

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF THE BLUE ISLAND PARK DISTRICT HELD ON APRIL 3, 2018
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

Roll Call Present: Theodore Ruthenberg, Raeann Zylman, William Ochoa, Bradley St. Leger and Vincent Franchetti

Absent: None

Staff: Executive Director Thomas Wogan, Director of Operations Octavio Carbajal, and Minutes Secretary Karen Zielinski

Public Comments: Val Kehoe addressed the Board to ask permission to use Hart Park parking for the Blue Island Tree Initiative. This group has a matching grant and a Go Fund Me page to raise money to purchase and plant trees around the Blue Island area. Planting for the Fourth and Fifth wards will begin May 5, 2018. Purchase of the trees was from Possibility Place. They will need to deliver the trees on May 4, 2018 and would need to be secured within the gates at Hart Park. They are asking for access to the park between 9am and 1pm as a staging area for this project. Washrooms would also be needed.

**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

AGENDA:

- 1. Discussion** – Memorial Park Improvements updates. Waiting on a warm section of weather for the Memorial Park field project. The soccer program will be starting May 22nd. Need approximately two weeks for the growing time. Maintenance, Security and Park District staff are to help out with this project. Mr. Walsh is ok with volunteers.
- 2. Discussion** – BBQ on the Hill update. A local business is interested in being a vender at the BBQ. All Blue Island businesses have been contacted by the committee.
- 3. Discussion** – Dragon Boat Festival update. Director Wogan walked through grounds with Kevin Brown, William Cazares and Ken Bereta. Liability language is being checked over by Park District attorney and Browntown will start gathering sponsors.
- 4. Discussion** – Draft of the Summer Program Book has been given to the Board Members. This is the biggest book of the year and will be mailed to all Blue Island residents. Last year it helped with the increase in day camp and BBQ on the Hill.

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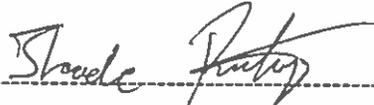
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5. Director's Report:

- a. Seasonal hiring: Four maintenance staff members will be hired for a trail base, four to six security guards. Pool and day camp is also reviewing applications.
- b. S-10 consider for replacement this year.
- c. Easter events were successful. Approximately 100 participants for each event.
- d. Basket delivery event went well. Good job to Luiz.
- e. Pool pass sales: to date \$8,000 passes have been sold, \$1,000 more than last year.
- f. Bark Park gate fixed and in place. Possible equipment replacement to be considered this year. Repair what we have and possible replace and improve one item very year. One member wanted reimbursement, possible free day pass for family. Look into multiple dog discounts.
- g. Mrs. Campione will meet with Tom and Candice to review criteria for the mini camp. Teen camp will do a community service day once a week. Maintenance will come up with a list.
- h. Draft of agreement for soccer field behind Bethel Church. Working on wording for agreement.

Motion to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting was made by Commissioner Zylman, seconded by Commissioner Franchetti. All aye, meeting adjourned. 7:34pm

Approved



Theodore Ruthenberg, President



Date

Blue Island Park District