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 NINETEENTH DAY OF MAY, 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, Lois B. Hauge, 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. Commissioners James L. Murphy and Jack Cerniglia were absent.

II. Guests Present: None

III. The Agenda for May 19, 2016 was submitted for approval. Commissioner Hauge moved to approve said agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dietrich and approved by common consent.

IV. The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 5, 2016 were submitted for approval. Commissioner Dieterich moved to approve said minutes as presented. Commissioner Hauge seconded the motion which was approved by common consent.

V. The Minutes of the Annual Meeting of May 5, 2016 were submitted for approval. Commissioner Hauge moved to approve said minutes as presented. Commissioner Dieterich seconded the motion which was approved by common consent.

VI. Treasurer Bret Fahnstrom presented the Invoice Listing for April 20, 2016 thru May 16, 2016 in the amount of $151,431.27 was submitted for approval. Following discussion, Commissioner Hauge moved to approve the Invoice Listing as presented. Commissioner Dieterich seconded the motion, and upon roll being called, the Commissioners voted as follows:

AYE: Edward W. Rechner, Lois B. Hauge and Gail Dietrich
NAY: None
ABSENT: James L. Murphy and Jack Cerniglia

VII. Communications:

Director Fahnstrom discussed happenings at the Zone. Things are moving along and are on schedule. The Archery cabinet has been built for upcoming RTPD and NWSRA programs. This creates a dedicated space for Archery classes. A climbing rope has been added for the Parkour program. A father of a student in the Parkour program works for Home Depot and has offered to volunteer his time building a new piece for the Parkour program. Along with his volunteering and construction skills, Home Depot will be donating $500 of materials to complete the piece! A huge thank you to Home Depot in Mt. Prospect for their support. The Zone Grand Opening will be Saturday, June 4th from 1:30 – 4:00 p.m. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

a. **Superintendent of Recreation Patti Mitchell presented the Recreation Operations report for April 2016.** Randhurst Village is setting up a "Centennial Fire Hydrant" program to artistically paint a fire hydrant in the town. River Trails Park District will be sponsoring a fire hydrant; details of our design are in the works. Pool training has started. There was $17,772 in Early bird pool passes sold before May 2. This is a $5,062 increase from last year. Kid Squad and Camp registration are doing great! Kudos to Eileen, Kathy, Shelby and Donna for a great job processing these registrations. Staff has been busy working on existing and new programs for the Zone. Indoor Lacrosse, Cricket and lunch hour workout specials have been inquired about from the community for possible future programs. BCG hosted a golf scramble that 36 teams attended. Work on the fall 2017 brochure has started.

b. **Superintendent Pope presented the Monthly Operations report for the Maintenance department.** The Zone has been the primary focus for some staff, while others are working on the pool opening and keeping up with the grounds. Changing light bulbs and anchoring the netting has proven harder than it sounds, but staff is conquering and preparing for the June 4th Grand Opening. The pool is also being worked on and preparing for the June 10th opening. Mike and Grounds staff have been busy mowing, mowing and more mowing. The middle school grass is growing very good! The bio-solids placed on the grass in the past are working well in helping the fast, healthy growth of the grass. Redmond Construction, (Title Sponsor of this year's OCR) will be working on projects as they have in the past. They are currently finishing up the hockey boards at Burning Bush and caulking of the pool.

c. **Legislative Updates: HB4536** which would increase the bid limit from $20,000 to $25,000 passed out of the Senate Local Government Committee unanimously and is one step closer to becoming a law. **HB5522** bill which amends the Open Meetings Act was passed out of committee and is also one step closer to becoming a law. There are no developments to report on the proposed property tax freeze and no movement on the state budget.

d. **2016 Spring Tour:** Just a reminder that Tuesday, May 24 we will be taking a park/facility tour. We will meet at Weiss Community Center at 4 pm. Director Fahnstrom asked if anyone had any specific places that they would like to tour to please let him know ahead of time.

VIII. Old Business: None

IV. New Business: Director Fahnstrom presented the 2017 – 2021 Strategic Plan Draft for the River Trails Park District. This Plan will start in January 2017 and continue through December 2021. The Introduction, Mission, Vision and Organizational Values were reviewed. There was discussion of the 2013 Survey Findings that was conducted by Leisure Vision. The information obtained from the survey will be helpful in assisting development of the Comprehensive Master Plan. The Strategic Plan will help identify and exemplify the strengths of the organization as well as identify the opportunities for growth and improvement over the 2017 -2017 years. The Commissioners would like to review the information further and look to adopt the Plan at the June 2, 2016 Board Meeting.

X. Commissioners Comments: Commissioner Rechner asked if any other Commissioners would be interested in splitting a ticket for the SLSF event being held in September, please let Commissioner Murphy know.

XI. Executive Session was not needed

XII. Action as a result of the Executive Session: N/A

XIII. Adjournment: There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

_____ President

_____ Secretary