

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF THE BLUE ISLAND PARK DISTRICT HELD ON APRIL 27, 2021, AT 7:00PM
Via Zoom

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Call to order: 7:03pm

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

Commissioners Absent: None

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

Public Comments: One Public comment from Lauren Lynn regarding Youth Baseball and the lack of communication during the rainout cancellation of practices during bad weather. Did speak with Joshua Edwards, who did apologize about the mix up and he gave the rainout app for information. She also commented on the weeds on the field and the Goal post at Memorial field and stated that more care should be taken by the park in regarding to their fields.

** Public comments are welcome. Public Comments should be sent to Kzielinski@blueislandparks.org no later than 5pm on March 16, 2021, all public comments must be submitted no later than 5:00pm on April 27, 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 Richardella, Franchetti, Ruthenberg and Ochoa. All aye, motion passes.
 - a. **CONSENT** – Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held March 16, 2021.
 - b. **CONSENT** – Approval of Payroll ending February 13, 2021, in the amount of \$22,584.09, Payroll ending February 22, 2021, in the amount of \$22,692.91 and Payroll ending March 13, 2021, in the amount of \$23,058.62.
 - c. **CONSENT** – Approval of Accounts Payables from March 11 to April 12, 2021, in the amount of \$69,978.22.
2. **ACTION** – Approval of the Fiscal Year Budget May 1, 2021, thru April 30, 2022. Review of budget was given by Executive Director Wogan. Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Franchetti and seconded by Commissioner Richardella. Roll Call: Commissioners Ruthenberg, Franchetti, Richardella and Ochoa. All aye, motion passes.
3. **ACTION** - Approval of the Ridge Plumbing Company quote for pool repairs. Maintenance Supervisor Ken Bereta reviewed the original repairs of the PVC Pipes, underneath pool tank has taken a beating season by season and the brackets are all in need of replacing. Commissioner Ochoa asked about the damage created by drilling into the concrete. Ken was confident there was no problem. Michael Hayes stated that with an emergency the project does not need to be sent out to bid. Commissioner Ruthenberg motioned to waive the competitive bid due to the emergency, motion was seconded by Commissioner Franchetti. All Aye. Commissioner Richardella motioned to approve the Ridge Plumbing contract, seconded by Commissioner Ruthenberg. Roll Call: Commissioner Franchetti, Ochoa, Ruthenberg and Richardella, all Aye. Motion passes.

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4. **DISCUSSION** – Audit Update – First waive of audits has started and the second stage will start on May 10, 2021, with a deeper analysis. An additional update will be given after May 10, 2021.
5. **DISCUSSION** – Summer Hiring. Met Summer Camp, additional staff is needed for the summer season. Will need to hire two security staff, two maintenance, 16 pool, with two additional concessions and 13 additional staff for the summer camp. Summer rentals are coming back with the opening of the pavilions, office staff is doing a good job in talking people through there options. 50% capacity with Covid-19 guidelines in place.

Director Report:

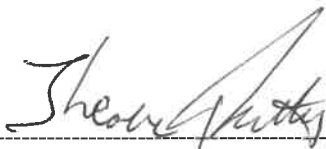
1. Commissioner Ruthenberg asked regarding the baseball fields and the use of Memorial by the Midwest Sea Hawk Football teams. Executive Director Wogan said that Memorial Field was not intended to be used by the Youth Baseball teams but the city owned fields are unusable. A conversation was held with Sportsfield, Inc, and it would be a possible \$15,000 cost to repair them.
2. Commissioner Ochoa mentioned the need for more vigilance regarding weeds at the parks. Little League has mentioned that they may want to take back the Youth Baseball charter, but with no action taken. June 1st is the deadline for the charter. Chicago White Sox has stepped in and is giving assistance regarding the program.
3. Commissioner Ruthenberg asked the city to use Shrei and Rauch fields and have it maintained by the parents. All the equipment has been left and the Park District has changed the locks and the storage building is collapsing and needs repairs. Other discussion regarding in house teams this year and possible charter of Little League next year. Little League is asking for Park District to be part of their Board, Director Wogan is suggesting at least one member of the board be part of that. Park District will take responsibility for field maintenance.

Motion to adjourn to Executive Session was made by Commissioner Franchetti and seconded by Commissioner Ochoa. Roll Call: Commissioners Ruthenberg, Ochoa, Richardella and Franchetti, all Aye. Motion passes. 7:49

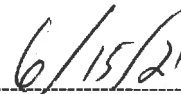
Re-adjourn to Regular Session: No action required.

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Franchetti and seconded by Commissioner Richardella. All aye, meeting adjourn 8:25pm.

Approved



Theodore Ruthenberg. President
Blue Island Park District



Date