

**Regular Committee/Board Meeting of the
Board of Commissioners
CHICAGO RIDGE PARK DISTRICT
August 14, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

The following commissioners were present: Commissioners Crout, Conrad, Albon, Pratl
Commissioner Egan was absent with notice.

Also present: Director King and Superintendent Biskey

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 reported that he was able to get additional staff to keep Ball Fore open on a full schedule to accommodate those with Groupons yet to redeem. Director King reported on the revenue and sales of the Groupon certificates for Ball Fore and Lily Pad. Groupon sales have been going strong. Director King reported that the Ball Fore facility has not had any major problems this year and that the batting cages have been running with minimal down time.

There have also been a couple of Certifikid certificates purchased and redeemed; and the digital marketing at the mall has given the Park District a lot of publicity. Director King stated that he is looking into some further marketing for the fall programs.

Director King reported on the South Suburban basketball league; they will be using Frontier on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. The Park District will also be collecting gate, concessions and supplying scorekeepers for the Tuesday and Thursday games.

A resident who runs a non-profit Karate organization has contacted the Park District regarding hosting 2 events at Frontier on a Sunday in March and one in June. Director King is also working with the Chicago Southland to get group rates for hotel rooms for the organization.

In regard to the solar project, Director King reported that the press release was published in two newspapers as well as on the Park District's website in the blog section. He is still working with the solar company on this.

Director King spoke with Ken Maloney from The Kenneth Company; they are still looking to do the pour-in-place surfacing at Freedom Park this fall. They still do not have a date to do the sealing at Guardian and Freedom. He also spoke with him regarding a quote to possibly add a pad to the Lily Pad for the proposed pavilion.

Director King informed the Board that Superintendent Malito is not at the meeting due to his supervising Frontier while Gayle Boettger is on vacation. He is also doing some staff training on scorekeeping.

Director King stated that he would like to move a current part-time maintenance employee to full-time status commenting that he believes this employee would be a great asset to the Park District as a full-time maintenance employee.

Director King reported that he is working with PDRMA on some new assessments that will be implemented in the maintenance and recreation departments pursuant to their new pilot program.

The claim for the storm damage sustained over the Memorial Day weekend was submitted to PDRMA.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Chair Report

Commissioner Conrad reported that he is looking into a larger project for next year by adding on to the Lily Pad. He stated that he expects all of the smaller projects already on the books to be completed first.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Chair Report

Commissioner Albon reviewed Superintendent Malito's written report with the Board.

High Hopes had a field trip to Ball Fore. There were 37 children who attended the event. They also purchased hot dogs, chips and drinks for all who attended.

Worth Park District will be coming to Ball Fore for a second time on August 22nd and are expecting around 25 children.

Director King reported that Superintendent Malito and Cris Majdecki presented the PAC program to the schools. There has been some interest and they are hopeful to get this program going.

Commissioner Albon suggested joining in on the PTA back to school kick-off to promote the Park District's programs. Director King stated that the Park District will be giving them a donation for their calendar as well as coupons for fitness passes.

MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

Chair Report

Commissioner Egan was not at the meeting. Floor was given to Superintendent Biskey.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Biskey reported on the post fest walkthrough. There was no major damage. The ruts were taken care of by the Village Public Works department. The Village also gave the Park District dirt and grass seed for the grounds; the park district maintenance staff has been watering the park.

There was an issue with the batting cages which was corrected. There have been minimal issues since the repair and the facility continues to be busy.

Superintendent Biskey reported that two summer part-time employees were leaving the Park District. Kurt Rapp has returned to full time work after his disability.

Richards High School will be hosting their annual Black and Gold game on the 23rd. The maintenance crew will be bringing the super cooker, tables, chairs and tents.

The Rainbow cleaning service has ended and the maintenance staff will begin cleaning each facility once again.

Superintendent Biskey updated the Board regarding quote for the device to block driving/parking on the paths at Freedom Park.

Director King reported that the Village put rat traps around Freedom Park for the RidgeFest without notifying the Park District.

Director King reported that there has been a problem with the company that supplies the concession items in regard to product availability and delivery time, and may be looking to purchase products from another company.

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 old business to discuss.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no old business to discuss.

ADJOURN.

President Pratl called for a motion to adjourn at 8:12.p.m. Motion was made by Commissioner Crout and seconded by Commissioner Albon. 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 28th day of August, 2019.

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