

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

Call to order: 7:00p

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Commissioner Franchetti

Roll Call Present: Commissioners Ruthenberg, Ochoa, Franchetti and Commissioner Richardella joining at 7:05pm

Absent: None

Staff/Others: Executive Director Thomas Wogan, Director of Recreation Joshua Edwards, 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** – Summer Camp updates. First day was cancelled due to forecast of storms. 23 campers have enrolled. Face covering is being enforced. Splash pad should be running by next week. Two tents for sun covering have been ordered. Anticipate 2nd sessions expecting higher numbers working through parent concerns and new procedures
2. **DISCUSSION** – Playground usage – spoke with neighboring Park Districts regarding reopening of parks. Yellow caution tape has come down at playgrounds signage regarding play at own risk with cleaning a regular schedule. Memorial Park playground will be cleaned more often due to camper usage. Commissioner Ruthenberg informed the board of the complaints he is getting regarding Kiddie Korral and people on the on the playgrounds.
3. **DISCUSSION** – BBQ Update. BBQ is scheduled for October and moving forward. KCBS has issued new rules enforcing distancing and personal protection equipment. The whole of Memorial Park may be put in place for distancing. Commissioner Richardella ask how registration was going. Suggested to allow people to reserve spot and pay later in case no show or cancellation. Power and water may be issue. Only 15 teams needed 40 to 50 teams max.
4. **DISCUSSION** – Rental Policy during Covid-19 only 30 possible limited for banquet hall. Commissioners have decided not to rent the inside banquet hall and restrict rentals to picnic pavilions with social distancing numbers.
5. **DISCUSSION** – Capital Project Grants. Splash Pad will pay sooner than the pool liner and field at Hart Park Grants. New Playground at Hart Park. \$110,000 Hart, \$100,000 pool. National Realtor Association grant for Tot Lot at \$15,000 approved for \$20,000. Park District would provide a larger four face feature with small swing set and land scaping
6. **DIRECTORS REPORT**
 - a. Audit – The decision to keep Sikich or place out to bid for a new Accounting firm to preform annual audits. Mr. Wogan recommends placing this item out to bid. Review vender contract
 - b. Sports are back on a limited basis.

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Commissioner Ruthenberg commented on the overall landscaping of the parks. Suggested we look at hiring an outside landscaping company. Clean up Memorial Park ball diamond and Hart Parks infield needs to be weeded. Maintenance might need to investigate temporary help for the summer season to catch up. Possible new routine for parks with specific areas to look at. checked.

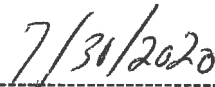
Executive session regarding the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees pursuant to Section 2 (c) (1).

Motion to adjourn Committee of the Whole was made by Commissioner Ochoa and seconded by Commissioner Richardella. All aye, meeting adjourned at 7:41pm.

Approved



Theodore Ruthenberg, President
Blue Island Park District



Date