

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF THE BLUE ISLAND PARK DISTRICT HELD ON JANUARY 18, 2022, AT 7:00PM

Call to order: 7:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Commissioner Franchetti

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

Commissioners Absent: Brandon Richardella

Staff / Others Present: Executive Director Theodore Ruthenberg, Park District Attorney Robyn Molaro, 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 approves the consent agenda A-C. Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Franchetti and seconded by Commissioner Sinde. Roll Call: Commissioner Sinde, Ochoa, Franchetti and Powers. All aye, motion passes.
 - a. **CONSENT** – Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 21, 2021, Minutes of the Executive Session held on December 21, 2021, approval of the Committee of the Whole held on January 4, 2022, and approval of the Executive Session held on January 4, 2022.
 - b. **CONSENT** – Approval of Payroll ending December 18, 2021, in the amount of \$18,621.49 and Payroll ending January 1, 2022, in the amount of \$28,782.48.
 - c. **CONSENT** – Approval of Accounts Payables from December 14, 2021, to January 13, 2022, in the amount of \$41,213.13.
2. **DISCUSSION** – Development of the Master Plan.
Director Ruthenberg and Luiz Montoya of Recreation Department will attend the IPRA conference January 27 through 29, 2022. Information regarding a 10-year master plan will be gathered as well as pricing. Cost may be up to \$35,000 or more. All commissioners agree the master plan must be created in order to apply for future grants.
3. **DISCUSSION** – Hart Park Update.
Quotes from Protech-Perma Play in the amount of \$66,922 Perfect Turf for \$62000. This playground has been under construction since 2021 and would like to have it completed by spring 2022. Attorney Molaro stated that it could go back out for bids. More information will be gathered at the Soaring to New Heights conference regarding other options. Target date to finish Hart Park would be Memorial Day.
4. **DISCUSSION** – BBQ on the Hill.
New direction for this even is to think about possible carnival rides and games and turning into Blues and BBQ or Blue Grass music 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. Thoughts on expanding Trunk or Treat were also discussed.
5. **DIRECTORS REPORT:**
 - a. Ice Rink Update: In process of freezing, should be ready as soon as this coming weekend, weather permitting. Opening will be posted Facebook and web site. Suggestion of selling beverages and snacks. All Covid protocols are being followed. Another suggestion was looking into a refrigeration unit for under the rink to extend the skating season.

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DIRECTORS REPORT CONTINUED:

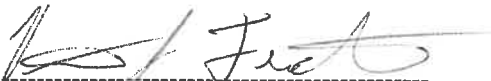
- b. Spring Brochure: Draft of brochure was provided to the commissioners. Discussion of expanding event on a weekly basis and utilizing field house usage more.
- c. Library Co-op: Director Ruthenberg met with Blue Island Library regarding a story walk around the Memorial Park walking trail. Question was asked regarding sharing expenses with the library or looking for sponsors to help with the cost.

EXECUTIVE SESSION Motion to adjourn into Executive Session regarding the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees pursuant to section 2 (c) (1) was made by Commissioner Powers and seconded by Commissioner Sinde. Roll Call: Commissioners Sinde, Ochoa, Franchetti and Powers. All aye motion passes.


Motion resume regular session was made by Commissioner Franchetti and seconded by Commissioner Sinde. Roll Call: Commissioner Franchetti, Sinde, Ochoa, powers. All aye, regular session reopened at 7:54pm.

Motion to adjourn the Regular meeting was made by Commissioner Franchetti and seconded by Commissioner Sinde. All aye. Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm

Approved



Vincent Franchetti, Secretary
Blue Island Park District



Date