

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF THE BLUE ISLAND PARK DISTRICT HELD ON JANUARY 11, 2017
AT 7:00PM AT THE MEMORIAL PARK FIELD HOUSE

Call to order: 7:00pm

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Roll Call Present: Raeann Zylman, Will Ochoa and Theodore Ruthenberg and Bradley St. Leger

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff: Director of Security and Operations Octavio Carbajal, Maintenance Supervisor Mark DeRango, Attorney for the Park District Michael Hayes and Minutes Secretary Karen Zielinski

Public Comments: None

**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: Consent Agenda to be moved to the Regular Board Meeting on January 25, 2017.

AGENDA:

1. **Consent Agenda**

a. **Consent** – Minutes Regular Board Meeting on December 14, 2016. This item is to be held over for the Regular Meeting of the Board.

2. **Discussion** – IMRF Status update. 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).

3. **Executive Directors Report:** Director's Report being given by the Director of Security and Operations, Octavio Carbajal. Executive Director Wogan sends his apologies to the board for not being able to attend tonight's meeting due to a prior commitment. He wishes the board, park staff and people of Blue Island a Happy New Year.

a. The Park District recently wrapped up a very successful holiday season, which included a strong presence at a number of holiday themed activities throughout the town. The Santa House was a success and helped highlight the strong relationship between the City of Blue Island and the Park District. The Santa House raised just under \$1,000 in donation for the Angel's Touch charity, with Alderman Hawley winning here at Memorial Park. We will be presenting the Aldermen with thank you certificates in the near future.

b. Looking forward to 2017, one item we are focusing on is a revamped effort to promote and market Blue Island children programs with brochures being produced more than twice a year. We have made some improvements to the website to make it more accessible for residents to find and sign up for programs.

c. Inconsistent weather has made it difficult to maintain the ice rink. This project is currently on hold.

d. Partnership with the City regarding the Recreation Center continues to grow. We are running several youth and athletic programs and assume we will have RecTrac installed to help daily operations. The City has agreed to purchase some additional equipment for the benefit of the programs and we continue to utilize the very valuable asset to benefit our residence.

e. Director Wogan will be joining the SSPRPA (South Suburban Park & Recreation Professionals Association) to insure we are influencing the conversation as it relates to parks in Springfield. The most pressing issues at the moment is the potential property tax freeze, consolidation of local government bodies and the potential of freeing up grant money in the near future.

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Executive Session: Motion to adjourn to Executive Session was made by Commissioner Ruthenberg and seconded by Commissioner Ochoa. All aye. Board will adjourn to Executive Session.

Executive Session regarding the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees pursuant to Section 2 (c) (1).

Re-open Regular meeting:

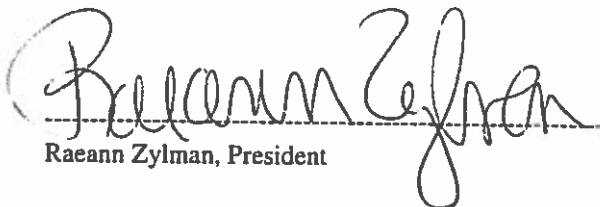
Commissioner Ochoa asked about refurbishing the floors in the Memorial Park Field House. Mark DeRango informed Commissioner Ochoa that he is in process of gathering quotes. Commissioner Ochoa is requesting this item placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

Commissioner Ochoa received a request to borrow approximately 30 to 40 tables sometime in the first weekend of February. Party in question will pick up and return the tables. This request will be forwarded to the Executive Director.

Ms. Patricia Percy of the Supporting Providers Network Association sent an email following up on her October 2016 request to have the rental fees waived for the upper pavilion for their event in August 2017. This request is still under consideration.

Motion to adjourn the Committee of the Whole 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