

## **RIVER TRAILS PARK DISTRICT PROFILE**

### **Established**

In July 1965 River Trails Park District was formed with Commissioners George M. Reiss, Hiram C. Hanson, Marvin S. Goldsmith, Patrick J. Link and Eugene L. DiBlasi.

### **Philosophy**

The River Trails Park District was created by the will of the people in August of 1965 to develop and maintain an organized park and recreation agency specifically serving the River Trails community.

The Board of Commissioners and staff are dedicated to fulfilling that mandate to the best of their abilities within the statutory and financial limitations under which the park district must operate according to the law.

### **Mission Statement**

The Mission of the River Trails Park District is to provide quality leisure activities to enrich the lives of all people, regardless of age, while preserving open space, conserving the environment and educating the community on the importance of conservation and personal wellness.

### **Purpose and Objectives**

The River Trails Park District's purpose and objectives are as follows:

- To obtain, preserve, and develop open space to enhance the beauty of the community and to provide areas for passive and active recreational purposes.
- To analyze and organize quality recreational activities for all age groups and capabilities, including corporate entities.
- To operate revenue facilities relative to the leisure profession to supplement tax revenues and increase park district development and services.
- To educate the community of the individual, as well as group, benefits provided by the park district through its facilities and programs and by the recreation profession in general.
- To support and participate with other governmental, community and private agencies to obtain the highest degree of efficiency for all community resources.

### **Governed**

By a community-elected, five member, Board of Commissioners.

Current Board of Commissioners is:

Dennis E. Gawlik, President

1111 E. Dogwood Ln., Mt Prospect, IL 60056

Home: 847-253-4845 (2003)

James L. Murphy, Vice-President

1113 E. Dogwood Ln., Mt. Prospect, IL 60056

Home: 847-392-7065 (1991)

Lynn D. Janu

1742 Carib, Mt. Prospect, IL 60056

Home: 847-635-0151 (1983)

Lois B. Hauge

1712 Mura Ln., Mt. Prospect, IL 60056

Home: 847-635-0062 (2003)

Edward W. Rechner

PO Box 75, Mt. Prospect, IL 60056

Home: 847-827-4681 (2009)

### **Boundaries**

The 3 square mile District is located in northern Cook County, 25 miles northwest of downtown Chicago. It encompasses a portion of northeast Mount Prospect and southeast Prospect Heights in Wheeling Township.

**Population**

The Park District's population is approximately 15,000.

**Real Estate**

The equalized assessed value of real estate for 2010 is \$573,828,461 (most recent available)

**Tax Rate**

The tax rate for 2010 is .51 per \$100 of assessed value (most recent available)

**Taxes**

The Park District collects real estate property taxes to fund the general operation of the government.

**Fiscal Year Budget**

The operating budget for 2012 is \$5,665,934. The fiscal year budget begins January 1 and concludes on December 31.

**Employees**

The District currently has 21 full-time employees and up to 200 part-time employees depending on the season.

**Administrative Office**

401 E. Camp McDonald Rd., Prospect Heights, IL 60070 847-788-0551

**Recreation Operations Offices**

Marvin S. Weiss Community Center, 1500 E. Euclid Ave., Mt. Prospect, IL 60056 847-255-1200

Burning Bush Community Center, 1313 Burning Bush Ln., Mt. Prospect, IL 60056 847-255-1200

Parks Department, 1500 E. Euclid Ave., Mt. Prospect, IL 60056 847-394-0540

Rob Roy Golf Operations, 505 E. Camp McDonald Rd., Prospect Heights, IL 60070 847-253-4544

**Public Records**

The request for access to public records must be made in writing. A written request does not have to be made on a standard form, though the River Trails Park District does provide a Freedom of Information Form online or at the following District Offices: Administrative Office, 401 E. Camp McDonald Rd., Prospect Heights, IL 60070; Marvin S. Weiss Community Center, 1500 E. Euclid Ave., Mt. Prospect, IL 60056. You may submit your written request in person or via mail, fax or e-mail.

**Administration**

It is the purpose of the Park District Administration to assist the Board of Commissioners in formulating policy and to carry out those policies once established, implement sound management and financial practices, maintain accurate business and financial records and insure that quality park and recreation services are provided for the residents of the District.

**Executive Director's Office**

The Executive Director's Office is charged with the responsibility of providing for the management of the total Park District through coordinating and implementing Board policies, supervising the Departments of Parks, Finance and Recreation Operations and implementing a process of comprehensive planning and acting as the chief staff liaison between the District and citizens, community groups and other agencies.

**Finance and Personnel Department**

The Finance Department maintains financial and personnel records of the Park District. The Department staff develops necessary reports and forecasts which are provided to the Board of Commissioners and staff including financial and statistical data pertinent to the sound management of Park District programs and facilities and to long range planning. In addition, the Department staff maintains all personnel and payroll records and contributes limited personnel management assistance. The Department oversees the District's total insurance portfolio.

**Parks Department**

It is the expressed purpose of the Parks Department to provide leisure time opportunities to the community, through the acquisition, design, development, maintenance and renovation of attractive functional parks, facilities and open space.

The District owns 130 acres, leases 8 acres of land and has 9 parks comprised of community parks and neighborhood parks. Recreational facilities include 1 outdoor swimming pool, 3 community centers, Rob Roy Golf Course and Clubhouse, 1 golf driving range, 1 miniature golf course, The Clayground Art Studio, 5 softball diamonds, 4 soccer fields, 2 football fields, 13 playgrounds, 10 tennis courts, 6 sand volleyball courts and 6 basketball courts.

The Parks Department is involved with new park construction and park renovation work from the early planning stage through construction, inspection and the approval of payments to contractors.

### **Recreation Operations Department**

The purpose of the River Trails Park District's Recreation Operations Department is to provide the opportunity for wholesome recreational activities that relate to the needs and desires of the entire community. These leisure services should appeal to all age segments of the community and be conducted in an efficient and economical manner.

The Recreation Operations Department of the River Trails Park District provides the community with comprehensive recreational programs and facilities. Leisure programs and activities include athletic leagues and classes; health and exercise activities; cultural arts programming in dance, drama, music and crafts; preschool programs; older adult programs; special events; trips; aquatic lessons and activities; summer camps; a before and after school program; general programs such as cooking, dog obedience and martial arts; tennis instruction and league play; racquetball; golf lessons, league and general play.

Revenue Facilities include: Rob Roy Golf Course; Woodland Trails Driving Range.

# Organizational Chart

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