

**Regular Committee/Board Meeting of the
Board of Commissioners
CHICAGO RIDGE PARK DISTRICT
April 10, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER

President Pratl called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

ROLL CALL

The following commissioners were present: Commissioners Crout, Albon, Pratl
Commissioners Conrad and Egan were absent with notice.
Also present: Director King and Superintendent Malito.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Everyone participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC/STAFF WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

There was no one to address the Board.

Director's Report

Director King expressed congratulations to Rob Pratl and Mary Crout on winning another election term.

Director King reported on the progress of the O'Connell park project. They have put up the construction fence and project is underway.

Legal notice was placed in the newspaper for the tentative budget. Final adoption will be at the May 8th Board meeting.

The solar project is still in the works. Park District financial statements were submitted as requested and the Power Purchasing Agreement has been received which will be signed.

In regard to the Ball Fore sign, Commissioner Pratl informed the Board that he has had conversations with Director King and the Park District does not have proposals, to date, from the either of the two sign companies. Since this project will take extensive additional time with the need for bid specs, going out to bid, etc., he suggested waiting to do the project until next year. For this year, Director King proposed some alternative ways to draw attention to this facility with banners, painting, moving the existing sign, etc. This facility is ready to be opened the 1st week of May.

Director King has been working with Groupon to do an offering for a discount at Ball Fore miniature golf as well as concessions for Ball Fore and the Lily Pad. The Park District has added the Chicago Southland's button on their website which links directly to their site and to the Ball Fore video which is now on the Park District's website as well.

Director King is also working with an on-line company, Pearachute, which is a program designed to help parents find activities/classes for their kids on a “drop-in” basis. This will be a great tool to market classes and increase revenue.

In regard to the recreation software, Director King stated that they are utilizing the current system for now. New software will need to be purchased in the future.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Chair Report

Commissioner Conrad was not at the meeting. No report was given.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Chair Report

Commissioner Albon reported that all the Easter events are ready to go for the weekend.

Boys’ volleyball games will begin after the East Egg Hunt as the fourth and final set of games.

Dinner and a Movie was April 5th. There were 15 participants. Another Fortnite tournament was held April 6th with 8 participants, Movie and Makeover is scheduled for April 12th and MLB the Show Home Run Derby video game event is scheduled for April 13th.

Superintendent’s Report

Superintendent Malito is working on getting other groups, (i.e. day camps, child care facilities, park districts), to come out for field trips at the Ball Fore and Lily Pad facilities. Discussion ensued.

Superintendent Malito is working on securing staff for the summer.

Day Camp registration begins April 15th. Deadline for financial assistance requests is June 5th.

Superintendent Malito reported on his meeting with the President of the Down in the Southland Organization regarding hosting the Down Syndrome Walk at Freedom Park in September. They will be turning in a permit request.

MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

Chair Report

Commissioner Egan was not at the meeting.

Superintendent’s Report

The Board reviewed Superintendent Biskey’s written report.

Key Carpet will be doing the flooring at Freedom Activity Center. Director King reported that there is an issue with the flooring at the Lombard building due to the constant flooding at that facility. He is looking into PermaSeal as well as new flooring.

Lighthouse Electric will be out within the next week to repair/replace several fixtures on the mini golf course and on the exterior of Ball Fore facility. Maintenance staff has been preparing the facility for the opening weekend.

The Easter Egg Hunt will be on April 13th at Frontier Fieldhouse.

Maintenance crew is continuing to prepare the ball fields. Director King reported that hiring out for grass cutting services is cost prohibitive and will be looking to hire additional part-time help instead.

Director King reported that there has been some graffiti on park district playground equipment during spring break. Staff has been able to clean it up immediately and they are keeping an eye on it.

Baseball season is here. Games have been scheduled.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chair Report

There was nothing to discuss in finance.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to discuss.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no need to enter Executive Session.

ADJOURN.

President Pratl called for a motion to adjourn at 7:35pm. Motion was made by Commissioner Albon and seconded by Commissioner Crout. All in favor, aye. Motion carried.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Kevin King

Kevin King, Secretary Chicago Ridge Park District

Approved by the Board of Commissioners on this 24th day of April, 2019.

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