

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
OF THE BLUE ISLAND PARK DISTRICT HELD ON JULY 30, 2020 AT 7:00PM

Call to order: 7:10p Page 1 of 2

Pledge of Allegiance: Lead 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, Recreation Director Joshua Edwards, Recreation Coordinator Luiz Montoya, Minutes Secretary Karen Zielinski, District Attorney Michael Hayes, Pool Manager Eduardo Valadez and Marketing Assistant Hayley Woodrich

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. **CONSENT AGENDA:** It is recommended that the board approve consent agenda A-C. Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Franchetti, seconded by Commissioner Ochoa. Roll call: Commissioners Franchetti, Richardella, Ruthenberg and Ochoa. All aye, motion passes.
  - a. **CONSENT** - Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board held on June 16, 2020 and Committee of the Whole July 7, 2020.
  - b. **CONSENT** – Approval of Payroll ending June 20, 2020 in the amount of \$22,609.50 and Payroll ending July 18, 2020 in the amount of \$30,453.85
  - c. **CONSENT** – Approval of Accounts Payables in the amount of \$218,555.37.
2. **ACTION** – Appointment of Board Secretary. Motion to appoint Vince Franchetti as Board Secretary was made by Commissioner Richardella and seconded by Commissioner Ochoa. Roll call: Commissioner Richardella, Franchetti, Ochoa and Ruthenberg. All ayes, motion passed.
3. **ACTION** - Approval of Ordinance #20-07-30-1 adopting the final budget for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021. Roll Call: Commissioners Ochoa, Richardella, Franchetti and Ruthenberg. All ayes, motions passed.
4. **DISCUSSION** – Summer Camp update. Finished August 7, 2020 and Summer Camp staff did a good job keeping everything running smoothly. With 30 children the pick-up and drop off procedure worked well. Looking into a small employee appreciation event at Memorial Park to end summer.
5. **DISCUSSION** – Aquatics Update. Pool and Splash Pad opened to the public by reservation only with a maximum of 12 occupant per time slot. Reservations are in two-hour increments with half hour cleaning breaks in-between. Pool liner is installed but an unknown issue with a faulty valve caused loss of water. There was no flooding in the basement. Issue has been resolved and pool has reopened. Commissioners requested to be notified if issues like this come up in the future.

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**6. DISCUSSION – 2020 Park Facility Renovations.**

In addition to two renovation projects, Tot Lot will receive an upgrade, equipment has been ordered. First component which is equipped with an ADA component will be installed shortly. Second piece will be installed by Ken Bereta and the Maintenance staff. There will also be a Community build day hosted by the National Realtor Group who originally applied for the Grant. A Community build day will be planned closer to the August beginning of September and a ribbon cutting ceremony by the Park District Commissioners. Hart Park play lot planning has started with the assistance of the Recreation Department. This event is planned September or October.

**7. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

1. Completed audit was provided to the Board of Commissioners. Any loss in value is depreciated value. Overall report shows Park District is sound and they offered recommendations on how some of the accounting books can be updated. Knutte and Associates, Park Districts former auditors, was purchased by Sikich LLC. Director Wogan recommendation is to bid out for a new company. He also recommends consulting an attorney that specializes in Human Resource policies. This person would help bring our policies up to date and act as council for employees. Director Wogan suggested keeping this person on a small retainer.
2. District 130 Teachers Union contacted Director Wogan with the anticipation of working with the Park District developing a after school learning program with Park staff to supervise academic learning, also provide crafts and recreational time with the possibility of a movie day on Fridays. Commissioner Franchetti asked why the schools does not promote this program. Park District would have to staff people to monitor and follow the District curriculum. Commissioner Richardella asked about the age groups? Would be altering days with different age groups.
3. Memorial Park softball field will be monitored over the next summer for usage, then decide regarding removing it back drop. Commissioner Ruthenberg addressed a request from a resident. They would like to see weekly infant and toddler programs brought back to the park. He also remarked on the improvement of maintenance throughout the parks, Mr. Wogan commented Maintenance has been brought to full staff.

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

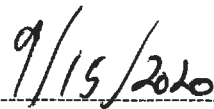
**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Ochoa and seconded by Commissioner Richardella. All aye, meeting adjourned at 7:46pm

Approved



Theodore Ruthenberg. President  
Blue Island Park District



Date