

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF THE BLUE ISLAND PARK DISTRICT HELD ON AUGUST 24, 2016
AT 7:00PM AT THE MEMORIAL PARK FIELD HOUSE

Call to order: 7:00pm

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Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Commissioner St. Leger

Commissioners Present: Raeann Zylman, Will Ochoa, Bradley St. Leger and Ted Ruthenberg

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff: Interim Executive Director Octavio Carbajal, Supervisor Maintenance Mark DeRango, Concessions Manager Robert Jones, Park Attorney Michael Hayes, Recreation Coordinator Joshua Edwards and Minutes Secretary Karen Zielinski

Public Comments:

Tony Ebeling, 2743 Broadway. Ms. Ebeling addressed the board regarding teenagers playing soccer at Perillo Park. The soccer balls are being kicked out of the park and causing damage to her garage, birdbath, planters and car. A picnic table and benches have been placed in the park, but the teenagers just move them to the side. She also suggested that there needs to be more equipment for younger children. Ms. Ebeling also stated that our program book actually promotes this park for soccer play and suggest it be removed from print.

Mario Cardenas; 2738 DesPlaines Street. Mr. Cardenas, who has had repeated issues with the teenagers and soccer playing in that park also has had damage to his property. He stated that he observed two women sitting in Perillo Park with their children and because of the teenagers playing soccer so close to their bench, they were forced to leave.

Commissioner St. Leger stated that they had to get actual ideas to fix this problem. It has been brought to the board too often and nothing has been done about it. Park District will look into a Kaboom Grant to update the whole park.

* Public comments are welcome. As a courtesy to other visitors with comments, each visitor shall be permitted up to two (2) minutes for his or her comment.

Additions or Revisions to the agenda: None

1. **Consent Agenda:** It is recommended that the board approve the consent agenda. Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Ruthenberg and seconded by Commissioner Ochoa. On the question: None. Roll call: Commissioners Zylman, Ochoa, Ruthenberg and St. Leger. All aye, motion passed.
 - a. **Consent** – Minutes of the Special Board Meeting on August 10, 2016.
 - b. **Consent** – Minutes of the Regular Meeting Held on July 27, 2016.
 - c. **Consent** – Payroll for the period ending July 23, 2016 in the amount of \$49,752.03 and for the period ending August 6, 2016 in the amount of \$43,020.43.
 - d. **Consent** – Accounts payable for the period ending August 19, 2016 in the amount of \$102,332.20.
2. **Action** – Motion to waive the fees for the GuildHaus pavilion rental on August 27, 2016. Motion to approve made by Commissioner Ruthenberg, seconded by Commissioner St. Leger. On the Question: Mr. Web gave a brief description of the GuildHaus rehabilitation center and its purpose. August 27th will be their main fundraiser. This event helps the organization purchase clothes and other needs for the men in the house. Roll call: Commissioners Zylman, Ochoa, Ruthenberg and St. Leger. All ayes, motion passes.
3. **Action** – Motion to accept renewal of the Untouchable amended contract. Motion to approve made by Commissioner Ruthenberg and seconded by Commissioner St. Leger. On the Question: Contract amended to reflect the correct practice times at Centennial Park. Roll Call: Commissioners Zylman, Ochoa, Ruthenberg and St. Leger. All ayes, motion passes.

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4. **Action** - Motion to approve the authorization to interview and hire for a Recreation Assistant to assist the Recreation Department. Motion to approve made by Commissioner Ochoa, seconded by Commissioner Ruthenberg. On the Question: With the increasing activities at the Recreation Center and the roll of Director has not been filled, Mr. Edwards has requested an assistant that will help in both the District Office and the Recreation Center. Commissioner St. Leger asked if the cost had been analyzed this position, what pay would be offered, and where are the funds coming from. Is it possible that the park could bring in multiple interns? Motion to authorize placement of an ad and interview for the roll of Recreation Assistant made by Commissioner Ochoa and second Commissioner Ruthenberg. Roll Call: Commissioners Zylman, Ochoa, Ruthenberg and St. Leger. All ayes, motion passes.
5. **Discussion – BBQ on the Hill:**
 - a. Currently up to 7 contestants.
 - b. Food Venders: Pollo Locus's Tacos from Friday night still needs contract, Eli's Tacos and smoothies for Saturday night, needs contract. FOF (full of flavor) BBQ would like to serve rib tips and fries. Double Play for hot dogs, hamburgers and Italian sausage sandwiches. Maple Tree, Hog wild and Beggars have not responded to Bob Jones phone calls. Have not heard from District 130 regarding serving corn or the band playing.
 - c. Trying to get in touch with the Nathan Hale band regarding giving a performance.
 - d. Seeking Volunteers for both days. Stephanie selecting volunteers for events and Karen getting volunteers for cashiers. Need to contact GuildHaus regarding volunteers. Stephanie is reaching out to Eisenhower dance team and National Honor Society and R.O.T.C. to help fill volunteer spots.
 - e. Details should be finalized by next weekend.
6. **Employee Matters:** It is recommended that this item be tabled for discussion in Executive Session regarding the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees pursuant to Section 2 (c) (1). Motion to enter into Executive Session made by Commissioner St. Leger and seconded by Commissioner Ruthenberg. Roll Call: Commissioners Zylman, Ochoa, Ruthenberg and St. Leger. All ayes, motion passes.

Adjourn into Executive Session: for the purpose of considering and /or discussing matters exempted under the Open Meetings Act pursuant to: 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1), (5) & (11)

Re-adjourn Open Session

7. **Executive Directors Report:**
 - a. Lantech (IT Company to the park district) will be closing their doors September 1, 2016. Michael Hayes stated that this service would fall under professional services and does not need the board approval or a bid in order to engage a new company.
 - b. Operation: Honor is this Saturday. Beer truck will arrive Friday.

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Motion to adjourn the regular meeting was made by Commissioner Ruthenberg, second by Commissioner Ochoa.
Roll Call: Commissioners Zylman, Ochoa, Ruthenberg. All aye, meeting adjourned

Approved



Raeann Zylman, President

Blue Island Park District