

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF THE BLUE ISLAND PARK DISTRICT HELD ON JULY 18, 2023, AT 7:30PM

Call to order: 7:30pm

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Commissioner Howard

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

Commissioners Absent:

Staff / Others Present: Executive Director Theodore Ruthenberg, Director of Operations Octavio Carbajal, Park District Attorney Ann Williams, Maintenance Supervisor Ken Bereta and Recreation Director Joshua Edwards, Pool Manager David Garcia, 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 Bartczak and seconded by Commissioner Espinoza. Roll Call: Commissioner Howard, Commissioner Ochoa, Commissioner Bartczak and Commissioner Espinoza. All aye, motion passes.
 - a. **CONSENT** – Approval of minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board held on June 20, 2023.
 - b. **CONSENT** – Approval of Payroll ending May 20, 2023, in the amount of \$29,556.33, Payroll ending June 3, 2023, in the amount of \$31,465.95 and Payroll ending June 17, 2023, in the amount of \$44,253.46, Payroll ending July 1, 2023, in the amount of \$50,444.26.
 - c. **CONSENT** – Approval of Accounts Payables from June 12, 2023, through July 11, 2023, in the amount of \$65,327.02.

2. **DISCUSSION** – Review of the Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year of May 1, 2023, to April 30, 2024. Ted Ruthenberg would like to review the budget with commissioners one on one basis, part of which is the park district’s Comprehensive Masterplan. The state of Illinois has an OSLAD Grant available, but without a Masterplan in place, the district is missing out on grant money. Attorney Williams informed the board regarding grant details of the OSLAD Grant (Open State Land and Development) in 2023 the governor announced that 60 million in grants were available and can provide up to 50 percent in grant money with 50 percent in matching funds. Director Ruthenberg stated before the pandemic, the district was looking into building a recreation-sport complex. Eisenhower High School is also looking to build a similar complex and asked if the park district would like to be part of that. The Comprehensive Masterplan will be placed into budget, but not locked into any hard decisions. Commissioner Ochoa stated that the Masterplan had to take a backseat due to Covid and was glad to it is back on the agenda. Attorney Williams informed the board that budget must be passed prior to the end of the first quarter of fiscal year and must be available for public view of the document for 30 days and a public hearing prior to passing the budget. Changes can be made to the budget during this viewing period. Director Ruthenberg stated that the next meeting will be August 22, 2023, at 7:15pm for the public hearing and regular meeting held at 7:30pm.

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3. Directors Report:

- a. IParks Insurance policy copies have been provided to commissioners for review of park district coverage. Commissioner Bartczak asked regarding a line item on cyber security and if we had sufficient coverage. Director Ruthenberg said it is insurances stated that it is with sufficient coverage.
- b. Last week of day camp with 80 participants. Enrollment numbers are down from last year. Some counselors left prior to the end of second session, but we were able to handle the remainder of the summer. There was an issue with air quality, due to Canada's wildfires, but Kerr school open their gym and we had access to the Recreation Center for indoor activities. The Fire department brought over their new truck to demonstrate for the kids and review fire safety.
- c. Tomorrow is National Hot Dog Day, and we will be selling dogs, chips, and drinks. If anyone is interested, please stop by.
- d. David Garcia stated that the pool is doing well. Due to the drowning at Tinley Park pool, new rules and additional training have been put in place. He has also man dated additional in service for all pool staff Wednesday 8:45pm – 10:45pm training to make sure they are on top of their training.
- e. Blue Island Untouchables would like to use the park district for their 2023 season. Director Ruthenberg will be working on the current contract with Joshua Edwards. They would like to start practicing in the next two weeks and continue to use Memorial Park for equipment storage. Dexter Johnson is the new contact for the Untouchables. The Metro Football League is no longer active, and the Untouchables must provide alternative insurance. Commissioner Ochoa said the original Untouchable organization has changed. In the past they were required to have an enrollment of 50 percent Blue Island residents to receive a special rate.

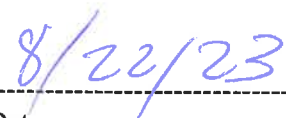
Motion to adjourn Regular Session was made by Commissioner Bartczak and seconded by Commissioner Espinoza. Roll Call: Commissioners Ochoa, Bartczak, Espinoza and Howard all Aye. Motion passes. Meeting adjourned.

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Approved



William Ochoa, Treasurer
Blue Island Park District



Date