

**Chicago Heights Park District
Regular Meeting Minutes
Park District Board of Commissioners
August 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 Robinson, Commissioner Baikauskas, Commissioner Straczek, Commissioner Guzman and President Mangiaracina. Commissioner Perez was recorded absent. A quorum was established.

Approval of Public Hearing Minutes: Motion to approve the Public Hearing Meeting minutes for July 8, 2024, by Commissioner Baikauskas, seconded by Commissioner Robinson. The following ayes were recorded. Commissioner Foston, Commissioner Robinson, Commissioner Baikauskas, Commissioner Straczek, Commissioner Guzman and President Mangiaracina. Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes Regular Board Meeting: Motion to approve the Regular Board Meeting minutes for July 8, 2024, by Commissioner Straczek, seconded by Commissioner Robinson. The following ayes were recorded. Commissioner Foston, Commissioner Robinson, Commissioner Baikauskas, Commissioner Straczek, Commissioner Guzman and President Mangiaracina. Motion passed.

Reports from President and other officers:

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report: A Treasurers report was presented by Chicago Heights Park Board Treasurer, Commissioner Baikauskas. On a motion to accept the Financial Report by Commissioner Straczek, seconded by Commissioner Baikauskas. The following ayes were recorded: Commissioner Foston, Commissioner Robinson, Commissioner Baikauskas, Commissioner Straczek, Commissioner Guzman and President Mangiaracina. Motion passed.

Motion to Appoint Pro-Temp Secretary:

Motion to appoint Commissioner Foston as Pro-Temp Secretary, by Commissioner Foston, seconded by Commissioner Robinson. The following ayes were recorded. Commissioner Foston, Commissioner Robinson, Commissioner Baikauskas, Commissioner Straczek, Commissioner Guzman and President Mangiaracina. Motion passed.

Commissioners Report

Commissioner Foston: Requested to be notified of any events at the parks in his Ward.

Commissioner Robinson: No Report

Commissioner Baikauskas: No Report

Commissioner Straczek: No Report

Commissioner Guzman: No Report

President Report: President Mangiaracina informed the board about the Throwback Event August 24 at King Park and the Fiesta Chicago Heights September 14 & 15 at Bloom High School. She also stated that we will have a Decennial Efficiency Committee meeting September 9th at 5:30p.m. In addition, renderings for the murals at King and Hodges Park will be on location at the Throwback Event for feedback from the community.

Superintendent Report: Superintendent stated that 7 parks have been demoed, installation of new equipment will be mid-September. Commissioners Park is delayed as we wait for approval from the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District. The Fall Winter Booklet is in the final stage and in on schedule for printing. We are completing the \$150,000 tree grant. We will possibly be partnering with School District 163 concerning an afterschool enrichment program and will be signing an MOU. We removed Obama Park equipment and worked with the school for a communal garden. We will be applying for \$600,000 2025 OSLAD Grant for the final phase of Commissioners Park which will include installing a new resin fence, lighting and seating, shade areas for the splashpad, pickleball court and asphalt walking trail, upgrades to ADA picnic tables and washrooms, concession stand will have rolled up windows for security . We will apply for a grant extension for the Recreation Center grant.

Attorneys Report: No Report

Public Participation: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

Submission of Bills: On a motion to pay the bills for July 2024, by Commissioner Straczek, seconded by Commissioner Foston. Discussion None: The following ayes were recorded: Commissioner Foston, Commissioner Robinson, Commissioner Baikauskas, Commissioner Straczek, Commissioner Guzman and President Mangiaracina. Motion passed.

Adjournment: On a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:18 p.m. by Commissioner Baikauskas, seconded by Commissioner Robinson. The following ayes were recorded. Commissioner Foston, Commissioner Robinson, Commissioner Baikauskas, Commissioner Straczek, Commissioner Guzman and President Mangiaracina. Motion passed.

Secretary

Date