

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF THE BLUE ISLAND PARK DISTRICT HELD ON NOVEMBER 5, 2019
AT 7:00PM AT THE MEMORIAL PARK FIELD HOUSE

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Call to order: 7:00p

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Commissioner Ochoa

Roll Call Present: Commissioners Ruthenberg, Ochoa, Franchetti and Richardella

Absent: None

Staff/Others: Executive Director Thomas Wogan, Director of Operations Octavio Carbajal, Director of Recreation Joshua Edwards 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** – BBQ Financial Comparison. Staffed formed committee, cost brought down, fireworks rained out. Festive did make a little money this year despite weather and cancellation of last day due to rain. Within the next year or so, the Park District is anticipating a sustainable festival
2. **DISCUSSION** – BBQ future plans. Elements to implement. Open to professional element. KCBS contacted regarding expanding.
 - a. Commissioner Richardella distributed information on basic requirements for a Professional Competitors event. Water will need to be available. If Professionals are located at the top of the hill, rib turn in area will be in the Field House. Most competitors will have generators, but power may be supplied for some. Possibility to offer free ice. Competitor fees will start at \$250-\$275 and will be charged an addition \$25 for a 20x40 space and \$50 for a 20x50 space areas. Some type of family area and/or a pot luck where everyone brings something. Set up for this may start as soon as Saturday afternoon with competition on Sunday.
 - b. Total teams can be limited to possibly 15 for the first year with cash prizes provided mostly by sponsors.
 - c. SCA – Steak Cook-off Association. This is a four hour competition and may draw groups as far as Texas, but with a much higher prize payout.
3. **DISCUSSION** – Hart Park & Sportsfield. The general restructuring of Hart field with dirt and sod installation will provide better drainage and an improved field. Director Wogan would like to move forward with general funding until the Grant funds become available. Place on next regular meeting agenda.
4. **DISCUSSION** – Customer Survey Report. Board reviewed the Customer Survey Reports. This gives a sense of who our customers are and the level of satisfaction with our programs and sports and which are popular. This will be beneficial when applying for grants in the future.

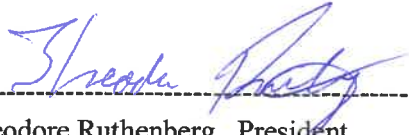
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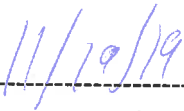
5. **DISCUSSION** - Park facility usage review. Ken Bereta, Maintenance Supervisor was asked to review the current parks and giving a review on which play grounds that had little or no usage. Director Wogan is hesitating on implementing new equipment in these areas and would be open to repurposing these spaces. Possible additional soccer fields and clearing some to create green spaces. The public will be involved with this process.
6. **DIRECTORS REPORT**
 - a. Santa House Schedule has been published. The Community of Posen has once again asked for the use of the Santa house for their community center.
 - b. The Park District will also once again partake in the Light Parade.
 - c. Annual Audit is scheduled for November 11, 2019.

Motion to adjourn Committee of the Whole was made by Commissioner Ochoa and seconded by Commissioner Franchetti. All aye, meeting adjourned.

Approved



Theodore Ruthenberg. President
Blue Island Park District



Date