

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF THE BLUE ISLAND PARK DISTRICT HELD ON AUGUST 1, 2017
AT 6:00PM AT THE MEMORIAL PARK FIELD HOUSE

Call to order: 6:00pm

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Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioners Present: Theodore Ruthenberg, Raeann Zylman, William Ochoa, and Vince Franchetti

Commissioners Absent: Bradley St. Leger

Staff: Executive Director Thomas Wogan, Maintenance Supervisor Mark DeRango Eduardo Valadez, Hannah Naughton and Minutes Secretary Karen Zielinski

Public Comments: Jennie Malysa, 12938 Elm Street; addressed the board regarding the tree at the west end of the Memorial Park field and why was it taken down. In her opinion the tree was healthy and had no reason to be removed. Supervisor DeRango and Director Wogan did explain that the tree was not healthy and was indeed a hazard to the public. She also mentioned the dripping faucet in the washrooms. ** 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 comments*

Agenda or Revisions to the Agenda: None

1. **Discussion – Park District Bike Policy Review.** Park currently has a general no bike policy. Commissioner Ochoa has no problem with bicycles in the park. Commissioner Ruthenberg thinks it could be a hazard to people on the walking trail. Director Wogan will review the most current ordinance regarding bicycles. Supervisor DeRango also commented that the riders do trick jumps off the stairs near the maintenance garage with bikes, skate boards and scooters.
2. **Discussion – Hardship Waivers for Day Camp.** Each year there are one or two families that are in need of assistance. This year the directors of Summer Camp asked to waive fees for one specific returning family that cannot afford camp this year. The park could absorb the cost and call it a hardship waiver or with the assistance of Friends of the Park for a scholarship. Recipient families would be encouraged to volunteer at park events.
3. **Discussion – BBQ on the Hill Update.**
 - a. Schedule and layout was provided to the Commissioners for review of the events on September 22 and 23, 2017 festival.
 - b. Neighbors of Memorial Park would receive letters informing them of the event.
 - c. Joshua Edwards has done a good job heading the committee and reinventing this event.
4. **Discussion – KaBoom Grant for Perillo Park Update.** July 10th conference call went well. Signatures are being collected, soil sample reports have been received, and letter of intent has been drawn up.

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5. Director's Report:

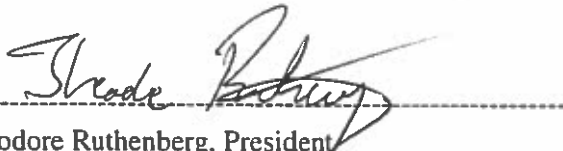
- a. Continued to see record high numbers for Summer Camp and a successful pool season with an incident free summer. Candice's Cantelo's Summer Camp team and Octavio Carbajal's pool staff have done a good job.
- b. Audit is scheduled for the week of September 11, 2017
- c. Monthly emails from William Cazares regarding upcoming events have been sent to Commissioners. Fall book is close to being finalized.
- d. Upstairs transition into offices has started and two staff member will occupy these offices. New communication system is being looked into, which would improve communications throughout the park as well as being cost effective.

Motion to adjourn into Executive Session was made by Commissioner Franchetti and seconded by Commissioner Ochoa, all ayes. Motion passes.

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

Re-Open Session at 7:40pm. Motion to adjourn regular session was made by Commissioner Ochoa and seconded by Commissioner Franchetti. Meeting adjourned at 7:42pm

Approved



Theodore Ruthenberg, President
Blue Island Park District