

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF THE BLUE ISLAND PARK DISTRICT HELD ON MAY 17, 2022, AT 7:00PM

Call to order: 7:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Commissioner Franchetti

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

Commissioners Absent: Brandon Richardella, Michael Sinda

Staff / Others Present: Executive Director Theodore Ruthenberg, Attorney Ann Williams, Director of Operations Octavio Carbajal, Maintenance Supervisor Ken Bereta, Minutes Secretary Karen Zielinski

Public Comments: Rogelio Loya, Youth Baseball Coach. Mr. Loya is requesting for the Pony team to have more practice at Hart Park. It was suggested by the commissioners to contact Joshua Edwards to see if something could be arranged.

**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 Ochoa and seconded by Commissioner Powers. Roll Call: Commissioner Ochoa, Franchetti and Powers. All aye, motion passes.
 - a. **CONSENT** – Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 19, 2022, Minutes of the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole held May 3, 2022.
 - b. **CONSENT** – Approval of Payroll ending April 9, 2022, in the amount of \$19,519.38, and payroll ending April 23, 2022, in the amount of \$20,645.24 and Payroll ending May 7, 2022, in the amount of \$26,995.84.
 - c. **CONSENT** – Approval of Accounts Payables from April 13, 2022, in the amount of \$206,900.47.
2. **ACTION** – Motion to approve settlement agreement. Executive Director Ruthenberg stated he emailed everyone a copy of the agreement. Was settled for original agreement with a request that half goes to payroll taxes so park would not be liable for payroll taxes. Process will not go to the Clerk's office. Once settled on no-one person can come back to the Park District for additional money. Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Ochoa and seconded by Commissioner Powers. Roll Call: Commissioners Powers, Ochoa and Franchetti. Roll Call: Commissioner Powers, Franchetti, and Ochoa. All ayes. Motion passes
3. **DISCUSSION** – Summer Hiring. Day camp has enough staff to start the summer program. Security only has two applicants for security. Commissioner Ochoa stated he would like to have a security person for the summer camp. Lifeguards needs up to 18 guards, currently have 9 hired. Flyers are going out to local high schools. May have to limit guest at the pool. Director Ruthenberg some parks not opening their pools due to the same situation. Director Ruthenberg stated that no one wants to work for \$13 an hour. City has increased their starting pay to \$15 per hour.
4. **DISCUSSION** - Master Plan Update. Joshua Edwards received another quote that was double of last quote. \$30,000 and \$60,000. Will stay on agenda for future meetings, should have a decision before budget is ready. Commissioner Powers asked regarding future Grants and what would the big project be? Director Ruthenberg said a couple years ago, was looking into its own Recreation Center.

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5. Directors Report:

- a. Baseball westside field (Rauch) after the first couple of games have been played, the Park received calls regarding tick infestation. Maintenance has research for a kids/animal friendly spray to remove them. Ken Bereta stated that the field mice are the major cause of this problem. Commissioner Powers asked about Schrei field, all seems well, all games will be moved to Schrei Field. Commission Powers asked if we need two fields? That will decide on games.
 - b. New protocol on checks. Some stolen checks have been used for unauthorized withdrawals. All checks will need to be approved prior to bank processing them.
 - c. Office hours will be extended to 6pm. Moraine Valley can provide paid interns by school for college students. May place in office to help take work off office staff.
 - d. Pool update. Pool is ready to open for the season. Pipes have been replaced by maintenance department. Estimated date to open is May 27, 2022.
 - e. Marketing – Browntown Communication will no longer work for the park district as of May 26, 2022. Octavio Carbajal, Ted Ruthenberg, Luiz Montoya, and Joshua Edwards will handle website and Facebook. Recreation does need an additional person to help handle marketing and special events.
6. Executive Session. Executive Session regarding the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees pursuant to Section 2 (c), (1) . No Executive Session.

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

Approved



Vincent Franchetti, Secretary
Blue Island Park District

7-19-22

Date