

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF THE BLUE ISLAND PARK DISTRICT HELD ON MARCH 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, Maintenance Supervisor Ken Bereta, Day Camp members Candice Cantelo, Tony Petella, Michael Konczal, Alexis Astorga, Diane Cantelo and Minutes Secretary Karen Zielinski

Public Comments: Diane Cantelo of 5240 W. Laramie Crestwood. Property owner and taxpayer in Blue Island. I am always asked how are school and parks I have children that live and teach in Blue Island. Parks are important, late-night calls at 12 at night that a kid is in the emergency room because beaten up by gang members because they didn't want to join the gang. Who do they call? They call these people (camp staff) These people sit and hold hands of the child and parents. You are not going to find this in many people. Then there are the kids that could go the right way or the wrong way. After working camp all day, where do they go? They go to that kid's house day after day after day to try to give an intervention. Then you have the kids that are limping, because their shoes two sizes too small because the mother put the little brother's shoes on them. What do they do? They go out and buy the kid shoes, or they buy the kids clothes. That's not on the clock, that's not on a time sheet, that's what they do. So, it's more than just a day camp. It's about the kids, and everyone sitting here on this park board, it should be about the kids. With all the times they spend with these kids, they have to pay rent, they have to pay bills and for gas. I just felt it was important that I came here to say that. And the way that the economics are, I just want you to consider what their request is.

**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 February 15, 2022, Minutes of the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole held March 1, 2022.
 - b. **CONSENT** – Approval of Payroll ending February 12, 2022, in the amount of \$19,347.49, and payroll ending February 26, 2022, in the amount of \$23,122.89.
 - c. **CONSENT** – Approval of Accounts Payables from February 12, 2022, to March 10, 2022, in the amount of \$45,468.03.
2. **DISCUSSION** – Festival Update. No updates at this time, will have more information at next meeting. Additional meetings are being scheduled.
3. **DISCUSSION** – Summer Camp Update. Commissioner Sinde met with summer camp staff last Tuesday. Goal of meeting was how to support summer camp, reviewed camp expenditures, and past experiences. Reviewed other park districts and overview of pricing and attendance. In 2021, three sessions totals; first session 150 participants, second session over 200, third session over 200. Rates for that year was \$275 resident, \$390 non-resident with \$15 activity fee. Reviewed camp from other park districts and compared pricing. Suggestion is to raise our prices up to \$25 a day per resident and \$30 a day for non-resident. This would place us in the middle of pricing with the other camps.

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4. Directors Report:

- a. Hart Park Project with Perfect Turf: This item has been voted on and approved in the past. Park District is able to finally move forward, the company has the materials in hand and is ready to start. Commissioners asked is it will be done by Memorial Day; this is the target time. Commissioner Powers asked if we had enough money to complete, table to Executive Session.
- b. Reviewed event Schedule for upcoming events.
- c. Sea Hawks asking to return to park, had issues with them in the past. Commissioner Ochoa asked for an increase in the cleanup fines. Complaints from neighbors regarding music during games being too loud. Director Ruthenberg met with Eisenhower regarding flag or Jr. Cardinals at Park. Place on next agenda.

5. 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 Ochoa and seconded by Commissioner Sinde. Roll Call: Commissioners Powers, Ochoa, Sinde and Franchetti, all ayes. Motion passes.

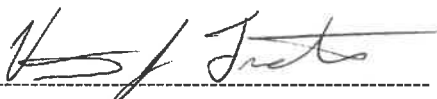
Motion to re-enter regular session was made by Commissioner Ochoa and seconded by Commissioner Sinde. Roll Call: Commissioners Powers, Sinde, Ochoa and Franchetti. All aye, motion passes.

6. Items to be placed on next agenda:

- a. Field Rentals
- b. Sea Hawk contract

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

Approved



Vincent Franchetti, Secretary
Blue Island Park District

4-19-22

Date