

**Chicago Heights Park District
Regular Meeting
Park District Board of Commissioners
May 9, 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 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 April 11, 2022, 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.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the Executive Session minutes on April 11, 2022, by Commissioner Perez, seconded by Commissioner Ridley. The following ayes were recorded: Commissioner Ridley, Commissioner Perez, Commissioner Baikauskas, Commissioner Straczek, Commissioner Zuniga, and President Mangiaracina. Motion passed.

President Mangiaracina: President Mangiaracina stated that Wanda all the staff and volunteers did a great job with the Annual Fiesta in the Park. She stated that it was a well-organized event. She stated that the Pet Memorial last month had to be rescheduled due to rain. She announced that May is National Pet Month so she decided to do the Pet Memorial on Saturday, May 14th at Meidell Park. The Pet Memorial Stone Garden will be sponsored by Mayor and Mrs. David Gonzalez. 12-2 pm art supplies will be given to participants to decorate stones for their Pet Cemetery. She announced that on Monday, May 30th there will be a Memorial Day Parade hosted by the City of Chicago Heights. She gave the information for the parade route and everyone that will be participating. She stated that everyone is invited to attend.

Treasure's Report: None was given.

Superintendents Report: Superintendent Demitrowicz informed the board that there are currently 81 new members from February to the current date with a total of 319 members. She informed the board that the Department Heads will be looking at a demo from Rec Track Software to improve our membership database. The goal is to do online registration to make it easier to register for our programs and memberships. She informed the board that we had a special luncheon for Renato Garofalo for his retirement after working over 20 years at the Chicago Heights Park District. She announced that there is an opening for Maintenance Department. She stated that bids are being received for new playground equipment for the parks. She informed the board that this information will be presented to them at the next board meeting. She informed the board that mulch has been

laid at all the parks along with weekly grass cutting. She stated that the Maintenance Department is currently checking the splash pads at the parks. She stated that she would like to bring splash pads back to the parks. She informed the board that Hodges Park is currently closed due to unsafe equipment. All timers and lights have been assessed. She also announced that the park district is working with ComEd on the lights at Meidell Park to make them brighter. Also, looking for quotes to replace the lettering at Hap Bruno Park. Other updates will be done there to improve the appearance there. A meeting will be done with the Athletic Director at School District 206 to review the deterioration of the grandstand walls. Roof leaks are being addressed at three different buildings. Landscaping and painting will begin at most all the park houses. She thanked Wanda for doing a great job at the Pre-Mother's Day Brunch held at the East Golf Course. It was sold out with 62 people in attendance. She also announced the Soft Ball Camp was a success with 36 girls for the 4-day event. 40 kids signed up for T-Ball and we will have 1 Bronco Team that will play in the league. Swim classes are full now and we are still looking for additional swim instructors. The removal of the south dugout will be done soon at Commissioners Park. The goal is to have a full-size soccer field and a smaller field there to host all ages. She thanked Moose Lodge 828 for their generous donation of \$1,000 for baseball uniforms. She informed the board that there are no immediate plans to remove the free weight room. She announced that the city-wide clean-up will take place on Saturday, May 14th and the Memorial Day Parade will be held on Monday, May 30th. She thanked the Park Board President, Jessica Mangiaracina for doing a great job speaking at the Tree Dedication at Serena Hill School. She also thanked Dr. Smith at School District 161 for inviting the park district to share information on May 25th. East Course opened on May 1st. Golf Now is available for members to register online to book their T-times. Golf memberships can be purchased at the Chicago Heights Rec Center. She informed the board that 9 new golf memberships have been done this month. Special coupon days will be announced throughout the golf season. More work will be done at the West Golf Course. Banquets and golf packages will be discussed with Iron Pearl along with the discussion of weddings. Beautiful landscaping has been done at the East Golf Course. She concluded her report by informing the board that the audit for the park district is still in process.

Attorneys Report: None was given.

Public Participation: Mr. Larry Mize informed the board about Bike Safety materials and programs. He also provided handouts to the board members. He also complimented the park district on its wonderful Bike Rodeos. He stated that would be happy to work on the committee to provide bike safety. He also complimented the park district for the beautiful maintenance of the bike path.

Mr. Joe Stanfa informed the board of commissioners that Tom Shelly and Dave Berg will be working with him for the Jr. Golf Program that starts on Tuesday, June 14th.

Commissioners Report

Commissioner Ridley: None was given.

Commissioner Perez: Commissioner Perez thanked everyone for coming out to celebrate Cinco de Mayo last week. Gave out a lot of bikes and household items. We had (3) pinatas it was a lot of fun. She reminded everyone that on Saturday, May 14th between 9 am -12 pm there will be a neighborhood clean-up hosted with Alderman Perez.

Commissioner Baikauskas: Commissioner Baikauskas informed the board that her next joint 4th Ward Meeting with Alderman Baikauskas was on Monday, May 23rd at 6 pm at Roosevelt School.

Commissioner Straczek: None was given.

Commissioner Zuniga: None was given.

Old Business: None

New Business:

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

Resolution: Resolution 2022-09 is a resolution authorizing and approving a certain lease agreement with Lease Servicing Center, Inc. DBA NCL Government Capital to lease fitness equipment for the Chicago Heights Park, County of Cook, State of Illinois 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 passed.

Superintendent Demitrowicz reviewed the lease agreement with the board of commissioners. She stated that she hoped to have the support of the board for this authorizing.

Adjournment: On a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 p.m. 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

Secretary

Date