

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF THE BLUE ISLAND PARK
DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS HELD FEBRUARY 1, 2022, AT 7:00PM

Call to order: 7:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Commissioner Franchetti

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

Commissioners Absent: William Ochoa, Brandon Richardella

Staff / Others Present: Executive Director Theodore Ruthenberg, Director of Operations Octavio Carbajal, Director of Recreation Joshua Edwards, 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 Department: Ken Bereta and his team has replaced the pool furnace. Ice rink setup, opening pending weather. Up to 100 feet of replacement fence panels have been completed for the 127th Street repairs. Field house bathroom painting started. Snow removal in progress. Question was asked regarding routine maintenance schedule on parks and buildings. Ken stated that regular checks of facilities and parks are in progress. Also needed for the upcoming season is a new aerator and a replacement for the Kubota. Ken will work on quotes. Subject of the Santa House exterior work that needs to be done. This item will not fit into garage and will have to be done during the spring. Memorial Park field house furnace/boiler will need to be addressed soon for replacement. Commissioners are asking for a list of equipment life spans; this will be needed for the upcoming Master Plan. Summer help was addressed and the part the city will play in the upkeep of recreation center, water fall park and the two ball parks.
- b. Recreation Department: Luiz Montoya will update the LED sign on 127th Street. He is also working with Midlothian Park District for use of the recreation facility for the upcoming soccer program. Joshua Edwards is working with the Chicago White Sox for this year's youth baseball program. Program will have some changes to it with southside suburbs and will now use UIC for the payoffs. Question asked regarding field rentals and if they cover park district expenses. An increase of field rentals is expected in 2022 season. Financials are being requested by the board for Hart Park. It was also asked about coaches and how are they acquired. Coaches are volunteers and most return from past seasons. Question asked regarding which townships participate in our programs and if any others are contacted for interest. There are several communities in our baseball program. There will be a coordinator meeting coming up in February and information will be forward to commissioners.

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Department Updates Continued:

Question was asked about what can be done to offer addition programs for younger children. Director Edwards will focus on this. The reinstalment of Friends of the Park will help in community involvement. Commissioners are asking for program evaluations and participant surveys.

2. **DISCUSSION** – Potential Review of Hart Park Pour-n-Play Quote. Director Ruthenberg stated that his is an ongoing project. Do the commissioners want it to go out to bid again? Perfect Turf is still the cheapest bid. This project is subject to the April tax revenue for completion. Grant money is still pending.
3. **DISCUSSION** – Festival Committee Review Update. Meeting postponed, update to be given next meeting.
4. **DIRECTORS REPORT:**
Ted Ruthenberg and Luiz Montoya attended the Soaring to New Heights conference for networking and to collect information regarding the creation of the Master plan. Director Ruthenberg also commented on information regarding an auto lightning detector for the pool. Weather detector could cost \$5,000 per unit with \$1,800 annual service. He will be checking with city of Blue Island for a possible sharing of cost. Met with a company regarding outside exercise equipment for around the walking path.
5. **EXECUTIVE SESSION: None**

Motion adjourn the Committee of the Whole was made by Commissioner Powers and seconded by Commissioner Sinda. All aye. Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm

Approved



Vincent Franchetti, Secretary
Blue Island Park District

2-15-22

Date