

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF THE BLUE ISLAND PARK DISTRICT HELD ON JUNE 1, 2021, AT 7:00PM
IN PERSON AND VIA ZOOM

Call to order: 7:00pm

Roll call of Commissioners: Theodore Ruthenberg, Vince Franchetti, William Ochoa, Michael Sinde

Commissioners Absent: Brandon Richardella

Staff / Others Present: Interim Executive Director Octavio Carbajal, Pool Manager David Garcia, Recreation Director Joshua Edwards Park District Attorney Robyn Molaro, Minutes Secretary Karen Zielinski, Marketing Coordinator Hayley Woodrich, HR Assistant Karina Mejia, Summer Camp Director Candice Cantelo, Assistant Summer Camp Director Tony Petella, Mayor Fred Bilotto, Thomas Wogan and Maintenance Supervisor Ken Bereta

Public Comments: None

* Public comments are welcome. Public Comments should be sent to Kzielinski@blueislandparks.org no later than 5pm on June 1, 2021.

Additions or Revisions to the Agenda: None

AGENDA:

- 1. DISCUSSION** – Athletic Coordinator Position. Recreation Director Joshua Edwards addressed the Board. With the addition of Youth Baseball, Men's Baseball and other sports programs, the Recreation department needs one more addition help throughout the summer to for help with team rosters, Youth Basketball at the Recreation Center and Quick Score as well as attend practices and games, coordinators with team managers and coaches. Commissioner Ochoa asked that a written job description be provided.
- 2. DISCUSSION** – Recreation Update. The Summer Brochure has been mailed with the current programs and including the White Sox Promo. Tony Petella, Assistant Camp Director addressed the Board regarding Summer Camp and stated that they will have 50 children max and would still on follow all CDC and Covid-19 restrictions. He thanked the Front Office for the great job with registration. Hayley Woodrich and Joshua Edwards, thank you for the communication regarding signage. Waitlists have been created to accommodate additional requests for enrollment. Commissioner Ochoa asked if it was first come or an age breakdown. Mr. Petella explained the opening of new groups and how it works with CDC guidelines.
- 3. DISCUSSION** – Tot Lot Plaque. Luiz Montoya, Recreation Assistant was to give report but currently teaching soccer. He will email Commissioner's information regarding the National Relator's Association and Park District involvement with the project and approval of the plaque for the playground.
- 4. DISCUSSION** – Pool Update. David Garcia, Pool Manager stated that they have hired 25 staff for the summer. Commissioner Ruthenberg asked regarding pool heater, waiting on quotes for the pool heater. All pool chemicals are balanced, Splashpad operating with the pool hours. Opening day of the pool went well.

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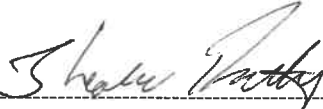
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5. **DISCUSSION** – Security Update. Interim Director Carbajal addressed the board. The Park District has three individuals that work security. Other Park staff have radios that can help broadcast any issues that they see happening in their area.
6. **DISCUSSION** – Maintenance Update. Ken Bereta Maintenance Supervisor explained to the Board that his department is greatly in need of more staff. They will be tearing out Hart Park play lot and that will take approximately a week, plus the installment of the new equipment will take several days. Commissioner Ochoa asked if the equipment was property? No, still waiting on delivery. Commissioner Ochoa also stated that all park employees should be helping with things like picking up garbage and other things to help Maintenance. The only way to help each other is to work as a team.
7. **DIRECTORS REPORT** – Nothing to report

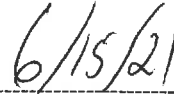
Executive Session regarding the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees pursuant to Section 2 (C) (1) of the Open Meetings Act

Motion to adjourn the Committee of the Whole was made by Commissioner Franchetti and seconded by Commissioner Ochoa. All aye, meeting adjourned at 7:31pm

Approved



Theodore Ruthenberg. President
Blue Island Park District



Date