

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF THE BLUE ISLAND PARK DISTRICT HELD ON AUGUST 22, 2023, AT 7:30PM

Call to order: 7:30pm

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Commissioner Howard

Roll Call of Commissioners: William Ochoa, Tonya Howard, and Cynthia Bartczak

Commissioners Absent: Bianca Espinoza

Staff / Others Present: Executive Director Theodore Ruthenberg, Director of Operations Octavio Carbajal, Park District Attorney Ann Williams, 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 through C. Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Ochoa and seconded by Commissioner Bartczak. Roll Call: Commissioner Howard, Commissioner Ochoa, Commissioner Bartczak. All aye, motion passes by 3 votes.
 - a. **CONSENT** – Approval of minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board held on July 18, 2023.
 - b. **CONSENT** – Approval of Payroll ending July 15, 2023, in the amount of \$55,417.77 and Payroll ending July 29, 2023, in the amount of \$49,632.01.
 - c. **CONSENT** – Approval of Accounts Payables from July 12, 2023, through August 11, 2023, in the amount of \$49,961.73.
2. **ACTION** – Motion to approve William Ochoa as acting President and Tonya Howard as Treasure of the Board of Commissioners. Motion by Commissioner Ochoa and second by Commissioner Bartczak. Roll Call: Commissioner Howard, Bartczak and Ochoa. All aye motion passes.
3. **ACTION** – Approval of Ordinance #23-08-22-1, adopting the final budget for the Fiscal Year of May 1, 2023, through April 30, 2023. Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Ochoa and seconded by Commissioner Bartczak. Roll Call: Commissioners Howard, Bartczak and Ochoa. All aye, motion passes.
4. **DISCUSSION** – Updated authorized signatures for Old National Bank. Old National Bank requires park district minutes as verification of commissioner to add their signatures to the park district bank account.
5. **DISCUSSION** – Dr. Steve Hofer Memorial Rock at Memorial Park. Letter submitted by Dr. Hofer to have a memorial rock placed by the tree that was planted in his late wife’s honor. Dr. Hofe will cover all costs. No objections by the board of commissioners.


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6. DIRECTORS REPORT:


- a. White Sox Jr Aces program. The White Sox provides jerseys and baseball for the park districts youth baseball program in exchange for use of Hart Park. They will have a photo shoot at Hart Park with Nike and Director Ruthenberg is hoping to be able to use some of the photos as publicity for the park district. Commissioners are welcome to attend.
- b. Pool hours: Lifeguards are back in school, and the hours of operations will be from 6:00pm to 8:30pm during the week. These hours are published all through the season. Splash Pad will be available for residents during extreme heat and does not require lifeguards. The pool will close after Labor Day. Memorial Park field house will be used as a cooling center. The question was asked if the park district is allowed to advertise on the city's new electronic sign located at 127th and Western Avenue. The city will add park district advertisement by request.
- c. Roof Top. Possible use of pool roof. Comedy on the rooftop, adult only event. Beverages will be sold. If sold by the park district a license will be needed to be obtained, using an outside vender who has a license will be the likely choice and be used as a sponsor for a small charge.
- d. Park Maintenance. The maintenance department is working hard at mulching, weeding, and cleaning up the parks. Mulch is the most important thing. IParks suggested that mulching is done on an annual basis. Director Ruthenberg has asked the commissioners to contact him if they receive any feedback regarding the parks.

Motion to adjourn Regular Session was made by Commissioner Ochoa and seconded by Commissioner Bartczak. All aye, motion passes. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm.

Approved



William Ochoa, President
Blue Island Park District



Date