

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF THE BLUE ISLAND PARK
DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS HELD APRIL 5, 2022, AT 7:00PM

Call to order: 7:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Commissioner Ochoa

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

Commissioners Absent: Brandon Richardella

Staff / Others Present: Executive Director Theodore Ruthenberg, Director of Operations Octavio Carbajal, Park District Attorney Adam Durkin, Director of Recreation Joshua Edwards, Security Supervisor Robert Jones, Recreation Maintenance Supervisor Ken Bereta and 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. **DISCUSSION** – Department Updates.

a. Maintenance:

Item 1) Trees at Centennial Park and Hart Park. Most of the trees that needed to be removed was done in the in the fall. Some of the trees are too large for the Maintenance Department to removed safely and will need to call a professional removal company. New Forestry board has been formed and will work on replacing tree canopy in the Park District.

Item 2) Replacement for the truck is proving to be a challenge. Cost of used trucks are more expensive than new. Director Ruthenberg will research further

Item 3) Park needs a new aerator for fields, have reached out to other directs without success. Most equipment is not compatible to our equipment.

b. Security: Shift reports provided. Robert Jones reported issues at Recreation Center, Hart Parks and damage to skate park fence. Graffiti has been an issue at several parks. Mr. Jones is in progress of building a safety plan with written policy to include graffiti, cameras, and lighting. Staffing currently is the major concern.

c. Recreation: Commissioners asked regarding event marketing. Director of Recreation Joshua Edwards stated that word of mouth is very effective as well as flyers created by Browntown Communications, early post social media. Calling past participants from programs is also very helpful. Security will pass out flyers. Marketing plans are always changing. Recreation is currently creating a request of form and program evaluation form on Jotform. Commissioners asked regarding coordinating with other communities to plan events better. Joshua Edwards stated that other towns have committees to stop duplicate events. Youth Blue Island Baseball is approaching fast and have several teams between the age groups. Parent meeting is planned for Friday April 8th. A parade with youth and adult baseball is being planned and waiting route approval. White Sox is planning to expand into all girl's baseball as well. NPPA is having a photo contest with background story on the winning park districts. Browntown Communications is working on this project. Dragon Boat and BBQ on the Hill sponsorships were addressed.

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5 EXECUTIVE SESSION: Executive session regarding the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees pursuant to Section 2 (c) (1). Also pending litigation Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (11)

Motion to enter Executive Session was made by Commissioner Ochoa and seconded by Commissioner Franchetti. Roll Call: Commissioners: Sinde, Ochoa, Franchetti and Powers, all aye, motion passes.

Re-enter Committee of the Whole.

2. DISCUSSION – Field Rentals:

- a. Generic Field Rental: District Schools are not charge. Normal rental for resident hourly rate for renting fields is \$35 and non-resident is \$45. Light fees per hour are \$20.
- b. Sea Hawks last agreement was \$2,000 for the spring season, \$15 per hour light fees. Reseeding cost is \$500 and clean up fine of \$100 per occurrence. The board has agreed to increase fees and penalties. Suggestion of \$5,000 for rental upfront payment to use Centennial as their practice field and Games on Memorial Field with playoffs either at Eisenhower or Oak Forest. This agreement would be for any organization that would want to use the Park District with hometown organizations receiving discounts.

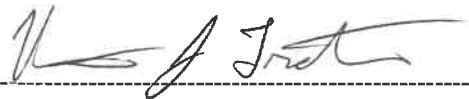
3. DISCUSSION – Summer Camp update. Commissioner Sinde worked with Camp Director and Assistant Director regarding marketing and budget. Tony Petella placed signs around town. Flyers and banners are also being placed at schools and around town.

4. DIRECTORS REPORT:

1. A letter is being drafted and sent to the State Representatives requesting reduced speed around the parks to the same as school zone of 20 MPH.
2. Hart Park Pour and Play materials. Commissioners reviewed the color selection.
3. Director Ruthenberg is working on the Master Plan. Annual Budget is also in progress and to finalized by June 17, 2022.
4. Pool pass pricing is being finalized.

Motion adjourn the Committee of the Whole was made by Commissioner Powers and seconded by Commissioner Sinde. All aye, Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm

Approved



Vincent Franchetti, Secretary
Blue Island Park District

4-19-22

Date