

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
OF THE BLUE ISLAND PARK DISTRICT HELD ON AUGUST 15, 2017  
AT 7:00PM AT THE MEMORIAL PARK FIELD HOUSE

Call to order: 7:00pm Page 1 of 2

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Commissioner St. Leger

Commissioners Present: Theodore Ruthenberg, Raeann Zylman, William Ochoa, Bradley St. Leger and Vince Franchetti

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff: Executive Director Thomas Wogan, Attorney for Park District Michael Hayes, Supervisor of Maintenance Mark DeRango, Assistant Supervisor of Maintenance Ken Bereta 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 comments*

Additions or Revisions to the agenda: None

**AGENDA:** Motion to approve consent agenda A through F was made by Commissioner Zylman seconded by Commissioner St. Leger. On the question: None. Roll call: Commissioner Zylman, Ochoa, St. Leger, Ruthenberg and Franchetti. All ayes, motion carries.

**1. Consent Agenda:**

- a. CONSENT - Approval of Minutes of the Special Board Meeting June 28, 2017
- b. CONSENT – Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting June 28, 2017
- c. CONSENT – Approval of Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting August 1, 2017
- d. CONSENT – Approval of Minutes of the Executive Session Minutes August 1, 2017.
- e. CONSENT – Approval of Payroll ending June 24, 2017 in the amount of \$54,480.50, Payroll ending July 8, 2017 in the amount of \$51,947.18 and Payroll ending July 22, 2017 in the amount of \$52,589.53.
- f. CONSENT – Approval of Accounts Payables in the amount of \$95,891.45.

- 2. Action** – Approval of Ordinance #081517 – An Ordinance making changes to health insurance employer contribution rate. Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Franchetti and seconded by Commissioner St. Leger. On the question: None. Review by Director Wogan. Changes to employee/employer contribution rate as it relates to our participation in PDRMA. Plans are available and the Park District would cover up to 90% of the specific dollar amount despite the plan that is chosen by the employee. Commissioners concerns were the rising cost of insurance and the ability to revisit this item in the future. Director Wogan explained that this is now part of the budget and will be addressed annually with the anticipated cost. More precise numbers will be forwarded to the board in the next Directors Report. Roll Call: Commissioners Ruthenberg, Zylman, Ochoa, St. Leger and Franchetti. All ayes, motion carries.

- 3. Discussion** – Revision of Park bike Policy. At this present time, riding bikes in not allowed in the parks. Changes can be made to this policy as board deems. Option to allow bikes on path or in front of the play ground. Proposal to be drawn up regarding what would be deemed suitable as a designated area. During Park events, signs would need to be posted restricting bikes during that period of the events. Bike riding would also be prohibited down the hillside.

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**Directors Report**


- a. A conference call on Thursday, August 17 at 2:00pm is planned with Blue Cross/Blue Shield to discuss a cleanup day at Kiddie Korral. Follow up Grant funds are available for spruce up work.
- b. Cardboard Boat Regatta: Nine local businesses participated and raced each other for the Blue Island Park District Traveling Cup. Browntown Communications won the day. This gave the Park District a chance to promote the Rooftop venue. Specific policies for this venue will be drawn up regarding alcohol, age limits and no smoking.
- c. LED sign is working again. Park District will be using this for promoting the BBQ fest.
- d. New phone system: Voice over internet is being considered and quotes are being gathered. This would be a vastly improved phone system at or less than the cost of our current vender. Two dedicated lines will remain for security system, credit card machine and fax machine.
- e. Currently in the Lower Pavilion the end of summer staff appreciation event is being held.
- f. Commissioner Ochoa addressed the board regarding the possibility of accepting a donation of toddler play equipment.

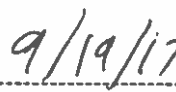
Motion of enter into Executive Session was made by Commissioner Zylman and seconded by Commissioner Franchetti. All aye, Regular Session will adjourn into Executive Session. 7:27pm. Executive session regarding the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees pursuant to Section 2 (c) (1).

Re-enter into Regular Session at 7:57pm.

Motion to adjourn Regular Meeting of the Board was made by Commissioner St. Leger and seconded by Commissioner Ochoa. All aye, meeting adjourned at 7:58pm.

Approved

  
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Theodore Ruthenberg, President  
Blue Island Park District

  
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Date