

**Chicago Heights Park District  
Regular Meeting  
Park District Board of Commissioners  
January 10, 2022  
7:00 p.m.**

**Meeting called to Order:** The Regular Board meeting of the Chicago Heights Park District Board of Commissioners was called to order at 7:00p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Upon roll call, the following board members were recorded present: Commissioner Ridley, Commissioner Perez, Commissioner Baikuskas, President Mangiaracina, Commissioner Straczek, and Commissioner Zuniga. Commissioner Nichols-Brown was recorded absent. A quorum was established.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve the Regular Board Meeting minutes on December 13, 2021, by Commissioner Perez, seconded by Commissioner Baikuskas. The following ayes were recorded: Commissioner Ridley, Commissioner Perez, Commissioner Baikuskas, Commissioner Straczek, Commissioner Zuniga and President Mangiaracina. Motion passed.

**President Mangiaracina:** President Mangiaracina thanked everyone who helped with Winter Wonderland. She gave special thanks to Wanda Rodgers-Spruell, Program Director and all the staff for doing a great job. This event was a great success. She also, announced that the City of Chicago Heights along with the State of Illinois will be hosting a Covid-19 Free Vaccination Clinic event on Saturday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at City Hall. She concludes her report to remind everyone that on Monday, January 17<sup>th</sup> we will be honoring the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King. Please remember that this day will be a day of service. She wished everyone a safe new year.

**Treasure's Report:** None given.

**Superintendents Report:** Superintendent Gonzalez informed the board that RAM Accounting is behind in their accounting. Therefore there has not been any Treasures Report in the past few months. He informed RAM Accounting to hold their invoices until the requested work has been completed. He said that he will work with them to get caught up. He also informed the board that there are no rentals at both golf courses due to renovation. He informed the board that both golf courses have been losing money in the past few years. Therefore, the park district is seeking to outsource the banquet rentals and food services. This will help the park district to purchase new or used items with the help of individuals that are looking to partner with the park district. He also informed the board that on the agenda there is a resolution for authorizing and approving lease agreement to lease new golf carts for the golf courses. He also informed the board that in January and February parks will be assessed for new park equipment. Replacing new park equipment will take about four or five years to complete.

**Attorneys Report:** None given.

**Public Participation:**

**Commissioners Report**

**Commissioner Ridley:** None given.

**Commissioner Perez:** None given.

**Commissioner Baikauskas:** Commissioner Baikauskas stated that she hoped everyone had a wonderful blessed Christmas and New Year. She informed the board that she would be hosting her 4th Ward Meeting with Alderman Baikauskas on Monday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at Roosevelt School. She concluded her report by thanking everyone who attended the Annual Winter Wonderland Festival.

**Commissioner Straczek:** Commissioner Straczek thanked everyone for coming out to the Annual Winter Wonderland.

**Commissioner Zuniga:** Commissioner Zuniga stated that he hope everyone had a very happy Christmas and New Year. He hopes that everyone will be well and safe this year.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

**Submission of Bills:** On a motion to pay the bills for the month of December 2021 by Commissioner Straczek, seconded by Commissioner Baikauskas. The following ayes were recorded: Commissioner Ridley, Commissioner Perez, Commissioner Baikauskas, Commissioner Straczek, Commissioner Zuniga and President Mangiaracina. Motion passed.

**Resolution:** On a resolution 2022-01 authorizing and approving a certain lease agreement with Harris Golf Cars Sales and Services to lease and service golf carts for the Chicago Heights Park District, County of Cook, State of Illinois by Commissioner Staczek, seconded by Commissioner Baikauskas. The following ayes were recorded: Commissioner Ridley, Commissioner Perez, Commissioner Baikauskas, Commissioner Straczek, Commissioner Zuniga and President Mangiaracina. Motion passed.

Discussion followed: Superintendent Gonzalez informed the board that this will be the replacement of 48 golf carts with 2022 models. Golf carts have been leased with the 2017 models going on 5 years. Now looking to replace them with a trade in value \$145,000 for 44 of the golf carts plus (4) 2018 models for \$15,000. \$1,435.33 per month for a 5 year lease. These carts will be in the fall of 2022. This will not affect this year's budget because payments will not start until new carts have arrived. This will get the park district ready for the 2023 golf season.

**Resolution:** On a resolution 2022-02 authorizing and approving a certain quote from Deere and Company for golf course maintenance equipment for the Chicago Heights Park District, County of Cook, and State of Illinois. The following ayes were recorded: Commissioner Ridley, Commissioner Perez, Commissioner Baikauskas, Commissioner Straczek, Commissioner Zuniga and President Mangiaracina. Motion passed.

Discussion followed: Superintendent Gonzalez informed the board that this resolution is for 6 pieces of equipment. Joint purchase agreement with the State of Illinois for the total of \$256,025.92. This is a lease program which will be similar to the purchasing of golf carts. Leasing equipment out every 4 years will allow the park district to have updated equipment. \$50,000 per year will be the average for the park district to lease equipment.

**Adjournment:** On a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m. by Commissioner Straczek, seconded by Commissioner Zuniga. The following ayes were recorded: Commissioner Ridley, Commissioner Perez, Commissioner Baikauskas, Commissioner Straczek, Commissioner Zuniga and President Mangiaracina. Motion passed

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Secretary

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Date