

**Chicago Heights Park District
Park District Board of Commissioners
Regular Board Meeting
November 12, 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 7:02 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: Upon roll call, the following board members were present: President Mosby, Commissioner Leon, Commissioner Baikauskas, and Commissioner Garner. Commissioner Straczek, and Commissioner Ochoa, Commissioner Burnett, was recorded present at 7:27 pm. A quorum was established.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to accept the minutes on October 15, 2013 on the Regular Board Meeting by Commissioner Garner, seconded by Commissioner Straczek. The following ayes were recorded: Commissioner Leon, Commissioner Baikauskas, Commissioner Garner, and Commissioner Ochoa. President Mosby and Commissioner Straczek abstained.

Motion to Appoint a Temporary Treasure: On a motion to appoint Commissioner Baikauskas as temporary Treasure by Commissioner Baikauskas, seconded President Mosby. The following ayes were recorded: President Mosby, Commissioner Leon, Commissioner Baikauskas, Commissioner Garner, Commissioner Straczek, and Commissioner Ochoa.

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

President Report: Superintendent Perez reported that he went to Springfield, Illinois to do a presentation to obtain a grant for the new soccer field. He informed the board that the park district has about a 99% chance to get the grant. If the park district does not receive the grant this time, they will re-submit it. He reported that Pace Bus service has started. Last month the park district picked up 47 passengers. He informed the board that last week, November 7th, the Veteran Unemployment Office of the State of Illinois along the City of Chicago Heights and Chicago Heights Park District held a Job Fair at the Chicago Heights Rec Center. There over 40 employers present. He stated it was a good turnout for the first time, but more advertisement will be done for next year. He stated that Haunted Trails was a great success! He thanked Mike DeButch for doing a great job along with the help of staff and commissioners. He also informed the board that the first Halloween Party was a great success too! Great turn out with the kids and parents. Wanda and Eric along with the other staff did a great job! He submitted the invitation to the Commissioners from the Union Street Gallery on Wednesday, December 4th to come and share in their holiday celebration. He announced the planning meeting on Wednesday, November 13th to be held at the rec center to get the input of residents for the future of Chicago Heights. He also informed the board that there is a new flag for the park district. He reported dead trees have been cut and will be replaced over a period of time. He announced that some of the park equipment had to be removed from the Hill Crest Park due to the request of the Forest Preserve. He said that he is working with the city to see if there are other locations available for the park to move the equipment to. He concluded his report by informing the board of the upcoming Chicago Heights Park District Christmas Party on Friday, December 13th at the Chicago Heights West Country Club from 6-10 pm.

President Report: President Mosby thanked the entire park district staff for doing a great job. She thanked Mike DeButch for doing a great job at Haunted Trails and Superintendent Perez for doing a great job also.

Commissioners Report

Commissioner Leon: Commissioner Leon thanked Mike DeButch and the entire staff for doing a great job with Haunted Trails.

Commissioner Baikauskas: Commissioner Baikauskas thanked Mike DeButch for doing a great job. He said he had a great time driving. He thanked Wanda Rodgers for doing a great job at the Halloween Party. He thanked Superintendent for doing a great job on the brochures.

Commissioner Garner: Commissioner Garner wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Commissioner Strazcek: Commissioner Strazcek announced his joint ward meeting with Alderman Zarante will be held on Thursday, November 21st at Commissioners Park at 6 pm. He stated it would be great to get information about the Dial-A-Ride program to the residents at his next meeting.

Commissioner Ochoa: Commissioner Ochoa thanked Mike DeButch for doing a great job for the annual Haunted Trails. He was glad that we had a great turn out. He also, informed the board that the Pre-Thanksgiving Senior Luncheon will be held on Thursday, November 21st at the Chicago Heights Country Club. He concluded his report by wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Attorney Report: None given.

Public Participation: None given.

New Business

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

Resolution: On a resolution 2013-10 Determining the estimated property taxes to be levied by the Chicago Heights Park District Cook County, Illinois for the 2013 Tax Year by Commissioner Burnett, seconded by Commissioner Leon. The following ayes were recorded: President Mosby, Commissioner Leon, Commissioner Burnett, Commissioner Baikauskas, Commissioner Garner, Commissioner Strazcek, and Commissioner Ochoa.

Adjournment: On a motion to adjourned the Regular Scheduled Board Meeting at 7:35 p.m. by Commissioner Garner, seconded by Commissioner Strazcek. The following ayes were recorded: President Mosby, Commissioner Leon, Commissioner Burnett, Commissioner Baikauskas, Commissioner Garner, Commissioner Strazcek, and Commissioner Ochoa.

Secretary

Date