

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF THE BLUE ISLAND PARK DISTRICT HELD ON JUNE 15, 2021, AT 7:00PM

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Call to order: 7:03pm

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Commissioner Ochoa

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

Commissioners Absent: none

Staff / Others Present: Interim Executive Director Octavio Carbajal, Minutes Secretary Karen Zielinski, Park District Attorney Robyn Molaro, Director of Recreation Joshua Edwards

Public Comments: None
** Public comments are welcome.*

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 Ochoa. Roll Call: Commissioner Richardella, Franchetti, Ochoa, Sinde and Ruthenberg. All aye, motion passes.
 - a. **CONSENT** – Approval of Minutes of the Public Hearing held April 27, 2021, Regular Board Meeting held on April 27, 2021, Minutes of the Executive Session held April 27, 2021, Minutes of the Special Meeting held on May 13, 2021, Minutes of the Special Meeting held on June 1, 2021, and the Committee of the Whole on June 1, 2021.
 - b. **CONSENT** – Approval of Payroll ending April 10, 2021, in the amount \$23,208.61, Payroll ending April 24, 2021, in the amount of \$22,775.18, Payroll ending May 8, 2021, in the amount of \$23,728.29 and Payroll ending May 22, 2021, in the amount of \$24,195.71.
 - c. **CONSENT** – Approval of Accounts Payables from May 13 through to June 11, 2021, in the amount of \$96,343.12.
2. **ACTION** – Approval of installation of playground for Hart Park play lot renovation. Estimate was received by Luiz Montoya. Cost of the insulation was not discussed when original pricing was approved. Commissioner Sinde asked how was the equipment paid for at Hart, was it Grant Money? Interim Carbajal said it was partial Grant and partial Park District money. Commissioner Richardella pointed out that there are two steps to the process and the cost for the stone foundation is not part of proposal being presented today. Further discussion resulted on approving to Table Action Item #2. Motion to Table Action Item #2 was able was made by Commissioner Franchetti and seconded by Commissioner Sinde. Roll Call: Commissioners Ruthenberg, Ochoa, Richardella, Sinde and Franchetti. All aye. Item #2 Tabled.
3. **ACTION** – Athletic Coordinator position. Joshua Edwards is asking for additional personnel for the Recreation Department to assist with athletic programs. Commissioner Richardella has concerns about pricing and would the Park District be under paying this individual. Commissioner Sinde stated that the budget does not cover the additional personnel. Commissioner Ruthenberg recommends tabling the hiring of Athletic Coordinator position as the park is just coming out of Covid 19, it might be too early to start a new position. Commissioner Richardella stated that the Park could look back to current staff and see who is qualified. Motion to table Action Item #3 was made by Commissioner Richardella and seconded by Commissioner Sinde. Roll call: Commissioners Franchetti, Richardella, Ruthenberg, Ochoa and Sinde. All aye. Item #3 Tabled.

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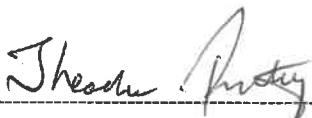
4. **UPDATE** – Recreation. All managers are busy and soccer program is currently running at full enrollment.
5. **UPDATE** – Day Camp. Enrollment numbers are growing from 50 attendees to currently 80 to 90 attendees. With Covid 19 the problem is how to estimate the number of counselors needed for the 2021 season.
6. **UPDATE** – Pool. Pool will keep the same hours as last year. Currently have 70 summer position which is enough staff to reopen at normal hours for summer programs. Commissioner Ruthenberg has not seen anything on Face Book regarding pool hours. Commissioner Sinda asked about the pool heater, has it been replaced? Interim Director Carbajal stated that they are anticipating a hot summer and heater may not be necessary to keep water temperature up. Concessions is open and can sell prewrapped snacks. Commissioner Sinda stated pool looks good.
7. **UPDATE** – Maintenance. Interim Director Carbajal is working with Maintenance to select what would be best heater to purchase. Maintenance is very short staffed and picking up the extra baseball fields to take care of has placed them behind. Commissioner Sinda commented on lights out at certain parks, Ken Bereta stated that he is aware of this problem and working on renting a lift to fix the lights. Commissioner Sinda asked what the best way would be to get repairs done and if the park should out-source or give list to Maintenance Department? Does the city have a ComEd contact for any lights that are not the parks responsibility? Cost to outsource Marchione would be too great at this time. Commissioner Ruthenberg stated that all Commissioners should take the time to walk the parks to help spot issues. Commissioner Richardella said to use google maps to help pinpoint issues and security is to help as well. Commissioner Ruthenberg inquired on the Water Fall fireworks and what was the park doing to assist? Ken Bereta stated that the park is to cut grass and added garbage cans and snow fencing. Tables and chairs may be required. Park District will sell pop and water, and Summer Camp staff to cotton candy and popcorn. Kevin Brown stated there is limited power available at this location, but a generator may be helpful. Commissioner Sinda stated that a Park information tent show be added for distribution of Park District events.
8. **DIRECTORS REPORT** Nothing to report

Commissioner Ochoa asked about Schrei Field and if the city could cut Rauch field? He also inquired about the work at 119th Street soccer field and if the city has come up with plans for that area?

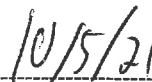
Tot Lot Plaque – Wording for this plaque and given to Luiz Montoya price out. Commissioner Sinda asked if it would match the parks signage? Tom Wogan stated that it would be different. Commissioner Ruthenberg asked if maybe it should coincide with city plaques. Commissioner Ochoa suggested that Commissioner Sinda name be included since he is a recent commissioner.

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting was made by Commissioner Richardella and seconded by Commissioner Ochoa. All aye, meeting adjourned.

Approved



Theodore Ruthenberg, President
Blue Island Park District



Date