

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF THE BLUE ISLAND PARK DISTRICT HELD ON JANUARY 19, 2021 AT 7:00PM
Via Zoom

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Call to order: 7:04pm

Roll call of Commissioners: Theodore Ruthenberg, Vince Franchetti, Brandon Richardella

Commissioners Absent: William Ochoa

Staff / Others Present: Executive Director Thomas Wogan, Minutes Secretary Karen Zielinski, Park District Attorney Michael Hayes, Director of Operations Octavio Carbajal, Director of Recreation Joshua Edwards, Recreation Assistant Emmanuel Esparza, Office Assistant Karina Mejia

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. Public Comments should be sent to Kzielinski@blueislandparks.org no later than 5pm January 19, 2021.*

Additions or Revisions to the Agenda: None

AGENDA:

1. **CONSENT AGENDA:** It is recommended that the board approves the Consent Agenda A-C. Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Franchetti and seconded by Commissioner Richardella. Roll Call: Commissioner Franchetti, Ruthenberg and Richardella. All aye, motion passes.
 - a. **CONSENT** – Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on December 22, 2020.
 - b. **CONSENT** – Approval of Payroll ending December 19, 2020 in the amount of \$25,330.75 and Payroll ending January 2, 2021 in the amount of \$26,490.72.
 - c. **CONSENT** – Approval of Accounts Payables from December 9, 2020 through January 12, 2021 in the amount of \$33,557.53.
2. **ACTION** – Approval of 2021 Line of Credit through First Midwest Bank. Director Wogan spoke with the Account Manager at First Midwest Bank, no significant change, anticipate tax and state reimbursement. Will finalize interest rate once.... Sign general property value, recommend with Board approval, a \$200,000 line of credit. When taxes and Grant come in, this loan will be paid back. Interest rate would be 3 to 3.5%. As we move out of Covid, we will have a cushion. Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Ruthenberg, second by Commissioner Franchetti. Roll Call: Commissioner Ruthenberg, Franchetti and Richardella, all ayes. Motion passes.
3. **ACTION** – Approval of 2021 Rental Protocol. Receiving rental request. Banquet hall will be reopened on a limited basis. Recommend reopening to parties 30 or less. Require masks in and out of the building and public areas. If done properly, by February we may off limited rentals and follow rules in Common rules, Brandon – will alcohol be allowed moving into the warmer weather? Enforcement will be an ordeal, tickets or wrist band may be used. Treat validating of Covid protocols as we would an act of Violence. Approval of the motion to reopen rentals was made by Commissioner Richardella seconded by Commissioner Ruthenberg. Roll Call: All aye, motion passes.

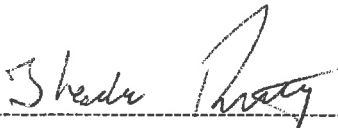
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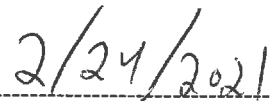
4. **DISCUSSION** – Spring Program Guide. Director Edwards – all events craft drop off, Earth Day, Puzzle Mania. Will plant 20 plants at Centennial and Memorial Parks. Senior lunch will be home delivered meals to Blue Island Residents. Easter Egg hunt will see smaller groups, but we will have a hunt. Recreation will be checking with other park districts for their upcoming programs. Yoga programs will be 6 feet apart, soccer training only, softball and baseball, Director Wogan stated the everything will fit to strict Covid-19 guidelines relying on grouping and drills, everything must change with all programs and events.
5. **DIRECTORS REPORT:**
Joshua Edwards and Tom Wogan spoke with the Whites Sox organization, Hart Park is to be their permanent home. More investment with youth baseball, hope to get uniforms, equipment and hopefully donation towards the backstop. May have Sox celebrities visit, offered work out and batting cages. Organization is primarily funded through 50/50 split the pots and other fundraising games. Hope that we can help them out, we are more when they have.

Motion to adjourn Regular Meeting of the Board was made by Commissioner Franchetti and seconded by Commissioner Richardella. All aye, meeting adjourned at 7:29pm

Approved



Theodore Ruthenberg. President
Blue Island Park District



Date