

**Chicago Heights Park District  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
Park District Board of Commissioners  
July 10, 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:** Upon roll call, the following board members were recorded present: Commissioner Foston, Commissioner Robinson, Commissioner Straczek, Commissioner Guzman, and President Mangiaracina. Commissioner Perez and Commissioner Baikauskas were recorded absent. A quorum was established.

**Motion:** On a motion to appoint Commissioner Maggie Guzman as Treasure pro temp 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.

**Motion:** On a motion to appoint Commissioner Harold Foston as Secretary pro temp by Commissioner Guzman, seconded by Commissioner Straczek. The following ayes were recorded: Commissioner Foston, Commissioner Robinson, Commissioner Straczek, Commissioner Guzman, and President Mangiaracina. Motion passed.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve the Regular Board Meeting minutes on June 12, 2023, by Commissioner Foston, seconded by Commissioner Guzman. The following ayes were recorded: Commissioner Foston, Commissioner Robinson, Commissioner Straczek, Commissioner Guzman, and President Mangiaracina. Motion passed.

**President Report:** President Mangiaracina expressed gratitude for the 2nd Music in the Park event on Juneteenth. She thanked sponsors, volunteers, and staff, and announced a new date for the Landeen Block Party will be Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup> and the final Music in the Park "Throwback" event will be held on Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup> at King Park from 4-7 pm. She also mentioned a cooling tent for the 2nd Bloom High School Alumni Class Reunion and thanked the maintenance staff for their help with the Annual 4th of July event in Chicago Heights.

**Treasure's Report:** No report.

**Superintendents Report:** Superintendent Demitrowicz announced that the old park equipment will be replaced in a few weeks. All Park Board Commissioners have been provided with park district attire to wear for the photo shoot scheduled at the next board meeting in August. She acknowledged the partnership this summer with Jones Memorial Center, School District 170, and School District 206. Furthermore, she informed the board that quotes will be sought from Infinity Technology for the alarm system since the Johnson Control will be terminated in September. She

also gave the board a brief demonstration of the signage material that will be used throughout the parks. She concluded her report by informing the board that she and Mike DeButch have put together a proposal to present to Prairie State College and Franciscan Hospital for \$54,000 for new signage for the parks.

**Attorneys Report:** No report.

**Public Participation:** None.

**Commissioners Report**

**Commissioner Foston:** None was given.

**Commissioner Robinson:** None was given.

**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 June 2023, by Commissioner Straczek, seconded by Commissioner Foston. The following ayes were recorded: Commissioner Foston, Commissioner Robinson, Commissioner Straczek, Commissioner Guzman, and President Mangiaracina. Discussion followed. Motion passed.

**Ordinance:** On ordinance adopting the combined annual budget and appropriation of funds for the Chicago Heights Park District, Cook County, Illinois for the fiscal year beginning on the first day of May 2023 and ending on the thirtieth day of April 2024 by Commissioner Foston, seconded by Commissioner Straczek. The following ayes were recorded: Commissioner Foston, Commissioner Robinson, Commissioner Straczek, Commissioner Guzman, and President Mangiaracina. Discussion followed. Motion passed.

**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**