

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF THE BLUE ISLAND PARK DISTRICT HELD ON SEPTEMBER 19, 2023, AT 7:30PM

Call to order: 7:30pm

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Commissioner Bartczak

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

Commissioners Absent: Tonya Howard

Staff / Others Present: Executive Director Theodore Ruthenberg, Director of Operations Octavio Carbajal, Park District Attorney Ann Williams on Zoom, Chief of Police Geoffery Farr, City Administrator Thomas Wogan 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 Ochoa, Commissioner Bartczak and Commissioner Espinoza. All aye, motion passes.
 - a. **CONSENT** – Approval of minutes of the Public Hearing held on August 22, 2023, and minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August Regular Meeting of the Board held on August 22, 2023.
 - b. **CONSENT** – Approval of Payroll ending August 26, 2023, in the amount of \$26,150.67, and Payroll ending September 9, 2023, in the amount of \$25,672.77.
 - c. **CONSENT** – Approval of Accounts Payables from August 12, 2023, through September 11, 2023, in the amount of \$67,177.96.
2. **ACTION** – Resolution 09-19-23, a Resolution authorizing change in IMRF agent. Motion to authorize change was made by Commissioner Bartczak, seconded by Commissioner Ochoa. Discussion. Ted Ruthenberg, Blue Island Park District Executive Director will be resuming the responsibilities as agent for the park district's IMRF. Roll Call: Commissioners Ochoa, Bartczak and Espinoza. All aye, motion passes.
3. **Directors Report:**
 - a. Director Ruthenberg addressed the board regarding the incident over the September 23rd weekend. Chief of Police Farr addressed the board and informed them of the fatal shooting at the Memorial Park during the Untouchables football game. The Park District currently has no cameras within the area of the Memorial field. There are some leads as to the car used, it was found to be stolen with stolen plates. Some ring cameras from nearby houses and a redlight camera were helpful in identifying the vehicle used. The Police Department have updated their camera system and is recommending that the park district also use the same company, which will feed into the police department system. Director Ruthenberg was praised for the quick response and it was noted that first responders arrived within two minutes of the call.

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Directors Report Continued:

Thomas Wogan, Administrator for the city of Blue Island and former park district director stated that a review of rental policies and possible police patrol during large groups. Park District security is scheduled for all events, but a police car presence may help to defuse any future incidents. Director Ruthenberg stated that the following weekend, the city will provide an officer for the soccer games. There could be Possible 400 at one time with rentals plus the pool attendees. Director Ruthenberg will address other park directors at the next SWSRA meeting regarding policies. Question was asked if cameras would be at Memorial Park only and if there are any Grants available to help with the cost? To start with, Memorial will be the first park to install cameras, and added over the next few years. The 2024 budget will have funds available for camera upgrades.

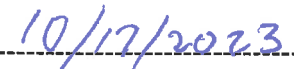
- b. Trunk or treat is going well, have 12 cars so far signed up.
- c. Playgrounds will have new mulch. Insurance states it must be done.
- d. Pest control company to be transferred from Orkin to a local company. Barton pest control.

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.
aye

Approved



William Ochoa, President
Blue Island Park District



Date