

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE  
RIVER TRAILS PARK DISTRICT,  
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, HELD AT  
401 E. CAMP MC DONALD ROAD IN SAID DISTRICT  
ON THE SEVENTH DAY OF APRIL, 2016 AT 7:00 P.M.**

The President called the meeting to order and directed the Secretary to call the roll. Upon roll being called, the following Commissioners answered present: Edward W. Rechner, James L. Murphy, Lois B. Hauge, Jack Cerniglia and Gail Dieterich. Also present were Director Bret Fahnstrom, Superintendent of Parks Tom Pope, Superintendent of Recreation Patti Mitchell, Superintendent of Finance Sharon Rose and Recording Secretary Moira Zale.

**II. Guests Present:** Vance Violante, Manager of Athletics and Facilities

**III.** The Agenda for April 7, 2016 was submitted for approval. Commissioner Murphy moved to approve said agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cerniglia and approved by common consent.

**IV.** The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 3, 2016 were submitted for approval. Commissioner Hauge moved to approve said minutes as presented. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion which was approved by common consent.

**VI.** Treasurer Bret Fahnstrom presented the Treasurer's Reports for February 2016. Commissioner Murphy moved to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Commissioner Hauge seconded the motion which was approved by common consent.

**V.** Treasurer Bret Fahnstrom presented the Invoice Listing for February 16, 2016 to April 4, 2016 in the amount of \$182,738.42 was submitted for approval. Following discussion, Commissioner Murphy moved to approve the Invoice Listing as presented. Commissioner Hauge seconded the motion, and upon roll being called, the Commissioners voted as follows:

AYE: Lois B. Hauge, Edward W. Rechner, James L. Murphy, Jack Cerniglia and Gail Dieterich

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

**VII. Communications:**

- a. Directors Report.** Director Fahnstrom discussed some of the spring happenings within the park district. Preschool 2016 – 2017 registration started March 2<sup>nd</sup>, classes are filling up quickly. April 9, 2016 will be the “soft” opening for the 550 building. There have been 120+ R.S.V.P.'s planning to attend the open house from 12 – 5 p.m. Pizza and Pop will be served. Director Fahnstrom will be attending the Legislative Conference in Springfield on May 3 and 4<sup>th</sup>. The May 5, 2016 Board meeting will be the Park Board Vision Meeting with Design Perspective. This will be one of many upcoming Comprehensive Master Plan meetings that will be held throughout April and May. The other meetings will have staff and the communities input as well. Email blasts and signs throughout the parks will be displayed notifying the community to attend the CMP meetings. A great Big Kudos to the Pool Staff and Managers Geralyn and Dave. The park district has received the prestigious “Gold International Aquatic Safety Award” from Jeff Ellis & Associates. This award was presented for consistently “exceeding” the criteria for aquatic certification. Maple Trails Park Opening Celebration will be held on Thursday, May 12, 2016 from 5 -6 p.m.

