

**Chicago Heights Park District  
Park District Board of Commissioners  
Regular Board Meeting  
May 10, 2021  
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 7:00 p.m.

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

**Motion:** On a motion for Commissioner Jessica Mangiaracina to serve as Interim President until nomination and appointment of officers by Commissioner Strazcek, seconded by Commissioner Baikauskas. The following ayes were recorded: Commissioner Ridley, Commissioner Perez, Commissioner Baikauskas, Commissioner Mangiaracina, Commissioner Strazcek and Commissioner Zuniga.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve Regular Board Meeting minutes on April 12, 2021, by Commissioner Strazcek, seconded by Commissioner Zuniga. The following ayes were recorded: Commissioner Ridley, Commissioner Mangiaracina, Commissioner Strazcek, and Commissioner Zuniga. The following abstained: Commissioner Perez and Commissioner Baikauskas. Motion passed.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve the Executive Session on April 12, 2021, by Commissioner Strazcek, seconded by Commissioner Zuniga. The following ayes were recorded: Commissioner Ridley, Commissioner Mangiaracina, Commissioner Strazcek, and Commissioner Zuniga. The following abstained: Commissioner Perez and Commissioner Baikauskas. Motion passed.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve the Special Board Meeting on April 28, 2021, by Commissioner Strazcek, seconded by Commissioner Perez. The following ayes were recorded: Commissioner Perez, Commissioner Baikauskas, Commissioner Mangiaracina, and Commissioner Strazcek. The following nays were recorded: Commissioner Zuniga. The following abstained: Commissioner Ridley. Motion passed.

**Public Participation:**

**Assistant Superintendents Report:** Mike DeButch informed the board that he submitted his report to the board. He informed the board that Eric Hartmann's name was on the report. He is not a Department Head.

Discussion followed: Commissioner Jessica Mangiaracina asked about Golf Course Superintendent no name there. She just wanted to have it clarified if anyone was hired.

## **Commissioners Report**

**Commissioner Zuniga:** Commissioner Zuniga wished everyone a Happy Mother's Day and welcomed all the new Board Commissioners.

**Commissioner Mangiaracina:** Commissioner Mangiaracina stated that the Mother's Day "Mom's and Miomos" was an excellent event. Great job to the Program Director, Wanda Rodgers-Spruell. She also stated that to double check executive reports before submitting.

## **Attorneys Report: She welcomed all New Board Memebers**

### **Old Business:**

**Audit Report:** Commissioner Mangiaracina stated that in the last Regular Board in April an Auditor Report was presented. She asked if the Auditor were present so the Newley Elected Board Members could ask questions.

Acting Superintendent Mike DeButch informed the board that Ms. Knox had agreed to be at the meeting, but she has not arrived.

### **New Business:**

**Nominations and Appointments:** On Nomination and Appointment of the Park District Board for Commissioner Jessica Mangiaracina as Board President by Commissioner Strazcek, seconded by Commissioner Baikauskas. The following ayes were recorded: Commissioner Perez, Commissioner Baikauskas, Commissioner Mangiaracina, Commissioner Strazcek and Commissioner Zuniga. Commissioner Ridley voted "HERE" due to not knowing the nominees. Motion passed.

**Nominations and Appointments:** On Nomination and Appointment of the Park District Board for Commissioner Curtis Strazcek as Board Vice President by President Mangiaracina, seconded by Commissioner Perez. The following ayes were recorded: Commissioner Perez, Commissioner Baikauskas, President Mangiaracina, Commissioner Strazcek and Commissioner Zuniga. Commissioner Ridley voted "HERE" due to not knowing the nominees. Motion passed.

**Nominations and Appointments:** On Nomination and Appointment of the Park District Board for Commissioner Elizabeth Perez as Board Treasure by Commissioner Strazcek, seconded by Baikauskas. The following ayes were recorded: Commissioner Perez, Commissioner Baikauskas, President Mangiaracina, Commissioner Strazcek and Commissioner Zuniga. Commissioner Ridley voted "HERE" due to not knowing the nominees. Motion passed.

