

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF THE BLUE ISLAND PARK DISTRICT HELD ON MAY 13, 2021, AT 7:00PM
Via Zoom

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Call to order: 6:30pm

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

Commissioners Absent: Brandon Richardella

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 Director of Recreation Joshua Edwards, Recreation Assistant Luiz Montoya, Recreation Coordinator Emmanuel Esparza and Marketing Assistant Hayley Woodrich

Public Comments: None

** Public comments are welcome. Public Comments should be sent to Kzielinski@blueislandparks.org no later than 5pm on March 16, 2021.*

Additions or Revisions to the Agenda: #4 Approval for Interim Director to hire summer help.

AGENDA:

- 1. ACTION** – Employee Resignation. Executive Director Thomas Wogan apologized to the board for the sudden submission of his resignation. He has accepted a position with the City of Blue Island and is due to start May 10, 2021. He is proud to have work with the board and staff of the Park District. Motion to accept Mr. Wogan resignation was made by Commissioner Ruthenberg and seconded by Commissioner Franchetti. Roll Call: Commissioners, Franchetti and Ruthenberg. All Aye, motion passes.
- 2. ACTION** –Appointment of Interim Director. Motion to approve Octavio Carbajal and the Interim Director of the Blue Island Park District was made by Commissioner Franchetti and seconded by Commissioner Ochoa. Roll Call: Commissioner Ruthenberg, Ochoa, and Franchetti, all Aye. Motion Passes.
- 3. ACTION** – Schedule swearing in of Michael Sinde as the newest Commissioner to be Blue Island Park District at the next Regular Meeting of the Board. Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Ochoa and seconded by Commissioner Ruthenberg. Roll Call: Commissioners Ochoa, Franchetti and Ruthenberg. All Aye, motion passes. action
- 4. ACTION** – Summer Hiring. Motion to give Interim Director Carbajal permission to seek out and hire summer staff for pool staff, lifeguards, Summer Camp and Maintenance Department. Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Ruthenberg and seconded by Commissioner Franchetti. Roll Call: Commissioners Ruthenberg, Ochoa and Franchetti. All Aye, motion passes.

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5. DIRECTORS REPORT:

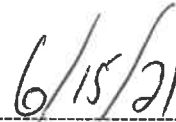
- a. Pool heater no longer working and will cost approximately \$75,000 to replace unit. This item may be placed out to bid or the competing bid may be waived due to the emergency situation. Unit is 50 to 60 years old, and parts are no longer available. Commissioner Ochoa asked how long would delivery take, and would this delay the opening of the pool? Ken Bereta stated 3 weeks and could save money by having Maintenance Department remove the old unit. A possible new open date would be June 15, 2021. Item table until next Regular Meeting as Action item authorizing purchase of pool heater.
- b. Thomas Wogan will submit a formal written request to allow him to pay for insurance through the Park District. He will not get on city insurance until July 1, 2021, his insurance with the Park District terminated May 30, 2021.

Motion to adjourn Regular Meeting was made by Commissioner Franchetti and second by Commissioner Ochoa. All Aye, meeting adjourn 7:28pm.

Approved



Theodore Ruthenberg, President
Blue Island Park District



Date