

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF THE BLUE ISLAND PARK
DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS HELD FEBRUARY 7, 2023, AT 7:00PM

Call to order: 7:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Commissioner Franchetti

Roll call of Commissioners: Michael Sinde, William Ochoa, Vincent Franchetti and Michael Powers

Commissioners Absent: Brandon Richardella

Staff / Others Present: Executive Director Theodore Ruthenberg, Director of Operations Octavio Carbajal, Minutes Secretary Karen Zielinski

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. DEPARTMENT UPDATES

- a. Maintenance Department: Ken Bereta and his team cleaned and organized the stadium storage area.
- b. Cleaned and painted the pool floor and added slip resistant particles. Picnic tables are being repaired and painted and will be starting the spring cleaning of the parks.
- c. Due to warmer weather, the ice rink was non-operational. Currently looking into an under the ice refrigeration unit for next year. The weather forecast will remain mostly in the 40s for the duration of the season. A suggestion was made to contact the largest employer in Blue Island for possible sponsorship.
- d. Emergency lights have been replaced where needed.
- e. Pricing of new park vehicles is in progress.

2. DIRECTORS REPORT:

- a. Master Plan: Have had contact with three companies, no one in position to currently take on a new client. Have an appointment with Campfire Concepts through Urbana Champagne College. The commissioners were asked if they had any objections to working with a university to create the Master Plan.
- b. Open House: Planned for Saturday, April 29, 2023, to promote all new programs.
- c. Summer Camp: Part of the summer camp team will not be returning for the 2023 season. Director Ruthenberg has asked the Assistant Director to come in and meet regarding the training of new camp counselors. Park would like to retain as many counselors as possible from the original staff. Commissioners asked if there was an outside company that we could partner with and who would manage it. It was also suggested that counselors return all park district property and all security codes be removed.
- d. Audit: Audit will start in February, waiting for confirmation.
- e. Seasonal Hiring: Advertisement for summer jobs have gone out for maintenance, security, office, camp counselors and pool staff.

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DIRECTORS REPORT CONTINUED:


- f. Easter events and other programs are listed in commissioner folders. One commissioner commented that there has not been a newsletter in a month. Suggestion that all Facebook posting should also be in Spanish. Discussion on publishing a Spring booklet, disbursement to local households will increase registration. There is a renewed interest in the free girls' softball clinic and taekwondo class.
- g. Forestry Board: Ted Ruthenberg attending the meeting on January 6, 2023, regarding the tree canopy in Blue Island. Forestry Board will be developing a Master Plan to increase the tree canopy in Blue Island.

Motion adjourn the Committee of the Whole was made by Commissioner Franchetti and seconded by Commissioner Sinde. All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm

Approved



William Ochoa, Treasurer
Blue Island Park District



Date