

**Chicago Heights Park District  
Regular Meeting  
Park District Board of Commissioners  
December 11, 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 Straczek, and President Mangiaracina. Commissioner Guzman and Commissioner Baikauskas were recorded absent. A quorum was established.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve the Regular Board Meeting minutes on November 13, 2023, by Commissioner Baikauskas, seconded by Commissioner Robinson. The following ayes were recorded: Commissioner Foston, Commissioner Perez, Commissioner Robinson, Commissioner Straczek, and President Mangiaracina. Motion passed.

**President Report:** President Mangiaracina wished everyone a happy holiday season. She also announced that the Chicago Heights Park District will have its Annual Winter Wonderland on Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at the Chicago Heights Rec Center from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. The Board of Commissioners will be hosting the Gingerbread House and all Commissioners who would like to help host can meet her at 9:30 am in the social room.

**Treasure's Report:** A Treasure Report was given by Assistant Superintendent, Mike DeButch.

**Moton:** On a motion to accept the Financial Report given by Assistant Mike DeButch Commissioner Perez and seconded by Commissioner Robinson. Commissioner Foston, Commissioner Perez, Commissioner Robinson, Commissioner Straczek, and President Mangiaracina. Motion passed.

**Superintendent Report:** Superintendent Demitrowicz announced that we had 41 new members who joined the Chicago Heights Park District in November. She announced that the new signs have been installed in the parks. She concluded her report with a special presentation to the Park Board President, Jessica Mangiaracina for her outstanding service of 14 years presented by the Illinois Association of Park Districts Certification of Appreciation.

**Attorneys Report:** None given.

**Public Participation:**

**Commissioners Report**

**Commissioner Foston:** Commissioner Foston wished everyone Happy Holidays.

**Commissioner Perez:** Commissioner Perez wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

**Commissioner Robinson:** Commissioner Robinson wished everyone a Happy Holiday season.

Commissioner Straczek: None given.

**Old Business:**

**Presentation:** A Special Presentation was given to the Board of Directors by Michelle Padula of SBE Media Consulting.

**New Business:**

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

**Ordinance:** Ordinance 2023-05 for the Annual Tax levy Ordinance of the Chicago Heights Park District Cook County, Illinois for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2023, and ending April 30, 2024, by Commissioner Foston, seconded by Commissioner Robinson. The following ayes were recorded: Commissioner Foston, Commissioner Perez, Commissioner Robinson, Commissioner Straczek, and President Mangiaracina. Motion passed.

**Resolution:** On Resolution 2023-04 of the Chicago Heights Park District setting the 2024 Calendar Year Schedule of Regular Board Meetings of the Board of Park District Commissioners for the Chicago Heights Park District Cook County, Illinois by Commissioner Straczek, seconded by Commissioner Robinson. The following ayes were recorded: Commissioner Foston, Commissioner Perez, Commissioner Robinson, Commissioner Straczek, and President Mangiaracina. Motion passed.

**Resolution:** On Resolution 2023-05 authorizing and approving a certain proposed project statement of work with SBE Media Consulting for the Chicago Heights Park District, County of Cook, State of Illinois by Commissioner Straczek, seconded by Commissioner Robinson. The following ayes were recorded: Commissioner Foston, Commissioner Perez, Commissioner Robinson, Commissioner Straczek, and President Mangiaracina. Motion passed.

**Resolution:** On Resolution 2023-06 authorizing and approving a certain proposed project statement with Synvion Corporation to replace and update security systems for the Chicago Heights Park District, County of Cook, State of Illinois by Commissioner Foston, seconded by Commissioner Robinson. The following ayes were recorded: Commissioner Foston, Commissioner Perez, Commissioner Robinson, Commissioner Straczek, and President Mangiaracina. Motion passed.

**Resolution:** On Resolution 2023-07 authorizing and approving an early retirement program for the Chicago Heights Park District, County of Cook, State of Illinois by Commissioner Straczek, seconded by Commissioner Robinson. The following ayes were recorded: Commissioner Foston, Commissioner Perez, Commissioner Robinson, Commissioner Straczek, and President Mangiaracina. Discussion followed. Motion passed.

**Adjournment:** On a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. by Commissioner Perez, seconded by Commissioner Robinson. The following ayes were recorded: Commissioner Foston, Commissioner Perez, Commissioner Robinson, Commissioner Straczek, and President Mangiaracina. Motion passed.

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Secretary

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Date