon cutting ceremony and noted it was a great turnout. He commented that the renovations look fantastic and really make a difference in the facility. He added that the updates were definitely worth the wait and said it was great to see the community come out to celebrate the improvements. Donahue shared that it was his son's first time ice skating and that he looks forward to skating again in the future.

Donahue also reported hosting a birthday party for his son and daughter at the Recreation Center, with more than 70 guests in attendance. He thanked the staff for their efforts and noted that everyone had a wonderful time.

**MATTERS OF THE COMMISSIONERS:**

Buschbach shared that he could not attend the most recent Oak Lawn Parks Foundation meeting but plans to be at the next one. He noted that he hopes to provide an update at that time on the funds raised from the annual golf outing held in October.

Buschbach thanked staff and the Finance Department for their work on the budget, noting that they did a great job preparing it for public display.

Buschbach also shared that he plans to attend the production of Beautiful: The Carole King Musical on Friday and looks forward to the performance.

Mottl stated that she also attended the Ice Arena ribbon cutting. Mottl noted that District 123 brought students to the Ice Arena on Presidents' Day, where they enjoyed a day of ice skating.

Mottl shared that her children are looking forward to attending Day Camp again this summer. Mottl also noted that her children are enrolled in Friday swim lessons and are excited to participate.

Stalker stated that she attended the fish fry last Friday at Stony Creek. Stalker noted that it was heavily attended and that the food was excellent.

Stalker also shared that she has been attending dog obedience classes and praised the instructor for being great to work with.

Stalker thanked the Finance Department for their efforts in preparing the budget.

Zumhagen stated that she attended the Ice Arena ribbon cutting and shared that her children have been attending glow skates and open skate sessions, which they have greatly enjoyed.

Zumhagen reported that she recently played 18 holes of golf at Stony Creek for the first time with friends and noted that she had a great experience and that the course looked wonderful. Zumhagen thanked the Finance Department for making the budget process smooth and easy to follow.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Stalker moved, Zumhagen seconded to adjourn at 7:21 p.m.

Voting: Aye: All  
Nay: None

Respectfully submitted,



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Ryan Donahue, President



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Tracey Gallik, Recording Secretary