

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF THE BLUE ISLAND PARK DISTRICT HELD ON AUGUST 16, 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 Ann Williams, Director of Operations Octavio Carbajal, Maintenance Supervisor Ken Bereta, Recreation Director Joshua Edwards, Recreation Coordinator Luiz Montoya, 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: None

AGENDA:

1. **CONSENT AGENDA:** It is recommended that the Board of Commissioners approve the consent agenda A-C. Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Powers and seconded by Commissioner Sinde. Roll Call: Commissioner Powers, Franchetti and Sinde. All aye, motion passes.
 - a. **CONSENT** – Approval of Minutes of the Public Hearing held July 19, 2022, and Minutes of the Regular Meeting July 19, 2022.
 - b. **CONSENT** – Approval of Payroll ending July 16, 2022, in the amount of \$54,247.55 and Payroll ending July 30, 2022, in the amount of \$57,451.45.
 - c. **CONSENT** – Approval of Accounts Payables from July 13, 2022, through August 12, 2022, in the amount of \$73,110.03.
2. **DISCUSSION – Trunk or Treat Update. October 29, 2022**
 - a. Overview, average of 40 to 50 Trunks from past years with 125 to 150 participants. This year the Park District would like to have additions of food vendors, touch a truck, hayride, music, inflatables and small carnival ride or petting zoo. Blue Island Brewery will have a booth and possible food vendors. Set up would start at 11:00am for trunks to decorate. Event starts at 2:00pm to 4:00pm for trunks and continue to 6:00pm for the public. Blue Island Library agreed to switch their event to the weekend prior. Commissioner Powers suggested placing food vendors closer to stadium for electric needs. Maybe crafts or a movie for kids. Commissioner Sinde suggested music like a DJ or Spotify to help keep the public around.
 - b. Looking into sponsors for event or rides. Eisenhower Dance Team will also be contacted. Suggestion of a face painter or pie eating contest. Park District would need volunteers to man inflatables. Donation box or a percentage of sales would be asked to go towards Park District's cost. Trunks will be between 2:00pm and 4:00pm. Maintenance Department will run hayride.
3. **DISCUSSION – Recreation Update. Fall program schedule.**

Joshua Edwards went over possible fall events at the Park District and with Blue Island Library. Main programs include sports (soccer, basketball S.S.S. Travel League and baseball). Early childhood i.e., Super-hero's, Beginning Engineering, and gymnastics. Commissioner Powers stated that the Untouchables would like to use Memorial and Centennial fields for practices and games.

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Recreation Update Continued.

Director Ruthenberg has been in touch with the Untouchables. Commissioner Powers asked regarding insurance. Director Ruthenberg stated they have not submitted their insurance certificate to the Park District. Eisenhower's Jr. Cardinals has some enrollments, hoping for more. Daddy Daughter Dance has a decorator and entertainment hired. Question regarding marketing this and upcoming events. Joshua Edwards stated the August newsletter and social media will be the biggest tools. Luiz Montoya said sent information out to develop city wide calendar, with public sharing on social media. Commissioner Sinda asked regarding Santa events. Commissioner Powers said that the Park District was asked to help sponsor the Light Parade. More involvement is needed for this event.

4. Directors Report:

- a. Security jeep had mechanical problems. Repaired by Maintenance Department.
- b. Chill Chicago. Offers, skate boarding, snowboarding, and paddle boarding classes. This is something to include more youth into activities. Minimum cost to Park District, which includes instructors. Participants would be charged a small fee in the beginning and if they complete the program, would receive a refund.
- c. Harvest Soiree is September 8, fund raiser for community garden. A tree canopy study was proposed for the city and park district. Possible cost for the study.
- d. Vending machines, approximately \$500 in revenue, no payroll, no product cost.
- e. Worth Township sent Director Ruthenberg a flyer regarding breathe easy mask for possible use by maintenance and pool.
- f. Pool will close September 5, 2022. Bob waters looked at both field house and pool boilers, waiting for quotes for replacement. Lack of heat has not impacted pool attendance at this time. Solar panels were considered, but not feasible with pricing.
- g. Grant applications discussed. Attorney Williams stated Grants behind due to pandemic, parking lot and upcoming casino in Chicago.

5. Executive Session. Motion to enter Executive Session regarding appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees pursuant to Section 2 (c), (1). Motion made by Commissioner Powers and seconded by Commissioner Sinda. Roll Call: Commissioners Powers, Franchetti and Sinda, all aye.

Motion to reconvene regular session, no further business. Re-entered Regular Session. Motion to adjourn Regular Session was made by Commissioner Powers and seconded by Commissioner Sinda. Roll call: Commissioners Sinda, Power and Franchetti, all aye. Motion passes. Meeting adjourned.

Approved



Vincent Franchetti, Secretary
Blue Island Park District

12-6-22

Date