

**Chicago Heights Park District
Regular Meeting
Park District Board of Commissioners
November 13, 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, and President Mangiaracina. Commissioner Straczek and Commissioner Guzman were recorded absent. A quorum was established.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the Regular Board Meeting minutes on October 10th, 2023, by Commissioner Baikauskas, seconded by Commissioner Foston. The following ayes were recorded: Commissioner Foston, Commissioner Robinson, Commissioner Baikauskas, and President Mangiaracina. Commissioner Perez abstained. Motion passed.

President Report: During the meeting, President Mangiaracina shared important updates with the Board of Commissioners. She informed them about the upcoming 2024 IAPD Conference and advised them to contact Donna McCoy for registration. She also announced that Winter Wonderland will be held on Saturday, December 16th and that the board will be hosting the Gingerbread House in the social room.

President Mangiaracina also shared that the Chicago Heights Police Explorers Program has started, which is led by Officer Espinoza. The program is designed for young people who are interested in learning about law enforcement. Recently, they participated in the Annual Veterans Day Program.

Furthermore, President Mangiaracina gave a review of the Music and Art in the Park events that took place during the summer. The Alpha Leo Club of South Cook was sponsored by the Chicago Heights Lions Club, and with the help of the Chicago Heights Park District Maintenance Team, they created an ADP compliant picnic table with beautiful art. The youth were guided by Alderman Kelli Merrick, and the finished product was named "Inspiration". This beautiful picnic table is now permanently placed at Alex Lopez Park. The President thanked everyone who helped create "Inspiration".

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 Foston and seconded by Commissioner Perez. The following ayes were recorded: The following ayes were recorded: Commissioner Foston, Commissioner Perez, Commissioner Robinson, Commissioner Baikauskas, and President Mangiaracina. Motion passed.

Superintendent Report: Superintendent Demitrowicz announced that work is being finalized at five parks. The project is expected to be completed by next summer. She also mentioned that the golf course is still open. Furthermore, she informed the board that the first lighting of the fireplace at Wacker Park will be held on November 17th for a special event called "S'more and More". Finally, she mentioned that she had presented her report to the board for further information.

Attorneys Report: None given.

Public Participation: Mr. Raami Haleem and another representative from Old National Bank introduced themselves to the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioners Report

Commissioner Foston: None was given.

Commissioner Perez: Commissioner Perez wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Commissioner Robinson: Commissioner Robinson wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Commissioner Baikauskas: During the board meeting, Commissioner Baikauskas reported that there will be a monthly joint meeting with Alderman Baikauskas on November 27th at 6 p.m. This meeting will take place at Roosevelt Elementary School. She concluded her report by wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Old Business:

Presentation: A presentation from DLA Architects/Grilli Construction was given on Recreation Center Renovations.

New Business:

Submission of Bills: On a motion to pay the bills for October 2023, by Commissioner Perez, seconded by Commissioner Foston. The following ayes were recorded: Commissioner Foston, Commissioner Perez, Commissioner Robinson, and President Mangiaracina. Motion passed.

Motion: On a motion to accept and approve the preliminary estimate of the 2023 property tax levy collected in 2024 by the Truth in Taxation Law of Illinois by Commissioner Foston, seconded by Commissioner Perez. The following ayes were recorded: Commissioner Foston, Commissioner Perez, Commissioner Robinson, and President Mangiaracina. Motion passed.

Adjournment: On a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. by Commissioner Perez, seconded by Commissioner Robinson. The following ayes were recorded: Commissioner Foston, Commissioner Perez, Commissioner Robinson, and President Mangiaracina. Motion passed. Motion passed.

Secretary

Date