

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

Motion: On a motion to appoint Commissioner Fortson to serve as a Secretary Pro-Tem by Commissioner Straczek, seconded by Commissioner Guzman. The following ayes were recorded: Commissioner Foston, Commissioner Baikauskas, Commissioner Straczek, Commissioner Guzman, and President Mangiaracina. Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the Regular Board Meeting minutes on September 11th, 2023, by Commissioner Baikauskas, seconded by Commissioner Straczek. The following ayes were recorded: Commissioner Foston, Commissioner Baikauskas, Commissioner Straczek, Commissioner Guzman, and President Mangiaracina. Motion passed.

President Report: President Mangiaracina informed the Board of Commissioners that a Scare Zone Tent will be sponsored by them for Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 28th. The President also invited all Commissioners who would like to participate to let her know. A special planning meeting will be held on Friday, October 13th at noon to discuss the planning details for both the Trunk or Treat and the Winter Wonderland event. Furthermore, the President also informed the board that a celebration of the Day of the Dead will be held at the Union Street Gallery at 3 p.m. on Saturday, October 28th. Additionally, the Annual Winter Wonderland sponsored by the Board of Commissioners will take place on Saturday, December 16th, and the Board will host the Gingerbread House in the social room. The President polled all the Commissioners about attending the IAPD Conference, and she will present the budget for the conference to all the Commissioners in the next board meeting. Finally, the President concluded her report by thanking everyone who supported Fiesta Chicago Heights.

Treasure's Report: A Treasure Report was given by Commissioner Baikauskas.

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

Superintendent Report: During the board meeting, Superintendent Demitrowicz announced that parking equipment has been installed in five parks. The committee Friends of the Park is being formed, and both President Mangiaracina and Superintendent Demitrowicz are looking for committed residents to represent each ward and work on the committee. The desired profile of committee members is those who are interested in being active in fundraising and who are committed. The first meeting will be held in January.

Attorneys Report: None given.

Public Participation: None given.

Commissioners Report

Commissioner Foston: None was given.

Commissioner Baikauskas: During the board meeting, Commissioner Baikauskas reported that there will be a monthly joint meeting with Alderman Baikauskas on October 23rd at 6 p.m. This meeting will take place at Roosevelt Elementary School. She also thanked everyone who helped make the September 30th Block Party a success.

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

Adjournment: On a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 p.m. by Commissioner Perez, seconded by Commissioner Straczek. The following ayes were recorded: Commissioner Foston, Commissioner Straczek, Commissioner Guzman, and President Mangiaracina. Motion passed.

Secretary

Date