

**Chicago Heights Park District  
Park District Board of Commissioners  
Special Board Meeting  
April 14, 2014  
7:00 p.m.**

**Meeting called to Order:** The 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 present: Commissioner Leon, Commissioner Baikauskas, Commissioner Garner, Commissioner Straczek and Commissioner Ochoa. President Mosby was recorded absent and Commissioner Garner served as acting President on the behalf of President Mosby. Commissioner Burnett was recorded present at 7:05 p.m. A quorum was established.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion to accept the minutes on March 10, 2014 on the Regular Board Meeting by Commissioner Leon, seconded by Straczek. The following ayes were recorded: Commissioner Leon, Commissioner Baikauskas, Commissioner Straczek and Commissioner Ochoa. Commissioner Garner abstained.

**Treasure Report:** None given.

**Superintendent Report:** Assistant Mike DeButch read Superintendent Perez's report. Assistant Superintendent Mike DeButch informed the board that on April 5<sup>th</sup> he attended an event with Governor Pat Quinn at Lagrange Park. The park district submitted for a grant of \$400,000 and Governor Quinn presented the Chicago Heights Park District with a check for \$400,000 for the Euclid Park soccer field. He also informed the board that the park district applied for Summer Kids Core Grant to employee teen agers from the ages of 14-18 year with no expense to the park district. He concluded his report by informing the board to fill out their annual Ethic Statements on line.

**Commissioners Report**

**Commissioner Leon:** Commissioner Leon thanked everyone for all of their help with the Park Clean Up. He also announced the upcoming Fiesta in the Park to be held at Jirtle Park on Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 11 am to 3 pm.

**Commissioner Burnett:** None given.

**Commissioner Baikauskas:** Commissioner Baikauskas complimented park district staff, volunteers, Assistant Supertendent Mike DeButch and Program Director, Wanda Rodgers for doing a great job on the annual Easter Egg Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt with over 200 hundred participants attending.

**Commissioner Garner:** Commissioner Garner announced the Running for the Troops on Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup> starting at 7 am and the City Clean Up at 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. If any the Commissioners would like to have certain sections of their ward cleaned please contact Residential Services at City Hall. She also announced the June 28<sup>th</sup> Commissioners Park 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Bick Rodeo and Great American Backyard Campout to be held at Commissioners Park. Commissioner Garner gave her condolence to Program Director, Wanda Rodgers on the behalf of the park board members in the passing of her mother, Gollie Rodgers. She said that everyone referred to her as “Mama Gollie”.

**Commissioner Straczek:** Commissioner Straczek complemented Commissioner Leon for doing a great job organizing the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward Clean Up. He also thanked friends of his Bill and Tim from the Citgo Gas station for their generous donation to the Chicago Heights Park District. He concluded his report by announcing the upcoming 6<sup>th</sup> Ward Meeting which to be held on April 24<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at Commissioner’s Park.

**Commissioner Ochoa:** Commissioner Ochoa announced April 26<sup>th</sup> Park Clean up.

**Attorney Report:** None given.

**Public Participation:** 4<sup>th</sup> Ward Alderman Josh Debal and Pet Petrouski from the Chicago Heights Historic Renovation Committee announced that there will be a Spring Clean-up On April 26<sup>th</sup> at Ashland and McEldowney Park Spring Cleanup along with Comcast Volunteers. Mr.Petrouski also commented on how great the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward clean up went. Jennifer Fisher made an announcement about the land mark signs. Alderperson Torres also thanked 20 students from Wilson School for signing up to help with the upcoming clean up event.

### New Business

**Submission of Bills:** On a motion to pay the bills for the month of March 2014 by Commissioner Leon and seconded by Commissioner Baikauskas. The following ayes were recorded: Commissioner Leon, Commissioner Burnett, Commissioner Baikauskas, Commissioner Garner, Commissioner Straczek and Commissioner Ochoa

**Adjournment:** On a motion to adjourned the Regular Scheduled Board Meeting at 7:20 p.m. by Commissioner Straczek, seconded by Commissioner Burnett. The following ayes were recorded: Commissioner Leon, Commissioner Burnett, Commissioner Baikauskas, Commissioner Garner, Commissioner Straczek and Commissioner Ochoa.

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**Secretary**

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**Date**