

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF THE BLUE ISLAND PARK DISTRICT HELD ON JUNE 14, 2017
AT 7:00PM AT THE MEMORIAL PARK FIELD HOUSE

Call to order: 7:00pm

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Pledge of Allegiance: Lead by Commissioner Franchetti

Roll Call Present: Racann Zylman, William Ochoa, Theodore Ruthenberg and Vincent Franchetti

Commissioners Absent: Bradley St. Leger

Staff: Executive Director Thomas Wogan, Director of Operations Octavio Carbajal, Maintenance Supervisor Mark DeRango, Sarah and Kevin Brown from Brown Town, Head Guard Kevin Duffy, Director of Marketing William Cazares, Security Supervisor Eric Herrera and 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. **Discussion** – Seating of board members. Director Wogan recommended tabling this item for executive session at the next regular meeting.
2. **Discussion** – 2017 change of meeting dates. Director Wogan spoke to the Commissioners regarding the conveyance of the summer meeting schedule. New meeting dates will be discussed and approved by the board for the summer session.
3. **Discussion** – American Legion Post #50 requested for the waiving of fees for the annual Veteran's Day Ceremony, November 11, 2017. This annual event has been held at Memorial Park for the past several years, with light breakfast service inside the field house. Director Wogan recommended waiving of fees.
4. **Discussion** – Prevailing Wage Ordinance 17-16-028 is regarding rates to be paid to laborers, mechanics and other workers performing construction of public works in the Blue Island Park, Cook County, Illinois. Prevailing wage established by the State of Illinois. This Ordinance will be posted in the South Town newspaper once approved by the board. Place on agenda for June 28, 2017.
5. **Director's Report:**
 - a. Dragon Boat Race – Blue Island Park District participated as a group in this year's Dragon Boat Race. Park District went 3 and 0 in the races and was awarded the Community Cup. The team was made up of park employees and volunteers.
 - b. Pool and day camp opened. Pool and concessions very busy with the heat.
 - c. Day camp is off to a good start. The Park District has expanded the marketing of the camp, and enrollment is up from last year.
 - d. Daddy Daughter Date night and yard sale, both successful.
 - e. SWSRA investment. This year the Park District will have two full time SWSRA employees working with the day camp staff, and also to work with the pool team.
 - f. BBQ on the Hill is coming together. It's committee will be visiting other fest to get ideas. Leaning towards more BBQ vendors, family friendly events, and more live music.
 - g. Maintenance – Started working on Memorial Parks field, removed the south back stop and in process of cleaning up the north field. Long term plans to rejuvenate the whole field and talk to landscapers for suggestions and options.

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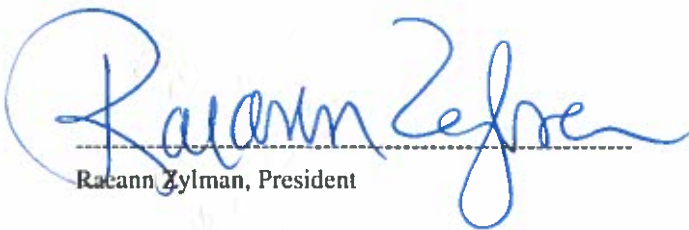
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- h. A special meeting will be held for commissioners and maintenance to visit each park and create a list of improvements.
 - i. Presentation by BrownTown Developing P.R. and Marketing. Further development of Park District website and a home page updates. More people are visiting our site and staying on it longer. We are also at the top of Google search engine. Fan base is largely woman at 60% and men at 39%. The Park District number of likes as compared to other Park Districts: Blue Island #2,844, Alsip #1,445, Homewood #2,111 and Tinley Park #3,127. The Park District has also helped cut grass for Historical Society Vintage 1858 Baseball Fest and Tournament on June 17, 2017. Park logo will appear on event posters. Brown Town is looking for sponsorships for activities and events for the Park District.
 - j. The Park District is looking to upgrade their logo. Three to five designs will be presented to the board in the near future with a contest on social media.
6. **Employee matters** – It is recommended that this item be tabled for discussion in executive session regarding the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees pursuant to section 2 (c) (1). Motion to adjourn into executive session was made b commissioner Ochoa and seconded by commissioner Ruthenberg. All aye, committee of the whole adjourned to executive session.

Executive session for the purpose of considering and/or discussing matters exempt under the Open Meetings Act pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 Section 2 (c) (1) (8)

Motion to reconvene regular session was made by Commissioner Ruthenberg and seconded at by Commissioner Ochoa. All aye. Motion to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting was made by Commissioner Ruthenberg, second by Commissioner Ochoa. All aye, meeting adjourned. 8:00pm

Approved



Racann Zylman, President

Blue Island Park District