

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
OF THE BLUE ISLAND PARK DISTRICT HELD ON DECEMBER 20, 2022, AT 7:00PM

Call to order: 7:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Commissioner Franchetti

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

Commissioners Absent: Brandon Richardella, Michael Sinde

Staff / Others Present: Executive Director Theodore Ruthenberg, Attorney Ann Williams, Director of Operations Octavio Carbajal 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 Franchetti and seconded by Commissioner Powers. Roll Call: Commissioner Powers, Franchetti and Ochoa. All aye, motion passes.
  - a. **CONSENT** - Approval of Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board held on December 6, 2022, and Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on December 6, 2022.
  - b. **CONSENT** - Approval of Payroll ending December 3, 2022, in the amount of \$21,310.93.
  - c. **CONSENT** - Approval of Accounts Payables from November 12 thru December 11, 2022, in the amount of \$33,380.12.
2. **DISCUSSION** - Approval of Ordinance 122022-1 approving the Levy of Tax from May 1, 2022, thru April 30, 2023. Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Franchetti and second by Commissioner Powers. Roll Call: Commissioner Powers, Franchetti and Ochoa. All aye, motion passes.
  - a. Ordinance and Levy reviewed. Compares on from 2021-2022 to 2022-2023 Levy.
3. **Directors Report:**
  - a. **Spring/Summer Brochure.** With the end of Covid, Recreation Department is working on creating returning and new programs. Commissioners reviewed the program guide draft. It is recommended to bring back a physical brochure at least once a year. Searching for a company to help design and mail to residents, with the bulk of cost would be postage. Suggestion was made to place a double-sided sheet in the water bills.
  - b. **Successful Holiday Season.** Started with the Parade Day, Santa train was sold out, Santa stocking delivered 20 stockings and the Santa house were popular. Senior lunch served 50 seniors. It was stated that brochures can be placed around town in local businesses and local schools to help distribution and save on postage. Commissioners agree to create brochure.
  - c. **Ice Rink.** With current weather, ice rink will not be ready until after Christmas. Once ice is set, ice rink will be manned by Park District Security and lifeguards. Blue Island Hockey League is interested in renting ice rink after public skating has ended.

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**Directors Report Continued:**

- d. Maintenance is getting ready for the winter weather. One plow, working and other vehicles are being repaired and readied for snow removal. Question brought up regarding the replacement truck. Director Ruthenberg stated he did not want to purchase a used vehicle and they were on a waitlist for a new truck. Ken Bereta is repairing ATV, Gator and Kubota. Commissioners are requesting a list of equipment and their status of conditions and repairs, plus dates on all machinery be present to them for assessment. Possible purchases to be made this year. Question regarding boiler conditions and repairs for both the main field house and pool and heater for pool house. Memorial field house only 10 years old, pool heater still needs repairs.
- e. Master Plan was discussed, down to two companies for presentations.

Motion to adjourn Regular Session was made by Commissioner Franchetti and seconded by Commissioner Powers. Roll Call: Commissioners Ochoa, Powers and Franchetti, all Aye. Motion passes. Meeting adjourned.

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Vincent Franchetti, Secretary  
Blue Island Park District

  
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