

**Chicago Heights Park District**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Park District Board of Commissioners**  
**August 14, 2023**  
**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/Roll Call:** Upon roll call, the following board members were recorded present: Commissioner Foston, Commissioner Perez, Commissioner Robinson, Commissioner Baikauskas, Commissioner Straczek, Commissioner Guzman, and President Mangiaracina. A quorum was established.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve the Public Hearing minutes on July 10, 2023, by Commissioner Straczek, seconded by Commissioner Foston. The following ayes were recorded: Commissioner Foston, Commissioner Baikauskas, Commissioner Straczek, Commissioner Guzman, and President Mangiaracina. Commissioner Perez and Commissioner Robinson abstained. Motion passed.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve the Regular Board Meeting minutes on July 10, 2023, by Commissioner Foston, seconded by Commissioner Straczek. The following ayes were recorded: Commissioner Foston, Commissioner Baikauskas, Commissioner Straczek, Commissioner Guzman, and President Mangiaracina. Commissioner Perez and Commissioner Robinson abstained. Motion passed.

**President Report:** President Mangiaracina announced the Music in the Park “Through Back” event will be held on Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup> at King Park from 4:00 p.m. We will have DJ, Rockin Reggie, a Michale Jackson Tribute, face painting, volleyball, horseback rides, a petting zoo, Harolds Chicken, and more. She also informed the board that Bike the Heights will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup> and end with a special Music in the Park Block Party. She concluded her report by announcing the 10<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary of KaBOOM Park in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward on August 10, 2013. She announced that this park was built by the staff, kids from the community, and volunteers. She stated that she would like to celebrate this anniversary before the end of the year. She also thanked the new members of the Efficiency Committee for serving on the board. She informed the park board members and Efficiency Committee members that they are now allowed to register for a Chicago Heights Park District membership which will also include their immediate household family members.

**Treasure’s Report:** A Treasure Report was given by Chicago Heights Park Board Treasure, Commissioner Baikauskas.

**Moton:** On a motion to accept the Treasure Report by Park Board Treasure, Commissioner Baikauskas by Commissioner Perez, seconded by Commissioner Robinson. The following ayes were recorded: Commissioner Foston, Commissioner Perez, Commissioner Robinson, Commissioner Baikauskas, Commissioner Straczek, Commissioner Guzman, and President Mangiaracina. Motion passed.

**Superintendent Report:** During the board meeting, Superintendent Demitrowicz shared some exciting news about our organization. She happily announced that we welcomed 37 new members this month. She also provided an update on the OSLAND Grant, informing the board that we received \$54,000 from St. Franciscan Alliance for park signage. Additionally, she mentioned that we've been waiting for the current contract negotiation extension with St. Franciscan due to no usage of the facility due to COVID.

**Attorneys Report:** Attorney Tiffany Nelson-Jaworski informed the board that the Illinois General Assembly's first required meeting has been completed, and two more meetings will be scheduled before November 2024.

**Public Participation:** None.

### **Commissioners Report**

**Commissioner Foston:** Commissioner Foston praised President Mangiaracina for her excellent performance at the soccer game they attended together. He was impressed by her caring and attentive attitude towards both the parents and children who take part in the soccer program.

**Commissioner Perez:** Commissioner Perez announced a Back-to-School event at Garfield School on Thursday from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. She wished everyone a happy back-to-school season.

**Commissioner Robinson:** Commissioner Robinson informed the board that he has a very busy schedule, but he will try to attend the Music in the Park event at King Park on Saturday.

**Commissioner Baikauskas:** During the board meeting, Commissioner Baikauskas reported that there will be a monthly joint meeting with Alderman Baikauskas on August 28th at 6 p.m. This meeting will take place at Roosevelt Elementary School. She also stated that the Block Party, which was previously postponed, has been rescheduled to take place on Saturday, September 30th. Additionally, Bike the Heights will be held on the same day as the Block Party.

**Commissioner Guzman:** None was given.

**Commissioner Straczek:** None was given.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

**Submission of Bills:** On a motion to pay the bills for July 2023, by Commissioner Straczek, seconded by Commissioner Foston. The following ayes were recorded: Commissioner Foston, Commissioner Robinson, Commissioner Straczek, Commissioner Guzman, and President Mangiaracina. Motion passed.

**Ordinance:** Ordinance 2023-04 authorizing and approving the disposal of personal property of the Chicago Heights Park District, Cook County, Illinois by Commissioner Perez, seconded by Commissioner Guzman.

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

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**Secretary**

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**Date**