**Nominations and Appointments:** On Nomination and Appointment of the Park District Board for Commissioner Michelle Baikauskas as Board Secretary by Commissioner Strazcek, seconded by Baikauskas. The following ayes were recorded: Commissioner Perez, Commissioner Baikauskas, President Mangiaracina, Commissioner Strazcek and Commissioner Zuniga. Commissioner Ridley voted “HERE” due to not knowing the nominees. Motion passed.

**Submission of Bills:** On a motion to pay the bills for the month of April 2021 by Commissioner Strazcek, seconded by Commissioner Zuniga. The following ayes were recorded: Commissioner Perez, Commissioner Baikauskas, President Mangiaracina, Commissioner Strazcek and Commissioner Zuniga. Commissioner Ridley voted “HERE” due to not knowing the nominees Motion passed.

Discussion followed: Commissioner Mangiaracina asked about page 3 Arnold Knox CPA amount \$16,500 why was it withheld. Assistant Superintendent stated that the former Superintendent Perez held the check since February and does not know why it was withheld. He stated that Arnold Knox CPA did receive payment a few weeks ago. She inquired about page 17 Public Relations for Shawn Howard. Assistant Superintendent informed that the manual check was approved by the former Superintendent, Frank Perez. Check has been issued to Mr. Howard. President Mangiaracina asked Assistant DeButch to provide all (3) contracts for the individuals serving in the compacity of Public Relations. She asked about Tristan and Cervantes administrative reissuing of checks. Assistant Superintendent DeButch stated that those checks were reissued due to the former checks not being received. President Mangiarancina stated no more manual checks be issued until they have been approved by the board.

**Resolution:** On a resolution 2021-01 Appointing Del Galdo Law Group, LLC as attorney for the Chicago Heights Park District and authorizing the execution of an engagement letter with the Del Galdo Law Group LLC to serve as attorney by Commissioner Strazcek, seconded by Commissioner Baikauskas. The following ayes were recorded: Commissioner Perez, Commissioner Baikauskas, President Mangiaracina, Commissioner Strazcek and Commissioner Zuniga. Commissioner Ridley voted “HERE” due to not knowing the nominees Motion passed.

**Resolution:** On a resolution 2021-02 Approving certain persons as signatories and authorized representatives for the Chicago Heights Park District bank accounts for the Chicago Heights Park District, County of Cook, State of Illinois by Commissioner Strazcek, seconded by Commissioner Zuniga. The following ayes were recorded: Commissioner Perez, Commissioner Baikauskas, President Mangiaracina, Commissioner Strazcek and Commissioner Zuniga. Commissioner Ridley voted “HERE” due to not knowing the nominees Motion passed.

**Resolution:** On a resolution 2020-03 Appointing Michael DeButch as an interim Superintendent for Chicago Heights Park District by Commissioner Strazcek, seconded by Commissioner Perez. The following ayes were recorded: Commissioner Ridley, Commissioner Perez, Commissioner Baikauskas, President Mangiaracina, Commissioner Strazcek and Commissioner Zuniga. Motion passed.

**Resolution:** On resolution 2021-04 Appointing the Chicago Heights Park District's Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund Authorized Agent by Commissioner Perez, seconded by Commissioner Strazcek. The following ayes were recorded: Commissioner Ridley, Commissioner Perez, Commissioner Baikauskas, President Mangiaracina, Commissioner Strazcek and Commissioner Zuniga. Motion passed. Discussion followed.

President Mangiaracina stated that in the past some Commissioners may not be able to attend meetings. She stated that Commissioner Strazcek was denied calling into a meeting when he was sick. She asked the Park District Attorney to prepare an unformed set of rules for call in procedures for Commissioners that can not attend meetings. The Park District Attorney informed the board President that the Auditor has arrived. It was agreed by the board to table it to the next board meeting.

**Adjournment:** On a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. by Commissioner Strazcek, seconded by Commissioner Baikauskas. The following ayes were recorded: Commissioner Ridley, Commissioner Perez, Commissioner Baikauskas, President Mangiaracina, Commissioner Strazcek and Commissioner Zuniga. Motion passed.

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**Secretary**

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**Date**