

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
OF THE BLUE ISLAND PARK DISTRICT HELD ON JULY 24, 2018  
AT 7:00PM AT THE MEMORIAL PARK FIELD HOUSE**

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Call to order: 7:02 pm.

Commissioners Present: Commissioner Ruthenberg, Zylman, Ochoa and Franchetti

Commissioners Absent: Commissioner St. Leger

Staff/Others Present: Executive Director Thomas Wogan, Director of Operations  
Octavio Carbajal, Interim Maintenance Supervisor Ken Bereta, Park Attorney  
Michael Hayes Office Administrative Assistant Karina Mejia and

Public Comments: Mario Cardenas, 2738 Deplaines. – Perillo Park still has an issue with young children playing soccer around the playground equipment and hitting his garage. Damage is still being caused by this activity to his property. Suggestions made of picnic tables, as well as other features to discourage soccer playing in Perillo Park. Park District is trying to obtain the use of the field behind Bethel Church to be used as an alternate game site. The use of profanity from these children is getting out of hand, ages range from 9 to 15 years. Director Wogan will have security increase their rounds to this park and the placement of signage. A visit to this location will be planned to assess the problem.

*\*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: It is recommended that the consent agenda A-D be approved. Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Zylman and seconded by Commissioner Franchetti. Roll Call: Commissioners Franchetti, Zylman, Ruthenberg and Ochoa, all aye. Motion passes.

**1. CONSENT AGENDA:**

- a. **CONSENT** – Approval of payroll ending June 9, 2018 in the amount of \$38,322.38 and payroll ending June 26, 2018 in the amount of \$55,840.32.
- b. **CONSENT** - Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Board May 15, 2018
- c. **CONSENT** – Approval of the Regular Board Meeting June 19, 2018
- d. **CONSENT** – Approval of Accounts Payables in the amount of \$80,383.34.

**2. ACTION** – Adoption of Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Budget Ordinance #18-07-24-1: Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Ochoa and seconded by Commissioner Franchetti. Roll Call: Commissioners Franchetti, Zylman, Ochoa and Ruthenberg. All aye, motion passes.

**3. DISCUSSION** – Update on general park maintenance.

- a. Hart Park, addition of mulch and addition of grass.
- b. Electrical repairs at Hart. Main electrical box was damaged while transformer was being worked on. Marcion Electric will assess the problem and this will take time to replace. This area is being blocked off for safety reasons.
- c. Centennial Park. Request from commissioners to hire someone to weed parks. Maintenance is down on person. Community Garden group is willing to help.

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3. **DISCUSSION CONTINUED** – Update on general park maintenance.
  - d. Memorial: Weeds needed to be tended to by flagpole and grave stone. Field condition has improved since June's events.
  - e. Three thousand dollars has been put into repairing the utility cart over the past year. This cart is used every day by multiple departments, including pool and summer camp. The current budget does include an area for maintenance equipment. Money spent on repairs can be designated towards other projects. A new cart could be equipped with a plow and windshield. Ken also informed the board that the garbage truck is 25 years old and will also need replacing in the near future. Approval to move forward towards pricing a new utility cart.
4. **DISCUSSION** – BBQ on the Hill Update
  - a. Sponsors are being sought primarily. Chamber of Commerce is working on helping with this item. Metro South Medical as well as First Midwest Bank.
5. **DISCUSSION** – Equipment Requests from the City of Blue Island. Chief King has requested tables and chairs for the National Night Out on August 7, 2018. Concerns based on previous events, the requests were delivered and picked up by Park District staff. In the future, the organization requesting to borrow equipment must be picked up and brought back. In the case of snow fencing, Park District staff will erect and break down to prevent damage.
6. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**
  - a. Day camp has been a success with 180 participants, which is the largest group to date.
  - b. The park is getting ready for the staff appreciation event and Director Wogan has priced out a group package for White Sox game. Cost would be approximately \$1,800. It has been a successful year on all fronts and would like to show the Park District's appreciation to all staff.
  - c. Ghost Tour request. Dale Kaczmarek operates a ghost tour out of Oak Lawn and is asking permission to make Memorial Park as a stop on the tour.
  - d. Note to Commissioners, if anyone is interested in 2019 dates for rentals, please inform the office as soon as possible. Dates are filling up fast.
  - e. Maintenance: A shout out to the Maintenance Department on good example of communication. There is a group on Facebook that pick up garbage around Blue Island. It was posted they would be at Hart Park that was to be the next stop. Maintenance was able to attend to any needs at the park prior to the group's arrival.
  - f. Commissioner Ochoa asked about the netting at Hart Park and what the cost was. He also stated that the infield needs to be redone. As well as the cage.
  - g. There was a meeting with the Board of Recreation and MWRD regarding the use of the Water Fall SEPA station for Dragon Boat and Park District rentals and the area behind Bethel Church for a soccer field. The City of Blue Island is working on a letter explaining what the areas are to be used.
  - h. North Entrance gate. At this time, the sign that was damaged in an accident two months ago is not covered under Park Insurance. Michael Hayes stated that a letter needs to be sent to the person responsible for the accident requesting reimbursement to replace the sign. Statute of limitation on property damage would be approximately two years.

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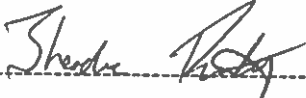
Adjourn into Executive Session for the purpose for employment of specific employees. Motion to adjourn into Executive Session was made by Commissioner Ochoa and seconded by Commissioner Zylman. All ayes. Motion passes.

*Executive session regarding the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees pursuant to Section 2 (c ) (1).*

Re-Open Regular Session. Motion to re-open Regular Session of the board was made by Commissioner Ochoa seconded by Commissioner Zylman. All aye.

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting was made by Commissioner Ochoa and seconded by Commissioner Zylman, all aye. Meeting adjourned.

Approved



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Theodore Ruthenberg, President  
Blue Island Park District



Date