

**Chicago Heights Park District
Regular Meeting
Park District Board of Commissioners
March 14, 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 7:04 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: Upon roll call, the following board members were recorded present: Commissioner Ridley, Commissioner Perez, Commissioner Baikauskas, 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 February 14, 2022, by Commissioner Perez, seconded by Commissioner Straczek. The following ayes were recorded: Commissioner Ridley, Commissioner Perez, Commissioner Baikauskas, Commissioner Straczek, Commissioner Zuniga, and President Mangiaracina. Motion passed.

President Mangiaracina: President Mangiaracina announced that she will have an Arbor Day tree planting and Earth Day clean-up. More information will be coming soon.

Treasure's Report: None gave.

Superintendents Report: Superintendent Demitrowicz informed the board that she has been working with her Admin Team to work on the following items: job descriptions, employee expectations, parks and rec center infrastructure, pricing and layout for new workout equipment, staffing patterns, new hires, rental agreements, digital platform review, and programming overview. She stated that the Program Director, Mrs. Rodgers-Spruell has done an excellent job with programming. She is updating the Spring Program booklet with a fresh look and Spanish translations and new programming with our media consultant. She informed the board that she has been working with IAS (All Information System) for updating our technology and making the park district host be owners of all information. She reported she has been collaborating with Mayor Gonzalez on renovations at the East and West Golf courses. She also has been collaborating with Mayor Gonzalez on the financial audits for the park district. She informed the board that two new hires are in their packets for the position of Head of Maintenance and Athletic Director. All positions were posted on Indeed and we found two great candidates. She concluded her report by thanking the Board of Commissioners on the behalf of her admin team, for their continuous support as we move into this new era.

Attorneys Report: None gave.

Public Participation: None gave.

Commissioners Report

Commissioner Ridley: None was given.

Commissioner Perez: None was given.

Commissioner Baikauskas: Commissioner Baikauskas informed the board that her next joint 4th Ward Meeting with Alderman Baikauskas was on Monday, March 28th at 6 pm at Roosevelt School.

Commissioner Straczek: None gave.

Commissioner Zuniga: None was given.

Old Business: None

New Business:

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

Resolution: On a resolution 2022-04 authorizing and approving the purchase and installation of personal property from Samco Restaurant Equipment Corporation for the Chicago Heights Park District, Count of Cook, State of Illinois 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.

Discussion followed: Mayor Gonzalez updated the board on the status of the agreement.

Resolution: On a resolution 2022-05 hiring an Athletic Director for the Chicago Heights Park District 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 2022-06 hiring a Head of Maintenance-Supervisor of Parks and Recreation for the Chicago Heights Park District 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.

Resolution: On a resolution 2022-07 authorizing and approving a certain license agreement with Pearl Management and hospitality Group, LLC for the Chicago Heights Park District, County of Cook, State of Illinois by hiring Commissioner Zuniga, seconded by Commissioner Perez. The following ayes were recorded: Commissioner Ridley, Commissioner Perez, Commissioner Baikauskas, Commissioner Straczek, Commissioner Zuniga, and President Mangiaracina. Motion passed.

Discussion followed: Mayor Gonzalez stated that President Mangiaracina visited Pearl Management and Hospitality Group with him. They have a restaurant in Matteson and Olympia fields. They also do the concessions at Prairie State College. He informed the board that in the past 3 years banquet rentals revenue has declined. Over \$140,000 losses in revenue in 2020 in one year. In the lease agreement, Pearl Management and Hospitality Group will pay \$3,00 per month for the first year and \$3,000 per month for the second year and will continue to exoculate. He said there is a #180-day clause to cancel the lease without any reason. They will also carry their insurance and abstain from their liquor licenses from the city. Mayor Gonzalez stated that as the Commissioner of Liquor License he sees no problem with providing them with the (2) liquor licenses.

President Mangiaracina stated that she is excited to bring a professional company on b for to service the residents of Chicago Heights.

Mayor Gonzalez informed the board that in the agreement the park district will have (6) dates to submit to them for use of the golf course for park district events at no charge.

Motion: On a motion to accept prop the used gymnasium rental fee 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 passed

Adjournment: On a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 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

Secretary

Date