

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF THE BLUE ISLAND PARK  
DISTRICT HELD APRIL 7, 2011 AT 7:00 PM AT THE MEMORIAL PARK FIELD HOUSE

Call to order: 7:15 PM

Roll call of committee members present: Zylman, Murphy, Spizzirri  
Committee Members Absent: Bilotto

Park Staff Members Present: Chris Sobczak, Chris Hobson, Will Cazares

Others Present: Cathie Spizzirri, Josh Tate

Additions or Revisions to the agenda: Cameras, P-cards, release of information, grass in front of concession stand, security guard posting, baseball contract, computer for maintenance

Old Business: None

New Business:

Commissioner Murphy called the meeting to order. He explained that SIU recreation department spearheaded a program for portable mobile recreation and that he was going to present a slideshow depicting the program. This program became quite large. They had street dances and went to the State Fair. Commissioner Murphy showed the slides and explained them as they were shown. Commissioner Murphy feels that this would be a very successful program. Commissioner Murphy would like to get a good drama teacher to teach drama and puppetry. Cathie Spizzirri inquired about liability, safety, and loss prevention issues.

Commissioner Zylman asked Chris Sobczak about the status of the Bunny House. Chris stated that they are in the process of painting the eggs and that it will be ready for the Easter activities.

Chris Sobczak asked Commissioner Murphy how to begin. Commissioner Murphy stated that we needed to get a good drama teacher. It's all about the drama and the arts. The Blue Island Park District has a responsibility to the children of Blue Island to provide drama and the arts, since these have been removed from our schools and drama and art increases the cognitive abilities of our children. Suggested hours for the portable mobile recreation were afternoons and Saturdays.

Will Cazares discussed the recent drama class with 6 participants. This class will be attending a play in June. He feels that the Park District will need to reach children who are looking for something else other than video games.

Commissioner Spizzirri stated that more thoughts needed to be put in regards to the trailer since we are all on different pages regarding this trailer. Commissioner Murphy feels that it should be used for drama, other commissioners feel it should be for sports and other activities. Chris Sobczak to find prices for puppet wagon. Commissioner Murphy stated that the students built the wagon.

Commissioner Spizzirri stated that all commissioners agree that we do not need cameras inside the building. Commissioner Zylman stated for the record that she did not want the cameras outside to get rid of any security. Commissioner Murphy feels we need some kind of window for the office to keep the office personnel safe. The committee would like two at the pool, one at the back of the building that would get the playground, and one in the front to see who is coming in the building.

Commissioner Spizzirri questions the use of P-cards. Commissioner Murphy agrees.

Commissioner Spizzirri would like to ban the release of employee lists and vendor lists to any outside person or organization.

Commissioner Spizzirri requests to see security guard positions posted.

Commissioner Spizzirri would like the grass in front of the concession stand to be replaced.

The commissioners would like to have a responsible adult in charge of the scoreboard and press box and added to the contract. Commissioner Murphy does not have a problem with the alcohol provision in the contract. Commissioner Spizzirri states that the organizations are exempt from having a food sanitation license and Chris Hobson stated that Larry Hackett feels that the park district should require a food sanitation license. Cathie Spizzirri stated unless you are cooking raw chicken or hamburger, the park district is exempt from having a sanitation license. Commissioner Spizzirri feels that Chief of Staff should not have authorized employees to receive sanitation licenses.

Commissioner Murphy expresses interest in the use of a computer in the maintenance garage.

Doing the E-blast was discussed. Credit card was cancelled which in turn ended up canceling the e-blast account. Commissioner Zylman discussed the One Call System. Commissioner Zylman discussed the purchase of disk golf.

Commissioner Murphy stated that they used to have block parties and they would bring volleyball nets, horseshoes etc.

Commissioner Zylman inquired about the carnival at Hart. Chris Hobson stated that Jane would be meeting with him on Thursday, April 14. Commissioner Murphy is against having a Fest. The committee would like to do a Taste of Blue Island. Discussion of possibly an old fashioned softball game or potato sack races takes place. They would like to see different events every day.

Chris Sobczak brought up the ADA restroom doors and gave an estimate. Commissioner Murphy would like to have an ADA transition plan put in place. Chris Sobczak stated that the ADA plan would prevent us from being fined by the Department of Justice. Commissioner Spizzirri expresses concern on upper management not doing what they are supposed to be doing. Cathie Spizzirri expresses concern over even discipline being executed.

Adjournment: 9:35 PM

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John Murphy, Vice-President  
Blue Island Park District