

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OAK LAWN PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON JUNE 8, 2026**

The Board of Commissioners of the Oak Lawn Park District was convened in a Regular Meeting on June 8, 2026 at 7:00 pm with President Mottl presiding.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Buschbach, Stalker, Zumhagen and Mottl

Absent: Donahue

A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Meeting of May 11, 2026

Zumhagen moved, Stalker seconded to approve.

Voting: Aye: All

Nay: None

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD/CORRESPONDENCE:

2025-2026 Volunteers

For the month of May, we would like to honor our 2025-2026 Volunteers.

We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to all of our 2025–2026 volunteers who dedicated over 50 hours of service helping with our gardens and/or Special Recreation programs and sports. Your commitment, compassion, and willingness to give your time have made a meaningful difference in the lives of so many.

Through your hard work in maintaining and beautifying our gardens, you helped create welcoming spaces that everyone in our community can enjoy. Your support within our Special Recreation Program brought encouragement, inclusion, joy, and unforgettable experiences to our participants and their families. Whether assisting with activities, offering a helping hand, or simply sharing your positive energy, your presence has had a lasting impact.

Volunteers like all of you are the heart of our programs. Your generosity, patience, and dedication do not go unnoticed, and we are incredibly grateful for everything you have contributed throughout the year. We truly appreciate each and every one of you and look forward to continuing to make a difference together.

VOLLEYBALL FOR CHARITY BENEFICIARIES

The Oak Lawn Park District, in cooperation with SRASA, successfully offered the 45th Annual Volleyball for Charity Tournament on Saturday, April 18, 2026. This year we had 47 teams participate in the tournament. Through everyone's efforts and generosity, we raised a total of \$18,806.23 that will be donated to The Rae Strong Foundation, Park Lawn, and SRASA. Volleyball for Charity has donated over \$131,800 in the nine years we've been running the event. We are ecstatic about this year's success and we look forward to continuing this tradition for years to come.

Park Lawn: \$2,829.93

The Rae Strong Foundation: \$6,603.18

SRASA: \$9,373.12 (\$9,433.12 including Zelle payments)

Total Donation: \$18,806.23

NEW BUSINESS: None

FINANCE REPORT:

Stalker moved, Buschbach seconded to approve the payables of \$939,455.46 for the period of May 1, 2026 to May 31, 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 reported that the theatre production of Steel Magnolias opened last weekend. He noted that there is one remaining weekend of performances and encouraged everyone to purchase tickets and attend the production.

Hartwig shared that his granddaughter recently participated in swim lessons. He stated that this past weekend was her first lesson and that she was initially nervous about getting into the water. However, after a few minutes, she became much more comfortable and engaged in the program. By the end of the lesson, she was already excited to return the following week. Hartwig recognized the swim staff for doing an excellent job creating a welcoming and positive experience for participants.

Hartwig discussed the Statusfy app, which is available for patrons to receive live updates regarding outdoor activities, program cancellations, and facility information. He encouraged everyone to download the app to stay informed about updates and notifications.

Hartwig also reported positive news regarding legislation related to the Illinois Department of Early Childhood. He stated that the Senate bill, which was later incorporated into a House bill, passed with language included that exempts park districts from the proposed requirements. Hartwig noted that advocacy efforts by park districts across the state played a significant role in achieving this outcome. He shared that approximately 300 to 400 park district professionals attended this year's legislative conference and voiced their opposition to the proposed legislation.

Hartwig stated that summer camps are scheduled to begin next week and that the district is preparing for a very busy summer season. He noted that facilities and parks will be filled with activity throughout June, July, and August as seasonal programming gets underway.

Hartwig provided an update on the Racquet Center infrastructure project, stating that the final phase of improvements are expected to begin within the next two weeks. He reported that electrical contractors have been on site over the past several weeks and have completed work ahead of schedule. Hartwig also shared that additional issues were recently discovered involving cracked roof trusses within the facility. While these issues will be addressed as part of the project, he noted that additional funding will be required to complete the necessary repairs.

Hartwig reported that Stony Creek Golf Course continues to experience strong usage and participation. While the course remains very busy, he noted that recent weather has created a need for additional rainfall to help maintain course conditions.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Mottl shared that this is the first year all three of her children are participating in the Flash Camp together and noted that they have been enjoying their experience so far. Mottl stated that they are looking forward to regular camp starting.

Mottl also stated that she has attended several birthday parties at the Pavilion's indoor playground in recent months. During those visits, she has heard numerous compliments from parents and guests regarding the recent renovations and improvements made to the playground area.

Mottl reported that the dodgeball season recently concluded and noted that this was her son's third year participating in the program. She shared that he thoroughly enjoyed the season and commented that she especially liked the team shirts that were provided to participants this year.

MATTERS OF THE COMMISSIONERS:

Buschbach stated that Oak Lawn Restaurant Week has officially kicked off and noted that Stony Creek Golf Course is participating this year. He encouraged everyone to stop by the Golf Course and take advantage of the special offerings available during the event.

Buschbach also shared that he will be attending the theatre production of Steel Magnolias on the upcoming Friday and is looking forward to seeing the performance.

In addition, Buschbach mentioned the upcoming summer movies and concert series, which is held in partnership with the Village. He noted that the series will be starting soon and encouraged residents to take advantage of the community events throughout the summer.

Buschbach stated that he is especially looking forward to the Fourth of July fireworks celebration. He said that this will be the first time in several years that he will be in town for the holiday and is excited to attend and enjoy the festivities.

Stalker stated that she has been laying low recently as she has not been feeling her best. However, she shared that she and her niece have still managed to visit several parks throughout the district since the last Board meeting. During their visits, they took the opportunity to pick up litter around the parks. Stalker noted that her niece enjoyed helping clean up the parks and now wants to continue picking up garbage at every park they visit.

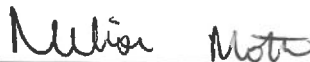
Zumhagen stated that her household has been very busy with graduations and the end of the school year. She shared that her children have continued spending time at Oak Meadows Park and Dillon Park, both of which are among their favorite places to visit. Zumhagen commented that she appreciates having safe and welcoming spaces within the community where her children can play and spend time outdoors.

ADJOURNMENT:

Zumhagen moved, Buschbach seconded to adjourn at 7:20 p.m.

Voting: Aye: All
Nay: None

Respectfully submitted,



Melissa Mottl, President



Tracey Gallik, Recording Secretary