

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
OF THE BLUE ISLAND PARK DISTRICT HELD ON APRIL 19, 2022, AT 7:00PM

Call to order: 7:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Commissioner Franchetti

Roll Call of Commissioners: Vincent Franchetti, Michael Sinde, and Michael Powers

Commissioners Absent: Brandon Richardella, William Ochoa

Staff / Others Present: Executive Director Theodore Ruthenberg, Attorney Adam Durkin, Maintenance Supervisor Ken Bereta and Minutes Secretary Karen Zielinski

Public Comments: None.

\*Public comments are welcome. *As a courtesy to other visitors with comments, each visitor shall be permitted up to two (2) minutes for his or her comment.*

Additions or Revisions to the Agenda: Would like to switch items 3 and 4

**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 Powers. Roll Call: Commissioner Sinde, Franchetti and Powers. All aye, motion passes.
  - a. **CONSENT** – Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 15, 2022, Minutes of the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole held April 5, 2022.
  - b. **CONSENT** – Approval of Payroll ending March 12, 2022, of \$19,523.39, and payroll ending March 26, 2022, in the amount of \$19,988.08.
  - c. **CONSENT** – Approval of Accounts Payables from March 11, 2022, to April 12, 2022, in the amount of \$58,555.23.
2. **ACTION ITEM** – Resolution 22-0419-1 declaring surplus property and disposal of surplus property. F-250 was involved in an accident, vehicle was declared totaled. Insurance company will pay \$5,5000. Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Sinde and seconded by Commissioner Franchetti. Roll Call: Commissioner Powers, Sinde, Franchetti. All aye, motion passes
3. **DISCUSSION** – 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Blue Island Bike Route. Fifty years ago, the bike route was sponsored by the Park District, Patty Jo Mitchel addressed the board regarding reestablishing the route and ask for Park District support. The goal is to ride the 9 miles around the bike route touching North, South, East, and West sides of Blue Island from 10:00am – 2:00pm. Director Ruthenberg met with the Route committee and the Chief of Police. All are in support of this event.
4. **DISCUSSION** – Master Plan. Attorney Adam Durkin addressed the board. Because this item is coded as a professional service, the board has the right to waive sending it out to bid. Director of Recreation Joshua Edwards has been working on this item to establish a 4-step plan. It would include community and staff involvement, open houses, and workshops. A firm needs to be chosen, and to make sure everyone is focused on this journey. Director Ruthenberg and the board is considering between a 5-year or 10-year plan, 10-year plan is required to apply for future Grants. Park District would need to accept the lowest or most reasonable proposal.
5. **Directors Report:**
  - a. Easter events successful. Pizza with Bunny and Egg Hunt. More advertising is required on future events.
  - b. Dragon Boat. This fest has 10 paid teams, 4 additional showing interest. Terms of the contract were reviewed. There is a 30-day cancellation policy and the decision to delay this festival until 2023 for further planning and to acquire sponsorships. Tourism Grant has not been accepted to help cover expenses.

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**Directors Report Continued:**

- c. Grants. Two Grants that were approved by the State of Illinois for the Aquatic and Hart Park renovations are still pending. All paperwork has been provided and submitted, waiting on the historic preservation committee to approve.
  - d. Junior Cardinal Program. Eisenhower is considering holding a Junior Cardinal program to practice at Memorial field and play games at Eisenhower. Eisenhower coach will supply flyers and help with advertisement. This would be for 6<sup>th</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup> grades, starting with flag football.
  - e. Skate Park. The skate park has signage stating no bikes. The current ramps in the skate park are designed for bikes. If the Park District allows bikes with no change in the insurance.
6. Executive Session. Motion to adjourn into Executive Session regarding the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees pursuant to Section 2 (c), (1) was made by Commissioner Franchetti and seconded by Commissioner Powers. Roll Call: Commissioners Powers, Sinde and Franchetti, all ayes. Motion passes.

Motion to re-enter regular session was made by Commissioner Powers and seconded by Commissioner Sinde. Roll Call: Commissioners Powers, Sinde, and Franchetti. All aye, motion passes.

Motion to adjourn Regular Session was made by Commissioner Powers and seconded by Commissioner Franchetti. Roll call: Commissioners Powers, Sinde and Franchetti, all aye. Motion passes. Meeting adjourned.

Approved

  
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Vincent Franchetti, Secretary  
Blue Island Park District

5-17-22  
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Date