

**Chicago Heights Park District
Regular Meeting
Park District Board of Commissioners
January 8, 2024
6:00 p.m.**

Meeting Called to Order: The Regular Board meeting of the Chicago Heights Park District Board of Commissioners was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call: Upon roll call, the following board members were recorded present: Commissioner Foston, Commissioner Baikauskas, Commissioner Straczek, Commissioner Guzman, and President Mangiaracina. Commissioner Perez was recorded present at 6:01 pm. Commissioner Robinson was recorded absent. A quorum was established.

Motion: On a motion for Commissioner Guzman to serve as Pro-Tem Secretary by Commissioner Straczek, second by Commissioner Baikauskas. The following ayes were recorded: Commissioner Foston, Commissioner Baikauskas, Commissioner Straczek, Commissioner Guzman, and President Mangiaracina. Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the Public Hearing minutes on December 11, 2023, by Commissioner Straczek, seconded by Commissioner Foston. The following ayes were recorded: Commissioner Foston, Commissioner Straczek, Commissioner Guzman, and President Mangiaracina. Commissioner Baikauskas abstained. Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the Regular Board Meeting minutes on December 11, 2023, by Commissioner Straczek, seconded by Commissioner Guzman. The following ayes were recorded: Commissioner Foston, Commissioner Straczek, Commissioner Guzman, and President Mangiaracina. Commissioner Baikauskas abstained. Motion passed.

President Report: President Mangiaracina wanted to thank everyone at the Chicago Heights Park District for doing such a wonderful job at the Winter Wonderland Event held on Saturday, December 16, 2023. She stated that all the hard work from everyone didn't go unnoticed and that it was the best event held thus far. She also wanted to thank everyone for their help at another event Hot Cocoa with Santa on December 21, 2023, at Thornwood Apartments where Pastor Norris donated coats, hats, and gloves; Our Mayor David Gonzalez, Alderman Zaranti, and Commissioner Straczek assisted with the coloring contest and other activities, and the Chicago Heights Fire Department for bringing Santa there. Christmas carols were sung as well as other fun activities and this event was a great success as well.

Treasure's Report: None given.

Motion: 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 Wanda Rodgers-Spruell has decided to take early retirement effective January 19, 2024, and wanted to thank her for all of her years of dedicated service. Superintendent Demitrowicz asked Wanda to introduce Toi-Lynn Garth McGary as the new Clerk for the Board Meetings now that Wanda Rodgers-Spruell is retiring.

Attorneys Report: None given.

Public Participation:

Commissioners Report

Commissioner Foston: None given.

Commissioner Perez: None given.

Commissioner Baikauskas: Commissioner Baikauskas announced a reminder for the Joint Meeting on January 22, 2024, at 6:00 pm at Roosevelt School.

Commissioner Straczek: None given.

Old Business:

New Business:

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

Ordinance: Ordinance 2024-01: An ordinance providing for the issue of not to exceed \$1,750,000 General Obligation Tax Park Bonds, Series 2024, of the Chicago Heights Park District, Cook County, Illinois, and for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal of and the interest on said bonds by Commissioner Perez, seconded by Commissioner Foston. The following ayes were recorded: Commissioner Foston, Commissioner Perez, Commissioner Baikauskas, Commissioner Straczek, Commissioner Guzman, and President Mangiaracina. Tom Reedy of Stifel Public Finance gave a brief review of the General Obligation Park Bonds to the Board of Commissioners. Motion passed.

Adjournment: On a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 p.m. by Commissioner Straczek, seconded by Commissioner Perez. The following ayes were recorded: Commissioner Foston, Commissioner Perez, Commissioner Baikauskas, Commissioner Straczek, Commissioner Guzman, and President Mangiaracina. Motion passed.

