

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF THE BLUE ISLAND PARK DISTRICT HELD ON JANUARY 7, 2020
AT 7:00PM AT THE MEMORIAL PARK FIELD HOUSE

Call to order: 7:00p

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Commissioner Ruthenberg

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

Absent: None

Staff/Others: Executive Director Thomas Wogan, Director of Operations Octavio Carbajal 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.*

AGENDA:

1. DISCUSSION – Splash Pad Project Bids.

- a. Two Public bids were unveiled and reviewed and the only plausible bid was reviewed by the Board of Commissioners. The only plausible bid that matched the Park Districts budget was from Schaefer Brothers, which was still higher than projected budget. The Park District has two options. Option #1 would be to rebid project and see if additional bids come in, or go ahead with the Schaefer Brother's bid. By next board meeting, Director Wogan would like to get a bid that has been reduced or a new bid that would be within the targeted budget. Commissioner Ochoa, Franchetti and Richardella all agree to accept the bid and see if it can be brought down. State of Illinois has reached out and our aquatic repairs request was one of the first to be accepted. Commissioner Richardella asked about the Hart Park project, Director Wogan needs to readdress this and see if that money can be released soon. KABOOM is also being considered for another park.

2. DIRECTORS REPORT

- a. IPRA Conference coming up on January 23, 2020. Soaring to New Height's is the name of the Conference with Expo days January 23 and 24, 2020. All information will be on their website.
- b. Audit field work is completed. SIKICH, LLC is behind in their paperwork regarding the audit results, and we will be expecting some recommendations.
- c. State of Illinois PARC grants was accepted, basically \$25,000,000 for the pool project to draw from. Would like to possibly win some funds for a Recreation Center, property acquisition, and architect drawings. Phase 1 is property acquisitions.

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

Motion to adjourn Committee of the Whole was made by Commissioner Ochoa and seconded by Commissioner Franchetti. All aye, meeting adjourned at 7:18pm.

Approved



Theodore Ruthenberg. President
Blue Island Park District



Date