- b. **Superintendent Patti Mitchell presented the Operations Report for the Recreation Department.** A very big thank you and acknowledgement is due to Vance Violante who has been so instrumental in the start-up of the new Recreation Zone at the 550 building! Staff has been busy gearing up for the summer. Recreation Supervisors have been interviewing for lifeguards, concessions and camp counselors. The pre-school registration was great, staff as looking at the possibility of combining Senior and Junior Trailblazers for a new afternoon class. There were over 50 guests that enjoyed lunch with the bunny the weekend before Easter. Then 111 guests attended Brunch on Easter Sunday. The fish fry is beginning to slow down with the end of the lent season. Hard to believe staff will begin working on the fall 2016 brochure next week. The summer brochure will be mailed out in 2 weeks. With growing number of future students that the current District #26 census is expecting, there has been the start of discussion with the park district and the possibility of having the need to develop an early learning center. Superintendent Mitchell will keep the board updated on the future development.
- c. **Recreation Manager Vance Violante presented the 2015 Annual Facility, Fitness Club and Field Permit Report.** The room rentals are right on pace for producing another great year. There were 5 gym rentals a night and with the weather still being colder there are still rentals 2 -3 nights a week. The gym rentals are up 14% from last year. A church group has been renting the 550 Building on Sunday's. The Athletic field permit rentals for 2015 increased 34.2% over 2014. Basketball groups and Soccer teams used the fields the most. 2015 was the 2<sup>nd</sup> best year for field permit revenues and 2016 looks to be a great year as well. The fitness center is holding its own but a challenge with so many new local competitors opening in the area. Great Job Overall Vance!!!
- d. **Quarterly Goal Update.** Director Fahnstrom discussed the first quarter 2016 goals. A list of goals was presented to the board with the highlighted areas that have been completed as well as the current status of listed goals.
- e. **Superintendent Patti Mitchell presented the February 2016 Golf Financial Report.** Due to the warm weather we had, the pro shop revenue is almost \$4,000 for the month of February this is a \$5,979 profit improvement over this time last year. Golf operations/expenses are higher due to increases in Advertising, Health Insurance and Utility increases. The Billy Casper contract will be expiring at the end of 2016. There will be further discussion of renewal of the contract in detail.
- f. Director Fahnstrom has emailed the Superintendents and Commissioners information regarding the Cook County **Statement of Economic Interest Filings**. Some have already filed their paperwork and the others will have this completed before the deadline and notify Director Fahnstrom upon completion.
- g. **550 Updates.** There have been a lot of happenings at the 550 Building. Colored photos were distributed to show the new items that have been constructed and installed.
- h. There will be a **spring tour** for the Commissioners to view the completed Recreation Zone as well as the parks. Director Fahnstrom will send out a few dates in hopes that all attendees can make the tour this May or June.

### VIII. Old Business.

**Adoption of the New River Trails Park District Logo.** The team has been working hard making positive changes to our image. Staff has recommended the Board of Commissioners adopt the new Logo #3 as presented. This Logo connects with the past to the present. Following discussion, Commissioner Hauge moved to approve Logo #3 as presented. Commissioner Dieterich seconded the motion which was approved by common consent.

**IX. New Business.****a. Acceptance of the 2015 Audit.**

Following discussion, Commissioner Murphy moved to approve **The 2015 Audit**. Commissioner Hauge seconded the motion, and upon roll being called, the Commissioners voted as follows:

AYE: Lois B. Hauge, James Murphy Edward W. Rechner, Jack Cerniglia and Gail Dieterich

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

**b. Renaming the 550 Business Center Drive Building.**

Following discussion, Commissioner Cerniglia moved to approved renaming the 550 Building to the **River Trails Recreation Zone**. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion which was approved by common consent.

**c. Ordinance number 6.01, Section 8 and Section 33** were discussed for updating of the current grilling polices and appropriate noise levels of music in the park. Commissioner Murphy moved to approve the updates to Ordinance 6.01, Sections 8 and 33. Commissioner Cerniglia seconded the motion. Following discussion and roll being called, the Commissioners voted as follows:

AYE: Lois B. Hauge, Edward W. Rechner, Jack Cerniglia and Gail Dieterich

NAY: None

ABSENT: James Murphy

**X. Commissioners Comments.**

- There is an upcoming Elected Officials After Hours Meeting
- Commissioner Murphy discussed the opening of a new Ice Rink opening in Kensington Business Center.
- President Rechner mentioned how pleased the Historical Society has been hosting past events as Rob Roy. They are looking forward to their next event this year at Rob Roy Clubhouse.
- The entire Board wished Superintendent of Finance, Sharon Rose the best of luck after receiving the news of her future retirement. She will be greatly missed and has been appreciated for the great work and contribution she has made to River Trails for the past 14 years.

**XI. Action as a Result of the Executive Session.** None

**XII. Adjournment.** There being no further business to discuss, the regular meeting was adjourned 8:50 pm

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President

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Secretary