

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
OF THE BLUE ISLAND PARK DISTRICT HELD ON MARCH 2, 2021 AT 7:00PM  
Via Zoom

Call to order: 7:04pm

Roll call of Commissioners: Theodore Ruthenberg, Vince Franchetti, William Ochoa, Brandon Richardella (joined 7:06pm)

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff / Others Present: Executive Director Thomas Wogan, Minutes Secretary Karen Zielinski, Director of Recreation Joshua Edwards, Director of Operations Octavio Carbajal, Office Assistant Karina Mejia

Public Comments: None

*\* Public comments are welcome. Public Comments should be sent to [Kzielinski@blueislandparks.org](mailto:Kzielinski@blueislandparks.org) no later than 5pm on March 2, 2021.*

Additions or Revisions to the Agenda: None

AGENDA:

- 1. DISCUSSION** – 2021 Audit Agreement with Mueller, Inc. There was no audit in 2020, most government bodies skipped this year. Knutte & Association was our auditing company for many years and were bought out by Sikich LLC in 2019, who performed our last audit. Don Dixon, Accountant for the Park District was able to locate where Lori Defazio from Knutte is employed with a new company Mueller Inc. She was contacted and we will be submitting a proposal for the Board to look at. Mr. Wogan is asking board for a poll and get started with proposal. All agree.
- 2. Reopening of the Office and facilities.** Starting as of March 1, 2021, the Park District will reopen the office for enrollment for April and summer. Planning on this year's Open House and hoping to have a hybrid event for those who cannot physically attend and have most of the activities will be online. The staff is back in office and will be a somewhat normal pattern at this point. There will be provisions for some working from home, depending on the employee and the situation and addressing the upstairs office has five people in it, trying to stagger attendance a little bit and the use of the old Recreation office a little more for days that upstairs cannot have the windows open and the ability to ventilate properly. We did replace the air system last year in the upstairs, Maintenance is versed on what they must do adhering to the stricter guidelines.

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3. Directors Report:

Director Wogan is scheduled for a Covid vaccine on Thursday and will offering up to the Cook County Health Department to see if Park Districts qualify for front line employees. If approved he will take steps to make sure staff are encouraged to get vaccinated.

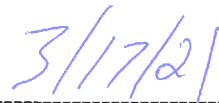
Commissioner Richardella asked how the staff feel about coming back into the office. One employee approached Mr. Wogan regarding being uncomfortable with all five Recreation staff in attendance at the same time. Office Staff and Maintenance Staff have been consistent and keeping everything going pretty much as well as security. They have communicated with each other on what they are comfortable with, natural to have some concerns. Mr. Wogan tries to keep an open-door policy and encourages employees to address any concerns. The Park has set up legal pathways to address such matters.

Motion to adjourn Regular Meeting of the Board was made by Commissioner Franchetti and seconded by Commissioner Ochoa. All aye, meeting adjourned at 7:15pm

Approved



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Theodore Ruthenberg, President  
Blue Island Park District



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Date