

**Chicago Heights Park District
Regular Meeting
Park District Board of Commissioners
September 11, 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 Regular Board Meeting minutes on August 14th, 2023, by Commissioner Foston, seconded by Commissioner Baikauskas. The following ayes were recorded: Commissioner Foston, Commissioner Perez, Commissioner Robinson, Commissioner Baikauskas, Commissioner Straczek, Commissioner Guzman, and President Mangiaracina. Motion passed.

President Report: President Mangiaracina started her report by wishing Dr. Shari Demitrowicz a Happy Birthday. She announced the Fiesta Chicago Heights Parade will be held on Saturday, September 16th and the Fiesta Chicago Heights two-day event will be held on Saturday, September 16th and Sunday, September 17th. She thanked all the staff for doing such a wonderful job at the King Park “Throw Back” Music in the Park Event on Saturday, August 19th.

Treasure’s Report: A Treasure Report was given by Chicago Heights Park District Accountant, David Gonzalez of GWA Accounting Firm.

Moton: On a motion to accept the Financial Report by Commissioner Straczek by Commissioner Foston. 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 announced that we welcomed 50 new members in August. She informed the board that five parks assigned for demolition are coming to completion and new playground equipment and signage will soon be completed with the money from the Better Community Grant. Also, she announced that the park district program booklets will be in the mail by September 26th. She announced that the park district will be participating in the Fiesta Chiago Heights Parade and sponsoring the Kid’s Zone at the Fiesta Chicago Heights event on Saturday, September 16th and Sunday, September 17th, along with the Chiago Heights Library. She stated that by the end of the October a survey will be submitting a survey to all the residents in the 60411-area code to start building data for the

Chiago Heights Park District to assist in putting together a master planning process scheduled for January 2024. This process will include all the Commissioners, Board President, and Senior Management Team.

Attorneys Report: None given.

Public Participation: None given.

Commissioners Report

Commissioner Foston: Commissioner Foston stated that his residents are very satisfied with the work happening at Sesto Park.

Commissioner Perez: Commissioner Perez that the Mexican Independence Day Parade will be held on Saturday, September 16th and invited anyone from her ward to walk the parade with her.

Commissioner Robinson: None given.

Commissioner Baikauskas: During the board meeting, Commissioner Baikauskas reported that there will be a monthly joint meeting with Alderman Baikauskas on September 25th 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 and the Landeen Block Party will be held afterwards.

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 August 2023, by Commissioner Foston, seconded by Commissioner Robinson. The following ayes were recorded: Commissioner Foston, Commissioner Robinson, Commissioner Perez, Commissioner Straczek, Commissioner Guzman, and President Mangiaracina. Motion passed.

Motion: On a motion to approve giving the Superintendent authority to renew the Health Insurance with the Board President consent by Commissioner Perez, seconded by commissioner Baikauskas. The following ayes were recorded: Commissioner Foston, Commissioner Robinson, Commissioner Perez, Commissioner Straczek, Commissioner Guzman, and President Mangiaracina. Motion passed. Discussion followed.

Motion: On a motion to approve GWA contract for accounting services for the Chicago Heights Park District by Commissioner Baikauskas, seconded by Commissioner Straczek. The following ayes were recorded: Commissioner Foston, Commissioner Robinson, Commissioner Perez, Commissioner Straczek, Commissioner Guzman, and President Mangiaracina.

Adjournment: On a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 p.m. by Commissioner Perez, seconded by Commissioner Straczek. The following ayes were recorded: Commissioner Foston, Commissioner Robinson, Commissioner Perez, Commissioner Straczek, Commissioner Guzman, and President Mangiaracina. Motion passed.

Secretary

Date