

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
OF THE BLUE ISLAND PARK DISTRICT HELD ON JANUARY 16, 2018  
AT 7:00PM AT THE MEMORIAL PARK FIELD HOUSE

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

Pledge of Allegiance Led by Commissioner Zylman

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

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff/Others: Executive Director Thomas Wogan, Attorney for Park District Michael Hayes, Minutes Secretary Karen Zielinski, Rick Fiske from the Blue Island Untouchables Football League and Alfredo Aguilar from the Blue Island Baseball League.

**Public Comments:** Alfredo Aguilar from Blue Island Baseball addressed the board regarding his league for and the 11 years he has been at Hart Park. He explained to the Board that he heard that he was no longer allowed use our facilities. Mr. Aguilar is asking the board to allow them dates and times to run his league. Commissioner Ruthenberg assured him that it was not a park employee that was saying speaking out against him. The Board assured him that even though the Park District is creating a baseball league and our program would take precedence, he was not banned from using Park District fields. Mr. Wogan assured him that despite the full schedule on that field, steps are being taken to make room for both leagues.

*\* 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:**

1. **Consent agenda:** It is recommended that the board approve the consent agenda. Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Zylman and seconded by Commissioner St. Leger. Roll Call: Commissioners Franchetti, Zylman, Ruthenberg, Ochoa and St. Leger. All aye, motion passes.
  - a. **Consent** – Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, December 5, 2017
  - b. **Consent** – Approval of payroll ending December 9, 2017 in the amount of \$22,474.03, payroll ending December 23, 2017 in the amount of \$23,057.75, payroll ending January 6, 2018 in the amount of \$24,377.01.
  - c. **Consent** – approval of Accounts Payables in the amount of \$63,603.52.
2. **Action** – Approval of the 2018 Meeting Schedule. Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Zylman and Seconded by Commissioner Franchetti. Roll Call. Commissioners St. Leger, Ochoa, Ruthenberg, All aye, motion passes.
3. **Action** – Little League 2018 contract. No changes from previous years. Fee waiver requested. Motion to approve contract and waive rental fees made by Commissioner St. Leger and seconded by Commissioner Franchetti. Roll Call: Commissioner Franchetti, Zylman, Ruthenberg, Ochoa and St. Leger. All ayes, motion passes.

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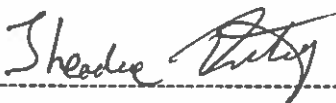
4. **Discussion** – Dragon Boat 2018. It is recommended that this item be table to Executive Session.
5. **Discussion** – Memorial Park Field Reconstruction. Mr. Fiske of the Blue Island Untouchables Football League addressed the board regarding use of the Memorial Park field. It will be the Untouchables 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and they would like to be able to play on the Memorial Park field for their anniversary game and they are currently creating the 2018 schedule. It was his understanding that the field was going to be worked on, but they have yet to see any reconstruction taking place. The Board explained that the planning is more long term and will not affect the 2018 season.
6. **Directors Report:**
  - a. Day Camp – Held the first meeting, has record high numbers and low rate of incidents. One change is being made that would expand to include 13 through 15 year olds. Research is being done to see what other parks do for this age group.
  - b. St. Benedict's invitation to attend their annual fundraiser. Two baskets have been approved for their auction. One Bark Park and one individual pool pass for 2018.
  - c. Staff wish list. A list of improvements has been submitted by Maintenance Department. It is a working document and will be changing over the next few months.
  - d. Mr. Wogan has a meeting tomorrow with Michael Marzal, new Director of Finance and Administration for the City of Blue Island. Part of the discussion will cover the intergovernmental agreement regarding the Recreation Center. Also Mr. Wogan would like to further discuss the use of the field near Perillo Park for a soccer field and the area near 119<sup>th</sup> Street for when Memorial Park field reconstruction starts.
  - e. Impala security car will be donated to charity.
  - f. Ice Rink – weather is delaying the opening of the ice rink. Mr. Wogan will be looking into possible solutions at the IAPD trade show this weekend. Relocation for the ice rink is being considered for next season.

Executive Session: Motion to adjourn into Executive Session was made by Commissioner Zylman and seconded by Commissioner Franchetti. Meeting adjourned into Executive Session.

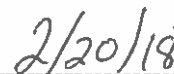
Executive Session regarding the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees pursuant to Section 2 (c) (1).

Re-open Regular Session. Motion to adjourn the Regular meeting was made by Commissioner St. Leger and seconded by Commissioner Franchetti. Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.

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Theodore Ruthenberg, President  
Blue Island Park District



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