

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE  
RIVER TRAILS PARK DISTRICT,  
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, HELD AT  
505 E. CAMP MC DONALD ROAD IN SAID DISTRICT  
ON THE FIRST DAY OF FEBRUARY 2018 AT 7:02 P.M.**

- I. The President called the meeting to order and directed the Secretary Pro tempore to call the roll. Upon roll being called, the following Commissioners answered present: Edward W. Rechner, Lois B. Hauge, Jack Cerniglia and Gail Dieterich. Also present were Director Bret Fahnstrom, Superintendent of Finance Steve Cummins, Superintendent of Recreation and Recording Secretary Pro tempore Patti Mitchell, Superintendent of Parks Tom Pope.
- II. Visitors Present: Resident Nancy Parra
- III. Nancy Parra was sworn in to the office of Commissioner in the River Trails Park District in the County of Cook, Illinois.
- IV. The Agenda for February 1, 2018 was submitted for approval. Commissioner Dietrich moved to approve said agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hauge and approved by common consent.
- V. The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 4, 2018 were submitted for approval. Commissioner Cerniglia moved to approve said minutes as presented. Commissioner Parra seconded the motion which was approved by common consent.
- VI. Executive Director Fahnstrom presented the Voucher List of Bills for December 18, 2017 through January 26, 2018 in the amount of \$218,384.70 which was submitted for approval. Following discussion, Commissioner Dieterich moved to approve the Invoice Listing as presented. Commissioner Cerniglia seconded the motion, and upon roll being called, the Commissioners voted as follows:
  - i. AYES: Edward W. Rechner, Lois B. Hauge, Gail Dieterich, Nancy Parra, Lois Hauge and Jack Cerniglia
  - ii. NAYS: None
  - iii. Absent: None
- VII. Communications:
  - a. Superintendent Patti Mitchell presented the Recreation Operations Report for December. Thank you for the opportunity for us to go to IAPD/IPRA Conference. The Park District won several awards; 3<sup>rd</sup> place for Brochure Series, Distinguished Accreditation Award, Best Overall Special Event OCR, Outstanding Program (Division II) Parkour. Outstanding Special Event (Division II) OCR as well as Best Overall Special Event. We also won the Platinum Award

from Ellis and Associates. We are looking to hire a replacement for Brandon Magnini who moved on to Deerfield Park District.

- b. Superintendent Patti Mitchell presented the End of Year golf Report. In the end, the RRGC was (37,443) against the budget. This was a small improvement over 2016 though obviously not where we want to be. Banquets continue to grow and golf services struggle.
- c. Director Fahnstrom presented the Director's Report. Some discussion about the Levee 37 upcoming presentation. Staff has met with DLA Architects twice to discuss the Zone and we have one more meeting before final plans are discussed. Upcoming events: Wine and Yoga, Mommy and Me Valentine Tea is maxed out and the Freeze Fest is coming up at The Zone.
- d. Director Fahnstrom supplied letters of thanks from Northwest Compass for donations from RTPD.

#### **VIII. Old Business**

- a. Director Fahnstrom presented the complete Budget and Appropriations to the Board. Fahnstrom outlined changes since the last discussions were notated in the cover memo.
  - i. Capital Project conversation was included. Some projects were as part of the budget and some were based on bonding authority.
  - ii. President Rechner discussed concern about the overall increase in the expenses at approximately 12% over 2017. The intent is to pass the B&A at the Feb 15 meeting.

#### **IX. New Business**

- a. Director Fahnstrom issued a Call for a Public Hearing for the 2018 Budget and Appropriations, to be held on Thursday, February 15, 7 pm before the Regular Board Meeting.
- b. Director Fahnstrom discussed the idea that since we are redesigning do we want to rename the park to fit in with the other "tree" park names. Consensus was no.

#### **X. Commissioner Comments**

- a. Ed had a neighbor mention to him that the Youth OCR is the best event/program
- b. Gail asked about Adam's status since he's not a board member. Fahnstrom discussed his idea to have Adam involved with the Resident Advisory Committee and possibly be the Chair. She also asked about Grace Lutheran church and the parking lot. Fahnstrom mentioned that the communications will begin in the near future.

