

**Chicago Heights Park District
Park District Board of Commissioners
Public Hearing Meeting
July 8, 2013
6:45 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: President Mosby, Commissioner Leon, Commissioner Garner, and Commissioner Straczek. Commissioner Burnett was recorded present at 7:02 p.m. and Commissioner Ochoa was recorded absent. A quorum was established.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to accept the minutes on June 10, 2013 on the Regular Board Meeting by Commissioner Garner, seconded by Commissioner Straczek. The following ayes were recorded: President Mosby, Commissioner Leon, Commissioner Garner, and Commissioner Straczek.

Motion to Approve Treasure: On a motion to approve the Treasure's report given by Commissioner Burnett by Commissioner Garner, seconded by Commissioner Straczek. The following ayes were recorded: Commissioner Leon, Commissioner Burnett, Commissioner Garner, Commissioner Straczek, and President Mosby.

President Report: President Mosby announces that the 1st Ward Musical Festival will be held on Saturday, July 27th at Sesto Park from 12-6pm. All are invited to attend. She also, thanked Superintendent Perez for doing a great job along with the Maintenance Department. He also, thanked Assistance Superintendent, Mike DeButch and John Stanfa for doing a great job.

Commissioners Report

Commissioner Burnett: Commissioner Burnett announced that he is still feeding the homeless in the social room on July 14. This event is being sponsored Women of Focus" from 1-4 pm. He announced that clothing and shoes will be given on those days also.

Commissioner Garner: Commissioner Garner informed the board that she attended the IAPD Boot Camp. She informed the board that she would be glad to submit information from the Boot Camp to any of the commissioners. She also asked for the Maintenance Department to take care of the graffiti at Sangamon Park. She also announces the upcoming Commissioners Park Fest on Saturday, July 20th at Commissioners Park.

Commissioner Straczek: Commissioner Straczek thanked the Mr. Ayala, Maintenance Supervisor at the Golf Course for doing a great job at the East Golf Course. He also announced the next 6th Ward Meeting will be held on Thursday, July 25th at Commissioners Park at 7 p.m.

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Superintendent Report: Superintendent Perez stated that he was not present for the last two meetings due to his military duty, but he wanted to congratulate the (2) new Commissioners. He looks forward to working with them. He reported that the Chicago Heights Park District has been approved for the 2013 Illinois Youth Recreation Grant Program which is administered by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. This grant amount awarded to the Chicago Heights Park District was \$121,920 to employ (41) individuals ages 14 – 18 for the summer. He thanked Senator Toi Hutchinson and Governor Pat Quinn for obtaining the grant money for the Chicago Heights Park District.

He informed the board that the lunch bus lunches are in affect to various parks in Chicago Heights. He informed the board that there was a newspaper article that stated that the park district has feed over 300 children in the parks. He informed the board that The damaged fence has been repaired and the flag pole at King Park has been replaced to the terrible storm. He also informed the board that claims for repairs has been submitted to the insurance company for the electrical damage at one of the pump house. Superintendent Perez also informed the board about the status of the Pace Bus service. He also informed the board that funds are still left over from the Teen Reach program so he hopes the park district will be able to continue Teen Reach with the funds that are still remain. He concluded his report informing the board that Cook County Commissioner, Debra Sims donated 45 tickets to Brookfield Zoo for the Teen Reach Program.

Attorney Report: None given.

Public Participation: Alderperson Perez asked Commissioner Burnett for flyers for the Feeding Program for the homeless. Terry Mathews, Democratic Committeeman commented on the item on the agenda to appoint Christopher J. Baikauskas to fill the vacancy by for the 4th Ward Commissioners position vacated by the resignation of Joseph P. Stanfa.

Old Business

Park District Master Wide Plan: Mr. Francisco Narvaez and Marilyn Turner were both present for the board to discuss the plan for the park district. The board will review the updated master plan for the next meeting.

New Business

Submission of Bills: On a motion to pay the bills for the month of June 2013 by Commissioner Garner, and seconded by Commissioner Leon. The following ayes were recorded: Commissioner Leon, Commissioner Burnett, Commissioner Garner, Commissioner Straczek, and President Mosby.

Ordinance: On an ordinance 2013-04 adopting the combined annual budget and appropriation of year beginning on the first day of May, 2013 and ending on the thirtieth do of April, 2014 by Commissioner Garner, seconded by Commissioner Straczek. The following ayes were recorded: Commissioner Leon, Commissioner Burnett, Commissioner Stanfa, Commissioner Garner, Commissioner Straczek, Commissioner Ochoa and President Mosby.

Appointment: On the appointment of park Board 4th Ward Commissioner to fill the vacancy by the resignation of Joseph P. Stanfa by Christopher J. Baikauskas 4th Ward Commissioner by Commissioner Garner, seconded by Commissioner Burnett. The following ayes were recorded: Commissioner Leon, Commissioner Burnett, Commissioner Stanfa, Commissioner Garner, Commissioner Straczek, Commissioner Ochoa and President Mosby.

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Oath of Office: Christopher J. Baikauskas for the 4th Ward Commissioner was sworn into office by Commissioner Curtis Straczek, Park Board Secretary.

Adjournment: On a motion to adjourned the Regular Scheduled Board Meeting at 7:26 p.m. by President Mosby Garner and seconded by Commissioner Straczek. The following ayes were recorded: The following ayes were recorded: Commissioner Leon, Commissioner Burnett, Commissioner Baikauskas, Commissioner Garner, Commissioner Straczek, and President Mosby.

Secretary

Date

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