

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OAK LAWN PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON APRIL 13, 2026**

The Board of Commissioners of the Oak Lawn Park District was convened in a Regular Meeting on April 13, 2026 at 6:55 pm with President Donahue presiding.

BUDGET HEARING:

Donahue opened the budget hearing, noting that the budget has been on display for more than 30 days. Donahue asked if there were any questions. No questions were asked, and the budget hearing was closed at 6:59 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Finance Meeting of March 9, 2026

Mottl moved, Buschbach seconded to approve.

Voting: Aye: All
Nay: None

Regular Meeting of March 9, 2026

Zumhagen moved, Mottl seconded to approve.

Voting: Aye: All
Nay: None

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD/CORRESPONDENCE:

Volunteer of the Month – Michaela Sargrati

For the month of March, we would like to recognize Michaela Sargrati as the Volunteer of the Month.

Michaela Sargrati is our volunteer of the month. Michaela came to the Oak Lawn Park District Community Theater program to volunteer for the Little Mermaid production in February as the prop master. Each performance, Michaela would show up with her coach job, follow the system she and her job coach created for success and ensured each cast member had their appropriate props. Michaela is a student in District 218's ATP work program and has experience with the technical side of theater but enjoyed her time behind stage with the props. We are so grateful for Michaela and for being such a delight to work with during the production.

Jr. Jordan Skills Athletes

We would like to congratulate the Jr. Jordans Skills athletes who competed in the State Special Olympics Basketball Individual Skills Competition.

Each of these athletes earned a gold medal at the Region E Skills Competition in January, which qualified them to advance to the state competition held at Normal High School in Normal, Illinois on March 14th.

We are incredibly proud of everything they accomplished this basketball season. Your hard work, dedication, and growth truly showed. We look forward to watching your skills continue to develop and seeing each of you shine on the court in the future.

Eagles Black

We would like to recognize our Eagles Black basketball team, who also competed in the State Special Olympics Basketball Tournament in March.

This team played some truly exciting games. In one incredible matchup, they were down by more

than 15 points but showed determination, teamwork, and heart to come back and win by 6 points. This win earned them a silver medal. Congratulations to Eagles Black on a successful state tournament.

Eagles Maroon

We would like to honor the Eagles Maroon team. This group showed tremendous effort, resilience, and teamwork throughout the entire season. They consistently supported one another, worked hard in every practice, and competed with great determination and heart. Their positive attitudes and commitment to improving each day truly stood out, and they represented our program with pride, sportsmanship, and class. This team walked away with a 4th place ribbon at the State basketball tournament.

Eagles Green

The Eagles Green team brought incredible energy, enthusiasm, and excitement to every single game this season. Their passion for the game was evident in the way they encouraged one another, celebrated successes, and never gave up. They showed outstanding growth, teamwork, and a love for the sport that made them a joy to watch all season long. Congratulations on receiving a silver medal at State basketball. We are so proud of your hard work, dedication, and the way you represented the Oak Lawn Park District. Congratulations, athletes, on a fantastic season.

Oak Lawn Professional Firefighters Local 3405

A representative from the Oak Lawn Professional Firefighters Local 3405 presented a check to Special Recreation Athletic Support Association (S.R.A.S.A.) in the amount of \$2,000.

NEW BUSINESS: None

FINANCE REPORT:

Stalker moved, Zumhagen seconded to approve the payables of \$1,178,027.14 for the period of March 1, 2026 to March 31, 2026.

Voting: Aye: All
Nay: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

Adoption of the FY'27 Budget and Appropriations Ordinance

Zumhagen moved, Mottl seconded to approve the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for FY 26'-27'.

Voting: Aye: All
Nay: None

LEGAL: None

APPROVAL OF BIDS OVER \$30,000: None

MATTERS OF THE DIRECTOR:

Hartwig shared that he will be attending Parks Day at the Capitol in Springfield in May along with several other staff members. He stated that there are a few bills currently in the House and Senate that could impact the district regarding DCFS licensing. Hartwig noted that IAPD has been actively working to oppose the proposed legislation.

Hartwig reported that the district's Easter events were very well attended, including the Adult Egg Hunt, Kids Egg Hunt, and Racquet Centers Eggcellent Open Gym.

Hartwig stated that the 45th Annual Volleyball for Charity Tournament is scheduled for Saturday at the Pavilion and Oak Lawn Community High School. He mentioned that 46 teams were currently registered for the tournament. Beneficiaries for this year's event include SRASA, Park Lawn, and the Rae Strong Foundation.

Hartwig shared that staff are preparing for the spring and summer seasons. Part-time maintenance staff are being hired, camp positions are filling up, and seasonal hiring is taking place throughout the district.

Hartwig stated that Burger Thursdays are back at Stony Creek Golf Course and he encouraged everyone to stop by for lunch or dinner.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Donahue stated that the district's special recreation programs continue to go above and beyond what is offered by other agencies in the area. He shared that it is always a highlight to recognize volunteers and coaches at Board meetings, noting the time and dedication they give to ensure participants have a positive experience in the programs.

Donahue also stated that he is excited to see spring programming getting underway and programs preparing for another busy summer season.

MATTERS OF THE COMMISSIONERS:

Mottl shared that the dodgeball league at her son's school started recently and has had a great turnout. She noted that many of the participants previously attended Sports Camp together, and that the referee for the league had also been a counselor at camp. Mottl shared that it was nice to see him reconnect with the kids and know many of them by their first names.

Mottl also stated that her children are currently participating in swim lessons. Although they had taken a few sessions off, she was happy to see many of the same lifeguards returning. She noted that it is great to see staff continuing to want to be part of the district's programs.

Mottl stated that her family is looking forward to the upcoming dance recital and dance picture day.

Buschbach stated that there was no report regarding the Parks Foundation, as the group had not met since the last Board meeting. He shared that at the next meeting, the Foundation plans to review memberships and bylaws.

Buschbach also stated that he attended the theatre production of Beautiful: The Carole King Musical and felt the production was as entertaining as a professional theater performance. He mentioned that he had seen the same production at Drury Lane Theatre two months earlier and was very impressed with the talent the district continues to attract for its productions.

Zumhagen shared that she golfed at Stony Creek last Thursday and also stayed for lunch. She stated that the course looked beautiful and that she had a great time.

Zumhagen also mentioned that her children have been enjoying the Glow Skates and Open Skate sessions at the Ice Arena.

Zumhagen stated that she has been playing tennis at the Racquet Center and is happy to see herself gradually improving.

Stalker stated that her dog successfully completed obedience classes and will now be advancing to the next level.

Stalker also shared that she attended the fish fries at Stony Creek and noted that each event had a great turnout and the food was excellent.

Stalker also mentioned that she recently visited Wolfe Wildlife Park with her niece and wanted to recognize the Maintenance Department for keeping the park clean and in excellent condition.

ADJOURNMENT:

Zumhagen moved, Mottl seconded to adjourn at 7:36 p.m.

Voting: Aye: All
Nay: None

Respectfully submitted,



Ryan Donahue, President



Tracey Gallik, Recording Secretary