

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF THE BLUE ISLAND PARK DISTRICT HELD ON AUGUST 18, 2020 AT 7:00PM

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- Call to order: 7:00pm
- Pledge of Allegiance: Lead by Commissioner Franchetti
- Roll call of Commissioners: Brandon Richardella, Vince Franchetti and William Ochoa
- Commissioners Absent: Theodore Ruthenberg
- Staff / Others Present: Executive Director Thomas Wogan, Director of Operations Octavio Carbajal, Recreation Director Joshua Edwards, Minutes Secretary Karen Zielinski, District Attorney Michael Hayes, Recreation Coordinator Luiz Montoya, Recreation Assistant Emmanuel Esparza and Office Assistant Karina Mejia
- 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 comments.*

Additions or Revisions to the Agenda: None

AGENDA:

1. **CONSENT AGENDA:** It is recommended that the board approves the Consent Agenda A-C. Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Franchetti and seconded by Commissioner Richardella. Roll Call: Commissioner Richardella, Franchetti and Ochoa. All aye, motion passes.
 - a. **CONSENT** – Approval of Minutes of the Public Hearing held July 30, 2020 and Minutes of the Regular Meeting held July 30, 2020.
 - b. **CONSENT** – Approval of Payroll ending August 1, 2020 in the amount of \$32,806.29 and adjusted Summer Camp Payroll ending August 2, 2020 in the amount of \$2,048.23.
 - c. **CONSENT** – Approval of Accounts Payables from July 29 through August 13, 2020 in the amount of \$58,615.64.
2. **ACTION** – Appointment of counsel for the purpose of Park District policy review. Attorney Robyn Molaro who works with surrounding villages and municipalities, also works with the States Attorney Office. She will be working with the Park District bringing policies and procedures to a more current and modern status. Commissioner Richardella asked if Ms. Molaro will provide training materials? Yes. Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Richardella and seconded by Commissioner Franchetti. Roll Call. Commissioner Richardella, Franchetti and Ochoa. All ayes, motion passes.
3. **DISCUSSION** – Summer Camp Review. Last day for summer camp was August 7, 2020. Applauds to camp personnel and their efforts. Candice Cantelo and Tony Petella did a good job with maintaining social distancing with the children. First time in camp history the Camp had a zero balance of fees owed. Commissioner Richardella asked if the parents appreciated and commented on job well done. Pool and Splash Pad was to be able open by the beginning of the second session. Camp does well with identifying children with issues and proud of all counselors.

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4. **DISCUSSION** – Review of potential upcoming school year programming.
District 130 Teachers Union contacted Director Wogan. They have many concerns but no answers on what is to be done. Some teachers showed interest in a school care program between 8:00a to 3:00p 5 days a week. The Park District would allow children of teachers first. Park District estimates two staff and a support person. Possible Para-pros will be laid off at District 130, they may be interested in part time work. Alsip is offering a program at \$35 per day. Blue Island Park District would target children between the ages of 6 to 10 and 11 to 14. Commissioners asked if the Teachers Board would be paying any part of the Park District expenses. Mr. Hayes will check into the legal responsibilities. Commissioner Richardella asked if this fall under private tutoring? That would be pending certification. Recreation will make the nonacademic part as fun as possible. Mr. Hayes stated that teachers do not always live in the district they teach in and their children may attend a different school district. Blue Island teachers are a priority entry and exit protocol in place. Possible purchase of additional wireless hotspots to support the additional WIFI needed. Spacing and mask requirements will be enforced. Mr. Esparza ran a similar program at Homer Flossmoor Park District.

5. **DIRECTORS REPORT:**


1. Hart Park – Playground equipment is mostly for toddlers, and the Recreation Department has been working on plans to update this play area. Different ground surface materials are being researched from mulch to rubber padding. Main piece is ADA complaint with a wheelchair ramp, ADA accessible swings and wheelchair carousel. Installation of this park could price from \$30,000 and up. Estimated 8 weeks for delivery. Commissioner Ochoa asked about the life expectancies between mulch and turf. Turf estimates 15 years, only issue is under swing indentations will form and will have to be repairs after a time. State Grant for Hart is \$230,000.
2. Tot Lot's main piece ordered and will arrive soon. Other pieces are backordered.

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

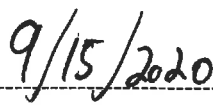
Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Franchetti and seconded by Commissioner Richardella. All aye, meeting adjourned at 7:53pm

Approved



Theodore Ruthenberg, President
Blue Island Park District



Date