

**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 Report 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 and presented the top 5 entries for the coloring contest, participates where unable to attend. The IAPD conference was highly informative and had great ideas concerning Park District's and Board Policies. 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. On March 1st at 12:00 noon a planning meeting for Cinco DeMayo and a 1:00p.m. planning meeting for Sesto Park will be held. Also, an overdose awareness vigil is looking to be held at Alex Lopez Park. Ayesha Betancourt will be reaching out concerning an event.

Superintendent Report: Superintendent Demitrowicz announced 104 new memberships, 75 individuals, 7 seniors, 3 veterans, 14 parent / child, and 3 high school memberships registered. The district received \$600,000 for the Phase 2 OSLAD Grant for a splashpad with amenities and concrete work for Commissioners Park. Plans are being drawn up for the Recreation Center front foyer renovations. We will be receiving new equipment for the additional 10 parks. Currently applying for a \$150,000 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. Planning for a job fair has started.

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 2102 Portland Ave. Chicago Heights and Lisa Costello 402 Kerry Court, Chicago Heights, 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 overdose awareness 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.

Resolution: Resolution 2024-02: A Resolution authorizing and approving a certain lease with Morrow Brothers Ford for lease and service of certain vehicles for the Chicago Heights Park District, County of Cook, State of Illinois by Commissioner Perez, seconded by Commissioner Foston. The following ayes were recorded: Commissioner Foston, Commissioner Perez, Commissioner Robinson, Commissioner Baikauskas, Commissioner Straczek, and President Mangiaracina. Motion passed.

Resolution: Resolution 2024-03: A Resolution authorizing and approving a certain proposal and contract with Cornerstone Government Affairs, Inc. for the Chicago Heights Park District, County of Cook, State of 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.

Adjournment: On a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 p.m. 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.

Secretary

Date