

**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 TWENTY-FIRST DAY OF DECEMBER, 2017 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 Hauge, Jack Cerniglia and Gail Dieterich. Also present were Director Bret Fahnstrom, Grounds Manager Mike Hanley, Superintendent of Recreation Patti Mitchell, Superintendent of Finance Steve Cummins and Recording Secretary Moira Zale.

**II. Guests Present:** Resident Nancy Parra

**III.** The Agenda for December 21, 2017 was submitted for approval. Commissioner Hauge moved to approve said agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cerniglia and approved by common consent.

**IV.** The Minutes of the Public Hearing of December 7, 2017 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 Regular Meeting of December 7, 2017 were submitted for approval. Commissioner Dieterich moved to approve said minutes as presented. Commissioner Cerniglia seconded the motion which was approved by common consent.

**VI.** Superintendent of Finance Cummins submitted for approval the invoice listing from November 11, 2017 thru December 18, 2017 in the amount of \$137,735.33. Following discussion, Commissioner Hauge moved to approve the Invoice Listing as presented. Commissioner Cerniglia seconded the motion, and upon roll being called, the Commissioners voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

**VII. Communications.**

- a. **Superintendent Mitchell presented the Recreation Operations Report for November 2017.** Holiday camp will begin next week and continue through Friday, January 5th. Breakfast with Santa had was a great success with 107 people in attendance for the first date and 120 attending last Saturday. RTPD will be receiving an IPRA award for the OCR event and Parkour classes at this year's state conference. A great big thank you to all that made a donation to the "Adopt-A-Family", the social committee was able to purchase many gifts and delivered them to the family just in time for Christmas. Thank you to the Board for the staff Holiday Bonuses, staff was very enthusiastic and grateful!
- b. **Grounds Manager Michael Hanley presented the Maintenance Operations Report.** Staff was able to take advantage of the nice, warmer weather working on outdoor facilities and grounds maintenance. With the weather turning cooler this week, staff will begin making ice for the rink. There was a new RTU installed at the Zone Building. Thank you to Grounds Manager Hanley from Superintendent Mitchell for making a new Polar Express picture frame, participants took some great pictures at the event.

**VIII. Old Business.**

**None**

## IX. New Business

- a. **Ordinance # 17-12-21** an Ordinance updating / amending RTPD Sexual Harassment Policy. Commissioner Cerniglia 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, Jack Cerniglia and Gail Dieterich

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

- b. **DRAFT- 2017 Budget and Appropriation.** Director Fahnstrom presented a Draft of the upcoming Budget and Appropriation for discussion at the January 4, 2018 Board Meeting. There was discussion of the upcoming changes in the budget from 2016 to 2017.

## X. Commissioners:

- Commissioner Dieterich: (1) would like to commend staff for a wonderful job with the Recreation Programs, trending upwards! (2) Are the new tax laws going to have an effect on payroll and the tax tables? Superintendent Cummins said he is waiting for the updates and does not think there will be much effect on the payroll system. (3) Is there a possibility of having the Ice Warming Shelter hours be open when the Weiss Center is open? Superintendent Mitchell said staff is looking into options for the hours of operation.
- Commissioner Hauge: Asked if Superintendent Mitchell could check on District #21 (Robert Frost School) needs for before and after school care from River Trails Park District.

**XI. Executive Session.** At 8:16 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, Jack Cerniglia and Gail Dieterich

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The board exited Executive Session at 8:46 p.m.

## XII. Action as a result of the Executive Session:

- Commissioner Dieterich motioned to approve the discussed holiday bonus: seconded by Commissioner Hauge.

**XIII. Adjournment:** There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

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President

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Secretary