

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF THE BLUE ISLAND PARK DISTRICT HELD ON FEBRUARY 15, 2022, AT 7:00PM

Call to order: 7:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Commissioner Sinde

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

Commissioners Absent: Brandon Richardella

Staff / Others Present: Executive Director Theodore Ruthenberg, Attorney Adam Durkin, Director of Operations Octavio Carbajal, Recreation Director Joshua Edwards, Maintenance Supervisor Ken Bereta 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: Robyn Molar has to step down and Adam Durkin will be attending the next few meetings until Ana William would be able to take over.

AGENDA:

1. **CONSENT AGENDA:** It is recommended that the board approves the consent agenda A-C. Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Ochoa and seconded by Commissioner Franchetti. Roll Call: Commissioner Sinde, Ochoa, Franchetti and Powers. All aye, motion passes.
 - a. **CONSENT** – Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 18, 2022, Minutes of the Executive Session held on January 18, 2022, and Minutes of the Committee of the Whole held February 1, 2022.
 - b. **CONSENT** – Approval of Payroll ending January 15, 2022, in the amount of \$17,575.49, and payroll ending January 29, 2022, in the amount of \$23,502.22.
 - c. **CONSENT** – Approval of Accounts Payables from January 14, 2022, to February 11, 2022, in the amount of \$36,1563.75.
2. **DISCUSSION** – Festival Committee Review.
 - a. Prior to tonight's meeting, Commissioner Powers and park staff met to discuss new direction for the upcoming festivals. Starting with the Dragon Boat, a more family friendly activities need to be added. Possible kids tent or activities could be added. Possibility of crafts or vendors on the walking bridge might hold the audience more. Another idea would be an animal show, face painter and other activities in the area. Sponsors would be needed to help offset the cost of the events. Pricing will still be \$500 for teams, and advertising needs to start as soon as possible. Budget to be reviewed.
 - b. BBQ on the Hill may also be turned into a Blue Grass music or Blues and BBQ with BBQ vendors. Target dates are September 23 to 25, 2022. Holding a competitor's event will need to be reconsidered or have them bring their own products to cook instead of Park District providing to lower cost. Festival committee will be organized to review options for Dragon Boat and BBQ on the Hill.
 - c. Expansion of Trunk or Treat to turn it into more of a fall festival and to possibly add an event for the skate park.

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3. DIRECTORS REPORT:

- a. There was an accident with the F250, it was near the end of its life span. Options are to buy a new truck or investigate used trucks. Commissioner Power stated that there are too many used trucks that are not worth looking into that option. Park not in the financial position to purchase a new truck currently. Financing is possible option.
- b. Luiz Montoya reached out to District 130 and they have agreed to let the park use their gym for our free soccer conditioning program to get the kids active prior to the summer program.
- c. Free monthly craft class have started, first one was sold out and the next one will be St. Patty's day free craft class on March 10, 2022.
- d. Director Ruthenberg spoke to the city regarding the little league fields. Joint care of the two parks between the city and park district or the park district taking over the insurance and care of the two fields. More discussion to follow.
- e. Joshua Edwards has finalized dates and times for the free baseball clinic at the Rec Center that will start in the month of March.
- f. Commissioner Powers had contact with a vendor that is looking to take over all concessions for the park district for a fee. He will look into this option for more information.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

Motion to adjourn the Regular meeting was made by Commissioner Franchetti and seconded by Commissioner Ochoa. All aye. Meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm

Approved



Vincent Franchetti, Secretary
Blue Island Park District

4-19-22

Date