

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF THE BLUE ISLAND PARK DISTRICT HELD ON JULY 6, 2021, AT 7:00PM

Call to order: 7:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Commissioner Ochoa

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

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, Office 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. All comments should be kept to 2 minutes to assume time for all to speak.*

Additions or Revisions to the Agenda: None

AGENDA:

1. **RECOGNITION** – Thomas F. Wogan. Plaque was given to Mr. Wogan for his years of service to the Blue Island Park District.
2. **DISCUSSION** – Ceremony for Tot Lot. A post installation plaque to be held for completed for the opening of Park District's Tot Lot. Turn around was done in 2 to 3 weeks. Alderman McGee may attend as he was the person responsible for the Grant.
3. **DISCUSSION** – Ordinance to update First Midwest Accounts signers.
4. **DISCUSSION** – After School Program Counselor Position. Joshua Edwards, Director of Recreation held a meeting on July 13, 2021, with District 130 for facility use at different schools from 3:00pm through 6:00pm for the purpose of an afterschool program. Commissioner Sinda asked if this position was approved in the budget? Former Director Tom Wogan stated yes. It started as the school care program that helped students during the Pandemic, and that money has been designated for this program.
5. **DISCUSSION** – Athletic Coordinator Position. This position would be to assist in the running of indoor programs such as soccer, basketball, and possibly wiffleball. Commissioner Ruthenberg asked about the starting pay, would the Park District be able to secure someone with a bachelor's degree at that price? Commissioner Sinda stated that maybe it would be possible to hire someone with an associate degree and asked if the position was in the budget. Former Director Tom Wogan answered he did not add it into the budget.
6. **DISCUSSION** – IAPD/IPRA Accreditation Program. Joshua Edwards reviewed the information regarding a Master Plan for park renovation. Park District would need to create a Master Plan to apply for most accreditation programs. Mr. Edwards explained that the cost of an outside firm would cost \$30,000. It may be possible for a fulltime inhouse team to achieve the same goal. Commissioner Sinda asked to see a list of another Park District that have done this. Website Questionnaire, Kevin Brown, from Browntown Communications addressed the board regarding updates to the website. He stated that after 6 years, the site is due for upgrade. A questionnaire has been developed to help guide how the site should look and what the Park District preference is. Commission Sinda wants to see the website bilingual. Mr. Brown also stated that the current hosting company needs to be replaced and it may be best to move on to something like Godaddy. Commissioners agree that the public should be involved with questionnaire.

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7. **DISCUSSION** – Day camp Director Request an Update. This item is recommended for Executive Session.
8. **DISCUSSION** – Employee Resignation(s). This items is recommended for Executive Session.
9. **DISCUSSION** – NPRA Conference Request and Conference application. Joshua Edwards, Director of Recreation is asking if the Park District will be participating in this year’s National Park and Recreation Association convention. Normally the Park District attends the state convention and four employees have showed interest in the upcoming National. Commissioner Ochoa stated that he would like to see at least one person for each department attend. Mr. Edwards asked regarding the Park Districts ability to pay for employees to attend. Deadline for early registration is August 6, 2021.
10. **DISCUSSION** – Maintenance Equipment repair/update: the Kabota mower was repaired in house, but the bobcat and grasshopper may need professional attention. S-10 small truck’s gear select in steering column will need attention every soon. Most equipment is old and in need of replacing. Ken Bereta, Supervisor of Maintenance Department explained that they would need to dig up the concrete at Kiddie Korral to improve water flow. Hart Park. Looking at different quotes from Perfect Turf and Form Play for Hart Park play lot. Looking at a life of 10 to 15 years expected usage from these productions. If Perfect Turf is used the Park District would only have to replace the top layer around the play area, with Form Play the whole area would need to come out but the colors would be mores aesthetically looking. A fence would be placed around hart play area to keep the public from accessing the equipment.

11. **DIRECTORS REPORT:** None

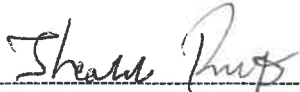
Executive Session regarding the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees pursuant to Section 2 (C) (1) of the Open Meetings Act

Motion to adjourn into Executive Session was made by Commissioner Franchetti, seconded by Commissioner Ochoa. Roll Call: Commissioner Franchetti, Ochoa, Richardella, Sinde and Ruthenberg. All ayes. Motion passes.

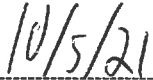
Re-enter Committee of the Whole, no action taken

Motion to adjourn the Committee of the Whole was made by Commissioner Franchetti and seconded by Commissioner Ochoa. All aye, meeting adjourned at 8:35pm

Approved



Theodore Ruthenberg, President
Blue Island Park District



Date