

**Chicago Heights Park District
Regular Meeting
Park District Board of Commissioners
December 12, 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 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: Upon roll call, the following board members were recorded present: Commissioner Perez, Commissioner Baikauskas, Commissioner Straczek, Commissioner Zuniga, and President Mangiaracina. Commissioner Ridley was recorded present at 7:03 pm. Commissioner Nichols-Brown was recorded absent. A quorum was established.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the Regular Board Meeting minutes on November 14, 2022, by Commissioner Perez seconded by Commissioner Straczek. The following ayes were recorded: Commissioner Perez, Commissioner Baikauskas, Commissioner Straczek, and Commissioner Zuniga. President Mangiaracina abstained. Motion carried.

President Mangiaracina: Announced that the Commissioners will have a tent at the Winter Wonderland on December 17th. Also, she will be hosting Coco with Santa in Ward 6 at the Thornwood Apartments on Sunday, December 18th. She thanked Dr. Demitrowicz for her donations and support. She stated that it was such a great honor to work with Dr. Demitrowicz, the Chicago Heights Park District Staff, and the Board of Commissioners. She concluded her report by thanking Superintendent, Dr. Demitrowicz, and Program Director, Wanda Rodgers-Spruell for hosting Corina's Scarfs Around the Tree Giving Event. She stated that Corina was just the picture-perfect person of giving and love and what it meant to be a part of a community.

Treasure's Report: None was given.

Superintendents Report: Superintendent Dr. Shari Demitrowicz wished everyone Happy Holidays. She informed the board that for the last 3 months, the park district memberships have averaged between 18 to 22 members per month. The Winter booklet has been mailed out to Chicago Heights and South Chicago Heights residents. Boys' Basketball numbers have increased from last year with 70 kids enrolled. Rec Desk which will allow online registration is projected to start in February. New signage at the park district and Hap Bruno will start in mid-January. There will be a Chicago Heights Park District Report Card will be given at the next board meeting to review all the accomplishments that have been done by the staff and the Administrative Team that the Board of Commissioners has supported. She informed the board that cameras will be installed also surveys will be going out to our residents in January to find out their wants and needs in our community. There were 42 trees removed at the Golf Courses. She met with the Sales Representative of Golf Now, Andy Perez. She stated that the report from Golf Now was phenomenal, and she will share this information from the report in the January 2023 Report Card. The Iron Pearl lease agreements and utility payments will begin in January 2023. She concluded her report by informing the board that the audit for the Chicago Heights Park District is almost completed and we are still working on the bond.

Attorneys Report: Attorney, Tiffany Nelson-Jaworski gave a clarification from a previous question in the last board meeting pertaining to the line item for the Chicago Heights Park District Police Department. She stated that it was just a preexisting line item.

Public Participation: Betty Berks, 339 Diane Lane, Chicago Heights, Illinois questioned the Board of Commissioners if the current pathway by Commissioners Park could be repaved. The Park Board President and Board of Commissioners agreed to try to honor her request.

Commissioners Report

Commissioner Ridley: None was given

Commissioner Perez: Commissioner Perez wished everyone a Happy Holidays.

Commissioner Baikauskas: Commissioner Baikauskas wished everyone Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Commissioner Straczek: None was given.

Commissioner Zuniga: Commissioner Zuniga wished everyone a Happy Holidays.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Submission of Bills: On a motion to pay the bills for November 2022 by Commissioner Straczek, seconded by Commissioner Perez. The following ayes were recorded: Commissioner Ridley, Commissioner Perez, Commissioner Baikauskas, Commissioner Straczek, Commissioner Zuniga, and President Mangiaracina. Motion carried.

Motion: On a motion to accept Holiday's Monthly Membership Fees Rental Fees, Employee Discounts, and Hours of Operation by Commissioner Baikauskas, seconded by commissioner Straczek. The following ayes were recorded: Commissioner Ridley, Commissioner Perez, Commissioner Baikauskas, Commissioner Straczek, Commissioner Zuniga, and President Mangiaracina. Motion carried.

Discussion followed.

Ordinance: On ordinance 2022-02 The Annual Tax Levy Ordinance of the Chicago Heights Park District Cook County, Illinois for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2022, and ending April 30th, 2023, by Commissioner Baikauskas, seconded by Commissioner Zuniga. The following ayes were recorded: Commissioner Ridley, Commissioner Perez, Commissioner Baikauskas, Commissioner Straczek, Commissioner Zuniga, and President Mangiaracina. Motion carried.

Resolution: On resolution 2022-12 of the Chicago Heights Park District setting the 2023 calendar year schedule of Regular Board Meetings of the Board of Commissioners for the Chicago Heights Park District Cook County, Illinois by Commissioner Perez, seconded by Commissioner Baikauskas. The following ayes were recorded: Commissioner Ridley, Commissioner Perez, Commissioner Baikauskas, Commissioner Straczek, Commissioner Zuniga, and President Mangiaracina. Motion carried.

Resolution: On resolution 2022-13 approving amendments to the Vacation Leave Policy and incorporating these amendments into the Personnel Policy Manual of the Chicago Heights Park District, County of Cook, State of Illinois by Commissioner Straczek, seconded Baikauskas. The following ayes were recorded: Commissioner Ridley, Commissioner Perez, Commissioner Baikauskas, Commissioner Straczek, Commissioner Zuniga, and President Mangiaracina. Motion carried.

Presentation: A special presentation for the Recreation Center renovations was given by DLA.

Adjournment: On a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 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 carried.

Secretary

Date