

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF THE BLUE ISLAND PARK DISTRICT HELD MARCH 16TH, 2011 AT 7:00 PM AT THE MEMORIAL PARK FIELD HOUSE

Call to order: 7:00 PM

Roll call of committee members present: Ring, Zylman, Bilotto, Murphy, Spizzirri
Committee Members Absent: None

Park Staff Members Present: Jane Kawanna, Octavio Carbajal, Mark DeRango, Chris Sobczak, Chris Hobson, Tina Morin, and Will Cazares (Also Present): Leslie Q. Kennedy

Others Present: Carol Kaiser, Stephanie Bilotto, Charlotte Westcott, Roberto Sarli, Louie Gallo, Salomon Esparza, Marie Meyer, Dexter Johnson, Nancy Thompson, Carmine Bilotto, Candice Cantelo, Gary Decker, Dick Decker and unidentified others.

Additions or Revisions to the agenda: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

Commissioner Bilotto opened the meeting and asked the committee to review the minutes, accounts payable, and payroll.

Commissioner Murphy begins to discuss the budget with Jane Kawanna. The item is tabled due to a detailed inquiry on mobile recreations.

Commissioner Spizzirri asks for the Board's approval to negotiate with the Blue Island Police Department to allow officers on park property. Commissioner Bilotto highlights a similar resolution approved for a past events. Attorney Leslie Kennedy generally informs on the nature of the enforcement policy.

The Board moves to discuss the pool hiring list during executive session.

The Board moves to discuss the day camp hiring list during executive session.

Candice Cantello requests approval of a Day Camp Workshop. Commissioner Murphy states he would like to see more activities take place as Day Camp gathers all the participants during the morning.

Commissioner Spizzirri asks for an update on the Bunny House game plan. Commissioner Murphy also inquires about the marketing strategy. Chris Hobson updates the Committee on logistic and marketing strategy in place to successfully execute the event. Commissioner Spizzirri expresses interest in generating a list of volunteers to don the bunny suit. Chris Sobczak highlights the need for an updated set of stairs that will lead up to the Bunny House.

Chris Hobson updates the committee on the events planned for the month of April. Commissioner Zylman encourages recreation to contact School District 130 in possibly logistically assisting in some of the transportation to the Jelly Belly trip. William Cazares updates the committee on detail in regards to the Fun Fair planned for March 26th 2011.

Commissioner Zylman proposes to reward the volunteers who helped out with the Bitty Basketball program over the winter. Gift certificates and possibly inviting the individuals and their families would be coordinated by recreation.

Commissioner Spizzirri updates the committee on the current status of the summer fling. Commissioner Spizzirri continues to inform of the parking concerns raised by the alderman respective to that ward. Commissioner Spizzirri also expresses interest in choosing a name for the possible event.

Chris Hobson updates the committee with a recreation report on the Ice Rink profit and loss. Will Cazares updates the committee on the Dr. Suess event. Will Cazares also puts out a request for bean bag boxes and a 24 foot trailer to help move recreation equipment.

Jane Kawanna updates the committee on the pending ComEd for a meter at Memorial Park and Centennial Park. Attorney Leslie Kennedy informs the committee that the electric company reserves the right to back-date a bill up to two years.

Chris Sobczak updates the committee on the current project to install cameras around the park and field house. He informs the committee that the overall project can be accomplished in phases which would evolve with the project.

Octavio Carbajal asks for approval to purchase an automatic external defibrillator using an AED grant awarded by the Department of Public Health. The new AED would be used to replace the old outdated models.

Jane Kawanna updates the committee on the status of the marquee bids. Bids are still coming in for optional marquees.

Jane Kawanna updates the committee on the Kaboom grant application process. She informs the committee that 50% of the members on the committee must be residents who use the park and live around the area the park is located.

Jane Kawanna updates the committee on the letter sent by Small Fry asking for a reduced admission to the pool this summer. She also inform the committee that Blue Cap is asking for a donation this year.

Comments:

Carol Kaiser questions police coming into the park and what the protocol would be on that. Attorney Leslie Kennedy informs her that details to the intergovernmental agreement would need to be hammered out.

Marie Meyer asks the committee for approval to be let back into the Bark Park after her dog attacked another dog. Ms. Lentz inquires comments on the lack of voice command control on both parties. Marie Meyer will contact the office on Friday to pursue a diplomatic solution.

Leslie Kennedy re-clarifies certain directional details on the possible intergovernmental agreement between the park district and the police department.

Alderman Dexter Johnson inquires about the estimated time of completion for the Memorial Park stadium. Alternative solutions are discussed.

Meeting moved to executive session.

Adjournment: 8:35 PM

Approved:

Fred Bilotto, President
Blue Island Park District