MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OAK LAWN PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON OCTOBER 19, 2026

The Board of Commissioners of the Oak Lawn Park District was convened in a Regular Meeting on October 19, 2026 at 7:00 pm with President Mottl presiding.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
Finance Meeting of September 14, 2026
Zumhagen moved, Stalker seconded to approve.
Voting: Aye: Buschbach, Donahue, Stalker, Zumhagen and Mottl
Nay: None

Regular Meeting of September 14, 2026
Donahue moved, Buschbach seconded to approve.
Voting: Aye: Buschbach, Donahue, Stalker, Zumhagen and Mottl
Nay: None

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD/CORRESPONDENCE: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

FINANCE REPORT:
Zumhagen moved, Stalker seconded to approve the payables of $2,213,690.16, for the period of September 1, 2026 to September 30, 2026.
Voting: Aye: All
Nay: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

CONSENT AGENDA: None

LEGAL:
An ordinance providing for the issue of not to exceed $2,625,000 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2026, of the District, for the payment of land for parks, for the building, maintaining, improving and protecting of the same and the existing land and facilities of the District, to provide the revenue source for the payment of certain outstanding obligations of the District, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest on said bonds and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof.

Zumhagen moved, Buschbach seconded to approve.
Voting: Aye: All
Nay: None

APPROVAL OF BIDS OVER $30,000: None

MATTERS OF THE DIRECTOR:
Hartwig had a great time at NRPA in Philadelphia, where most of the sessions were good, and everyone had the opportunity to learn a lot. He said it was fun to see the Chicago Bears trounce the Philadelphia Eagles, while in Philadelphia.

Hartwig reported that this past weekend was the Howl-O-Ween at Wolfe event. He stated that all sessions were full, so we had a little over 300 participants, and even had walk-ups. He mentioned that we got lucky with a beautiful day, all the areas looked great and the event went really well.

Hartwig mentioned that it's the start of the budget season, and tomorrow will be the kick-off meeting for the budget with staff. He stated that after Ron and Ruby get the budget in, finance meetings will follow, where they will present to the Board of Commissioners.

Hartwig stated that this year the Dance Show will take place on October 23, 24, and 25 at Oakview from 7:30-9pm. He stated that the Dance group is bigger than last year, and it sounds like everything is going really well.

Hartwig also stated that the Racquet Club will be holding their gymnastics open gym on October 24 from 3-6pm. They used to do a Halloween event, and now it's multiple Halloween themed open gyms, with games and the kids get to play on the equipment. He reported that it's always a lot of fun and they do a really nice job with this event.

Hartwig reported that October 25 is the Ice Costume Skate at the Ice Rink from 1-2:30pm, and November 7 is the Judo Open House Tournament at 9:30am at the Pavilion. He also reported that the Big Cup Chili Open is the same day from 10am-5pm at Stony Creek, which is a 4 person scramble. The next theatre event is Christmas Carol, which starts November 13.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:
Mottle stated that she also attended the NRPA Conference and had a great time. She mentioned that it's nice getting to know some of the staff that they don't get to see on a regular basis. She also enjoyed mingling with the other Park Districts and seeing how things are going around the country.

Mottl reported that the new program brochure went out and her phone has been blowing up with all of her kids friends wanting to know what programs her kids are planning to do for the winter, and to let her know what programs they are planning on doing.

Mottl stated that the weather has been really nice for October, and her kids have been wanting to be at Sullivan Park all day and night. She said it's a good time out there for all of our Park District activities.

MATTERS OF THE COMMISSIONERS:
Stalker stated that unfortunately she was not at the Conference this year and that it was the first one she missed since being on the Board, because she started a new job.

Stalker mentioned that she attended a birthday party at Wolfe Wildlife for her cousin's little one, and that the parks look amazing and the kids had a blast. She stated that the park is so nicely laid out that they can stay there and not have to chase the kids around.

Stalker stated that she started Mahjong lessons and it's going well.

Zumhagen stated that she did go to Conference and it was amazing. She mentioned that it's the second conference she's been to, and is amazed at the energy and she always has things to take back. She mentioned that she enjoyed the speaker at the opening session and liked his comment of spreading kindness, and not getting kindness confused with being polite, which really changed how she views things.

Zumhagen reported that her kids are absolutely loving the glow skating. She mentioned that every Friday, they have a huge group of middle schoolers that meet at the Ice Arena. Her daughter was

in tears last week, because they were half an hour late and was worried she would miss all of the fun.

Zumhagen mentioned that a lot of really great things are happening, and that she's looking forward to the winter season of theatre.

Donahue stated that he was sad he could not make it to Philadelphia this year, as he was really looking forward to it. He mentioned that he did get to go to the Philadelphia Eagles game in Chicago, and that the Eagles fans got quiet pretty quick. He is glad that everyone had a good time.

Donahue reported that he hosted a birthday party at the Racquet Center and got a lot of good feedback from everyone involved. He stated that they loved the new layout of the atrium and loved the facilities and programs. He mentioned that they had one minor gripe that the birthday room was freshly painted, so it was a little fumy, but they got through it.

Donahue wished everyone a Happy Halloween.

Buschbach attended NRPA and went to a couple of sessions on homelessness and park districts, and a couple of self-improvement seminars. He joked that the best seminar he went to was one of the self-improvement seminars, and it's because he mistakenly went into the wrong room. He also mentioned that he went to a senior programming session, which at this point is getting dear to his heart, considering he is turning 65 this year. He really enjoyed the conference, and Philadelphia is a great city.

Buschbach mentioned that he went to dinner at Stony Creek, where they are doing trivia on Thursday nights. He stated that he doesn't believe it's every Thursday, and he isn't sure of the schedule, but it starts at 7pm.

ADJOURNMENT:
Donahue moved, Stalker seconded to adjourn at 7:12 p.m.
Voting: Aye: All
Nay: None

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Mottl, President

Shannon Nolan, Recording Secretary