

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
OF THE BLUE ISLAND PARK DISTRICT HELD ON JUNE 2, 2020

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Call to order: 7:00p

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

Absent: None

Staff/Others: Executive Director Thomas Wogan, Park Attorney Michael Hayes, Summer Camp Director Candice Cantelo, Assistant Summer Camp Director Anthony Petella, Office Assistant Karina Mejia and Minutes Secretary Karen Zielinski

Public Comments: None

*\*Public comments are welcome. Comments may be sent to [Kzielinski@blueislandparks.org](mailto:Kzielinski@blueislandparks.org) 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 – Summer programming**

- a. State mandates on swimming pools is still pending. Day and summer camps will be allowed with restrictions. Joshua Edwards, Candice Cantelo and Anthony Petella will check other Park District regarding possible programming and listen to parent concerns.
- b. 61 responses to the Park District survey, majority were positive. Largest concerns were meals and face masks. Propose social distance guidelines will be published. June 29<sup>th</sup> through August 7, 2020 are the current dates for summer camp. The cost will remain the same minus the field trip fees. Camp groups will consist of 8 children and 2 counselors with no intermingling of groups and offered only to Blue Island residents.
- c. Face shields will be purchased, and parents will be required to supply their children with face masks as well. Reusable water bottles and individual open-air lockers will be supplied. Parents are to provide a lunch daily in disposable containers (such as paper bags, marked with their child's name). Temperature of each child will be taken twice daily, once prior to leaving parent/guardians car and after lunch. Rain-out day plans are currently being planned out.
- d. Splash pad may be an option with restrictions. Information to be posted online by end of week and a letter from the Director to parents regarding guidelines to be distributed.

**2. DIRECTORS REPORT**

- a. Chicago White Sox requesting a location for an instructional camp. Hart Park schedule is being reviewed.
- b. Greg McGhee is looking into a Realtor based Grant and he would like to target Tot Lot. This would resemble a KABOOM project but on a small scale.
- c. Cook County Ethic Statements due by June 30, 2020 by all Commissioners.

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Commissioner Ruthenberg received an email from Blue Island Police Department regarding children in the parks, but not on playground equipment. With the weather warming up, patrols are to be increased for all parks. Commissioner Ochoa also stated his concerns regarding Perillo Park.

First in person staff meeting today, zoom meeting will up to the board to continue. Zoom meetings through June, July may change. Executive Director Wogan addressed having additional Zoom meetings, pending Commissioners approval.

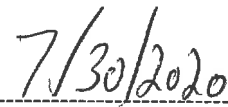
*Executive session regarding the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees pursuant to Section 2 (c) (1).*

Motion to adjourn Committee of the Whole was made by Commissioner Ochoa and seconded by Commissioner Franchetti. All aye, meeting adjourned at 7:28pm.

Approved



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Theodore Ruthenberg. President  
Blue Island Park District



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Date