

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
OF THE BLUE ISLAND PARK DISTRICT HELD ON MARCH 16, 2021 AT 7:00PM  
Via Zoom

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Call to order: 7:10pm

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 Smith, 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 16, 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 Richardella and seconded by Commissioner Franchetti. Roll Call: Commissioner Richardella, Franchetti and Ruthenberg. All aye, motion passes.
  - a. **CONSENT** – Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on February 16, 2021 and Minutes of the Committee of the Whole held March 2, 2021.
  - b. **CONSENT** – Approval of Payroll ending January 16, 2021 in the amount of \$22,688.08 and Payroll ending January 30, 2021 in the amount of \$24,409.29.
  - c. **CONSENT** – Approval of Accounts Payables from January 13, 2021 through February 12, 2021 in the amount of \$43,435.36.
2. **ACTION** – Approval of the 2021 Audit Agreement with Mueller Inc. Last meeting the board reviewed the Letter of Intent with Mueller Inc. Like many municipal agencies, we did not have an audit. As many years in the past the Park District used Knutte & Associates. In 2019 the audit was completed by Sikich Inc., Director Wogan and Park District Account was able to find the company that our past auditor, Laure Defazio is currently working for and would like to move forward to sign an agreement with Mueller Inc. Motion to approve the agreement with Mueller Inc. Motion to approve by Commission Richardella and Seconded by Commissioner Franchetti. Roll Call: Commissioners Richardella, Franchetti and Ruthenberg, all aye, motion passes.
3. **DISCUSSION** – Fiscal Year Budget Levy. Past budget by end of April use separate attorney, Montana Welch has processed in past. Asking for 4.9% increase, this is normal for the tax levy. The budget is a little different and there are structural changes such as insurance increase and program revenue increase. In 2020 it was a little different where our program revenue dipped considerably. Don Dixon and Director Wogan are working on 60% to 70% revenue increase with day camp, pool and rental revenue.

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**4. DIRECTORS REPORT:** Program Book.

- a. Summer will prove to be more elaborate, and Director Wogan is asking for new photographs of the Commissioners. Summer has the largest participation.
- b. Last week Director Wogan mentioned that he was working on a plan to have Park Staff considered front line workers for Covid-19 1B eligible vaccination. Currently the Park District and City of Blue Island have been deemed front line, Director Wogan will draft a letter for employees to bring with them and if they need to take off during working hours, they will be granted Administrative pay.
- c. First rental of the year will be this weekend and it will be the blueprint on how we go forward.
- d. Process of scheduling Hart Park build. Have all the equipment and would like start in May with public invitation.
- e. Finances are being monitoring week by week. We are currently stable.

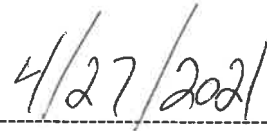
Commissioner Ruthenberg asked for a board update on Baseball, 1) men's baseball on track. One team needed to be removed due to problems. 2) Biggest change is Little League will be run by the Park District with the help of White Sox Aces. Commissioner had a chance to speak with Sports field regarding improvement of the two city baseball fields.

Motion to adjourn was made not commissioner Franchetti and second by Commissioner Richardella. All aue, meeting adjourn 7:31pm.

Approved



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Theodore Ruthenberg. President  
Blue Island Park District



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Date