

**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 FIFTEENTH DAY OF DECEMBER 15, 2016 AT 7:05 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 Hauge and Gail Dieterich. Also present were Director Bret Fahnstrom, Superintendent of Parks Tom Pope, Superintendent of Recreation Patti Mitchell, Superintendent of Finance Steve Cummins and Recording Secretary Moira Zale. Commissioners James L. Murphy and Jack Cernigila were absent.

**II. Guests Present:** Manager of Programs and Aquatics, GERALYN KONSEWICZ and Employee of the Season, AMANDA GROSSMAYER.

**III. Employee of the Season: Amanda Grossmayer.** Manager of Programs and Aquatics Konsewicz talked about the great accomplishments that Amanda has achieved while starting in the park district as a young participant and progressing to being employed as the Aquatic Coordinator. Amanda was a recipient of the Ellis 2013 Golden Guard Award while employed as a Lifeguard. This award is only given out to the top 1% of Ellis Lifeguards worldwide! Her diligence in maintaining a fun, safe place to swim has been greatly appreciated!

**IV.** The Agenda for December 15, 2016 was submitted for approval. Commissioner Hauge moved to approve said agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dieterich and approved by common consent.

**V.** The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 1, 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 submitted for approval the invoice listing from November 15, 2016 thru December 12, 2016 in the amount of \$104,943.02. 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 Dieterich

NAY: None

ABSENT: Jack Cerniglia and James L. Murphy

**VII. Communications.**

- a. **Summer Camp Final Report.** Program and Aquatics Manager, GERALYN KONSEWICZ presented the 2016 Annual Camp report. Camps are continuing to grow in participation numbers and financially. The continued marketing, well-respected staff, convenience and accommodations we extend at camp, keeps families very happy and wanting to come back.
- b. **Superintendent Mitchell presented the Recreation Operations Report for November 2016.** Staff is preparing for next week's Polar Express. Breakfast with Santa had an average of 100 people in attendance. The fitness club special 50% off your annual membership started this week. Due to nice weather in November, there were 1082 rounds of golf played. Thank you to the Board for the staff Holiday Bonuses, staff was very enthusiastic and grateful!
- c. **Superintendent Pope presented the Maintenance Operations Report.** Superintendent Pope presented very interesting miscellaneous facts about River Trails Park District and facilities.
- d. **Miscellaneous.** The long overdue replacement of a copier at MSW will take place soon. A flyer with the Holiday Building Hours was handed out.

**VIII. Old Business.**

- a. **Comprehensive Master Plan Update:** Director Fahnstrom discussed the CMP goals and recommendation the Board of Commissioners approves the goals as presented.

**IX. New Business**

- a. **Tax Levy for 2016-Ordinance 16-12-15 for \$3,297,876** Director and Board Secretary Fahnstrom presented Ordinance 16-12-15 for \$3,297,876 was submitted for approval. Commissioner Hauge moved to approve said Ordinance 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 Dieterich

NAY: None

ABSENT: Jack Cerniglia and James L. Murphy

- b. **Resolution 16-12-15AA for Instructions to Cook County reducing Tax Levy.** Director and Board Secretary Fahnstrom presented Resolution 16-12-15AA was submitted for approval. Commissioner Hauge moved to approve said Resolution 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 Dieterich

NAY: None

ABSENT: Jack Cerniglia and James L. Murphy

- c. **Resolution 16-12-15BB Truth in Taxation.** Director and Board Secretary Fahnstrom presented Resolution 16-12-15BB was submitted for approval. Commissioner Dieterich moved to approve said Resolution as presented. Commissioner Hauge seconded the motion, and upon roll being called, the Commissioners voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Jack Cerniglia and James L. Murphy

- d. **Ordinance #16-12-15A** an Ordinance Abating the Tax Heretofore Levied for the Year 2016 to Pay Debt Service on \$2,635,000 General Obligation Refunding Park Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) Series 2007, of The River Trails Park District, Cook County, Illinois. Commissioner Dieterich moved to adopt said Ordinance as presented, which motion was seconded by Commissioner Hauge. Upon roll being called, the Commissioners voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Jack Cerniglia and James L. Murphy

- e. **Ordinance #16-12-15B** an Ordinance Abating the Tax Heretofore, Levied for the Year 2016 to Pay Debt Service on \$2,205,000 General Obligation Park Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2009, of the River Trails Park District, Cook County, Illinois. Commissioner Hauge moved to adopt said Ordinance as presented, which motion was seconded by Commissioner Dieterich. Upon roll being called, the Commissioners voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Jack Cerniglia and James L. Murphy

- f. **Ordinance # 16-12-15C** an Ordinance Abating the Tax Heretofore Levied for the Year 2016 to Pay Debt Service on \$4,135,000 General Obligation Refunding Park Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2013A, of The River Trails Park District, Cook County, Illinois. Commissioner Hauge moved to adopt said Ordinance as presented, which motion was seconded by Commissioner Dieterich. Upon roll being called, the Commissioners voted as follows:

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

- g. **Long Term Capital Project Fund.** Discussion of allocating some Fund Reserves towards roof replacement of The Zone Building. Staff recommends the board approve the long term allocation of some capital funds annually. 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 Dieterich  
 NAY: None  
 ABSENT: Jack Cerniglia and James L. Murphy

- h. **DRAFT- 2017 Budget and Appropriation.** Director Fahnstrom presented a Draft of the upcoming Budget and Appropriation for discussion at the January 5, 2017 Board Meeting. There was discussion of some of the upcoming changes in the budget from 2016 to 2017.

**X. Commissioners:** Thank you to the Social Committee for a fun and festive Staff Holiday Party.

**XI. Executive Session.** At 8:55 Commissioner Hauge made a motion to enter into Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dieterich and upon roll being called, the Commissioners voted as follows:

AYES: Edward W. Rechner, Lois B. Hauge and Gail Dieterich  
 NAYS: None  
 ABSENT: James Murphy and Jack Cerniglia

The board exited Executive Session at 9:45 p.m

**XII. Action as a result of the Executive Session:** Approval of Director Fahnstrom's personnel contract. There will be a future discussion of Director Fahnstrom's salary.

**XIII. Adjournment:** There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:46 p.m.

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President

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Secretary