

**Chicago Heights Park District
Park District Board of Commissioners
Regular Board Meeting
June 10, 2013
7:00 p.m.**

Meeting called to Order: The Meeting of the Chicago Heights Park District Board of Commissioners was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: Upon roll call, the following board members were present: Commissioner Leon, Commissioner Burnett, Commissioner Stanfa, Commissioner Garner, Commissioner Straczek, Commissioner Ochoa and President Mosby. A quorum was established.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to accept the minutes on May 13, 2013 on the Regular Board Meeting by Commissioner Stanfa, seconded by Commissioner Garner. The following ayes were recorded: Commissioner Leon, Commissioner Burnett, Commissioner Stanfa, Commissioner Garner, Commissioner Straczek, Commissioner Ochoa and President Mosby.

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

President Report: President Mosby welcomed everyone for attending the board meeting. She said that serving as Park Board President is a new venture for her, but she is willing to learn with the help of the board. She apologized to the board about not being able to attend the July 20th event because her daughter is getting married on that day.

Commissioners Report

Commissioner Burnett: Commissioner Burnett announced that he is still feeding the homeless in the social room on June 23, July 14, August 18, June 24, September 22, October 20, November 17th and December 22nd. 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 announced that on Wednesday, July 12th that she and Alderman Amado will be hosting a 5th Ward Meeting at Greenbrier School to take any suggestions and address concerns of the residents. Also, on June 27th she will be attending the IPD Boot Camp. She invited other Commissioners to attend this event with her. She also announced on Saturday, July 20th Commissioners of wards 4, 5, & 6 will be hosting the annual Park Fest at Commissioners Park from 1-5 p.m. The Chicago Heights Police Department will host the Bike Rodeo for this event. Also, raffles, pony rides and other things will be going in during this event. She announced that his is open to residents and non-residents too. There is no rain date now, but she is working on a rain date for Sunday, July 21st or Sunday, August 11th. She also announced that on Saturday, August 31st she will be hosting "Picnic in the Park" at Sangamon Park from 12-3 p.m. Great time and it's free, just bring your picnic food of choice and a great attitude! The rain date for this event will be Sunday, September 1st.

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Commissioner Straczek: Commissioner Straczek announced that he will be hosting a meeting with 6th Ward Alderman Zaranti on Thursday, June 27th at Commissioners Park at 7 p.m. to address any questions or concerns of the residents.

Commissioner Ochoa: Commissioner Ochoa thanked everyone who attended the "Peace Rally" for May 18th at Smith Park.

Superintendent Report: Assistant Superintendent, Mike DeButch read Superintendent Perez's report to the board. Superintendent Perez informed the board that the park houses were opened today. The hours of operation for the parks will be Monday through Friday from 10 am to 8 pm. Lunch will also be issued to various parks. Also" READ UP and STOP THE SUMMER SLIDES" program will be offered at the parks this summer to help keep the children ready 20 minutes a day during the summer. Flyers will be distributed to all parks once they are received at the park district. Also, replacement of carpet in the front office was replaced by monies left over from a grant that the park district received. Also, the driver for the Pace Bus has been put into place, just waiting on final elements from PACE. Once that has been then the program will start. Also, Superintendent Perez concluded his report by thanking the Maintenance Department and other staff for helping with the City Wide Clean Up.

Attorney Report: None given.

Public Participation: Mike Pascarella informed the board that his last day of work was on May 25th and he informed the board that on June 1st he was supposed to receive a pension check and the park district held it back one week. He was addressed by the Park District Attorney that this was a personnel issue and it should not be discussed at this time. However, Mr. Pascarella proceeded with his complaint. The board continued to listen to his complaint about not getting paid and his discontentment with Corina Lopez and Frank Perez. President Mosby informed Mr. Pascarella that it was not appropriate to make accusations about Ms. Lopez and Mr. Perez without them present. Mr. Pascarella continued to complain to the board and stated that he will place a law suit against the Chicago Heights Park District and the Board of Commissioners if he did not receive the payments due to him. President Mosby along with the board of commissioners assured Mr. Pascarella that this matter would be addressed and settled as soon as possible. She also informed him that an investigation will take place to determine if the park district is liable for any back pay that might be due to Mr. Pascarella. After the investigation has taken place, if there is money owed to him the Chicago Heights Park District will reimburse him.

New Business

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

Resolution: On a motion 2013-07 a motion approving and authorizing the President of the Chicago Heights Park District Board of Commissioners to execute on behalf of the Chicago Heights Park District a resolution of authorization to apply for an OSLAD Grant applications for the purpose of building a soccer field at Euclid Park by Commissioner Leon, seconded by Commissioner Burnett. The following ayes were recorded: Commissioner Leon, Commissioner Burnett, Commissioner Stanfa, Commissioner Garner, Commissioner Straczek, Commissioner Ochoa and President Mosby. Discussion followed.

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Ordinance: On an ordinance 2013-03 adopting prevailing wages for the year 2013 to be paid to laborers, mechanics and other workers performing construction of public works in the Chicago Heights Park District 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.

Motion: On a motion to establish the City Wide Chicago Heights Park District Master Plan by Commissioner Stanfa, seconded by Commissioner Garner. The following ayes were recorded: Commissioner Leon, Commissioner Burnett, Commissioner Stanfa, Commissioner Garner, Commissioner Straczek, Commissioner Ochoa and President Mosby. This motion was resended.

Motion: On a motion to resend to establish the City Wide Chicago Heights Park District Master Plan by Commissioner Stanfa, seconded by Commissioner Garner. The following ayes were recorded: Commissioner Leon, Commissioner Burnett, Commissioner Stanfa, Commissioner Garner, Commissioner Straczek, Commissioner Ochoa and President Mosby.

Motion: On a motion to approve the City Wide Chicago Heights Park District Pulmonary Master Plan by Commissioner Stanfa, seconded by Commissioner Garner. The following ayes were recorded: Commissioner Leon, Commissioner Burnett, Commissioner Stanfa, Commissioner Garner, Commissioner Straczek, Commissioner Ochoa and President Mosby.

Motion: On a motion to set a Public Hearing concerning 2013-2014 fiscal year budget for July 8, 2013 at 6:45 p.m. by Commissioner Stanfa, seconded by Commissioner Garner. The following ayes were recorded: Commissioner Leon, Commissioner Burnett, Commissioner Stanfa, Commissioner Garner, Commissioner Straczek, Commissioner Ochoa and President Mosby.

Resignation: Commissioner Stanfa informed the board that he would be resigning from the board of Commissioners to finish out other commitments. He told the board that he has enjoyed working with the Chicago Heights Park District and its board of commissioners. He said he served over 10 years on the park district board. He shared with the board his vision of what the job of the park board commissioners is. He concluded by offering his support to them if they ever need his assistance in anything,

Adjournment: On a motion to adjourned the Regular Scheduled Board Meeting at 7:52 p.m. by Commissioner Garner and seconded by Commissioner Straczek. The following ayes were recorded: Commissioner Leon, Commissioner Burnett, Commissioner Stanfa, Commissioner Garner, Commissioner Straczek, Commissioner Ochoa and President Mosby.

Secretary

Date