Secretary

Date

**Chicago Heights Park District
Regular Meeting
Park District Board of Commissioners
February 12, 2024
6:00 p.m.**

Meeting Called to Order: The Regular Board meeting of the Chicago Heights Park District Board of Commissioners was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call: Upon roll call, the following board members were recorded present: Commissioner Foston, Commissioner Perez, Commissioner Robinson, Commissioner Baikauskas, Commissioner Straczek, and President Mangiaracina. Commissioner Guzman was recorded absent. A quorum was established.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the Regular Board Meeting minutes on January 8, 2024, 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.

Treasure's Report: A Treasure Report was given by Chicago Heights Park Board Treasurer, Commissioner Baikauskas. On a motion to accept the Financial Reports given by Commissioner Baikauskas, Commissioner Foston and seconded by Commissioner Robinson. Commissioner Foston, Commissioner Perez, Commissioner Robinson, Commissioner Baikauskas, Commissioner Straczek, and President Mangiaracina. Motion passed.

President Report: President Mangiaracina announced the top 5 entries for the coloring contest. The IAPD conference was very informative and had great ideas concerning Park District's and Board Policies. The awards luncheon was wonderful. The next Master Plan meeting will be February 24th at 9:00a.m. at the Middle School. Music in the Park Series planning is underway. Also, an overdose awareness vigil will be held at Alex Lopez Park.

Superintendent Report: Superintendent Demitrowicz announced 104 new members registered. The District received \$600,000 for the Phase 2 OSLAD Grant for a splashpad with amenities and concrete work at Commissioners Park. Plans are being drawn up for the Recreation Center front foyer renovations. Currently applying for a tree grant for removal, pruning and planting of trees. Negotiating with Celts concerning the payment for swimming classes. The Parks and Golf Courses openings will be based on the weather.

Commissioners Report

Commissioner Foston: No Report

Commissioner Perez: Wished everyone a Happy Valentines Day.

Commissioner Robinson: Stated he enjoyed the Master Plan Meeting.

Commissioner Baikauskas: Commissioner Baikauskas announced a reminder for the Joint Meeting on February 26, 2024, at 6:00 pm at Roosevelt School. She also stated she enjoyed the Master Plan Meeting and wished everyone a Happy Valentines Day.

Commissioner Straczek: No Report

Attorneys Report: No Report

Public Participation: Ayesha Betancourt and Lisa Costello presented the board and requested permission to use Alex Lopez Park for an event concerning a Black Balloon Day Candlelight Vigil on March 3rd at 6:30p.m. This event is for substance abuse and to bring the community together.

Old Business:

New Business:

Submission of Bills: On a motion to pay the bills for January 2024, by Commissioner Straczek, seconded by Commissioner Perez. The following ayes were recorded: Commissioner Foston, Commissioner Perez, Commissioner Robinson, Commissioner Baikauskas, Commissioner Straczek, and President Mangiaracina. Motion passed.

Ordinance: Ordinance 2024-02: An ordinance authorizing and approving the disposal of personal property of the Chicago Heights Park District, County of Cook, Illinois by Commissioner Baikauskas, seconded by Commissioner Robinson. The following ayes were recorded: Commissioner Foston, Commissioner Perez, Commissioner Robinson, Commissioner Baikauskas, Commissioner Straczek, and President Mangiaracina. Motion passed.

Resolution: Resolution 2024-01: A Resolution authorizing and approving a certain lease with John Deere & Company for a lease and service of certain vehicles and equipment for the Chicago Heights Park District, County of Cook, State of Illinois by Commissioner Perez, seconded by Commissioner Straczek. The following ayes were recorded: Commissioner Foston, Commissioner Perez, Commissioner Robinson, Commissioner Baikauskas, Commissioner Straczek, and President Mangiaracina. Motion passed.

Adjournment: On a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 p.m. by Commissioner Straczek, seconded by Commissioner Perez. The following ayes were recorded: Commissioner Foston, Commissioner Perez, Commissioner Baikauskas, Commissioner Straczek, Commissioner Guzman, and President Mangiaracina. Motion passed.

Secretary

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