

**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 FIFTH DAY OF APRIL 2018 AT 7:00 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, Nancy Parra and Gail Dieterich. Also present were Director Bret Fahnstrom, Superintendent of Finance Steve Cummins, Patti Mitchell, Superintendent of Recreation and Superintendent of Parks Tom Pope.
- II.** Visitors Present: Tracey Crawford, Director, Northwest Special Recreation Association
- III.** The Agenda for March 1, 2018 was submitted for approval. Commissioner Cerniglia moved to approve said agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hauge and approved by common consent.
- IV.** Northwest Special Recreation Association Presentation. Director Crawford presented a snapshot of the 2017 Year in Review as well as an overall presentation of the NWSRA services.
- V.** The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 15, 2018 were submitted for approval. Commissioner Parra moved to approve said minutes as presented. Commissioner Dieterich seconded the motion which was approved by common consent.
- VI.** Approval of the Treasures Report for February 2018 was presented by Superintendent of Finance Cummins. Commissioner Hauge motioned the approval of the Treasures report and it was seconded by Commissioner Cerniglia.
- VII.** Communications:
  - a. Director Fahnstrom presented the Director's Report. Some discussion the upcoming events: Katie Halverson started this last week; Fahnstrom will be in Springfield for the annual Legislative Conference and the next Sunrise Breakfast at the VMP Public Library is on April 27.
  - b. Director Fahnstrom presented some miscellaneous communications with the board: The Sunrise Breakfast info as well as the Herald article speaking about the new VMP Police station planned for the Kensington District. The Board mentioned that the Fire District is looking at a location near Rand & Route 83.

**VIII. Old Business**

- a. Burning Bush and Aspen Trails Parks. Director Fahnstrom spoke about visiting the Downers Grove Park District, Washington Park water detention space and that it is the only location which would match similarities to what VMP is proposing. The concern is still how many times the park would be lost to water events. Fahnstrom is waiting on the VMP / Chris Burhke data as requested. The Board asked to follow up with a couple questions concerning financing and project grouping.

**IX. New Business**

- a. NWSRA Staff Policy. Director Fahnstrom presented an adjustment to our existing RTPD staff policy manual which would give NWSRA Full Time staff the opportunity to utilize similar facility and program benefits. NWSRA has a similar one for park district staff who would have family members with special needs and a majority of the other member districts of the NWSRA have already adopted this type of benefit. The policy would not change but Fahnstrom supplied the addition to the policy which defines NWSRA access.

**X. Commissioner Comments**

- a. Commissioner Cerniglia commented on the quality of the Fish Fry at Rob Roy GC. Director Fahnstrom will follow up with Rich Zubek, General Manager.
- b. Commissioner Dieterich asked about the status of the agreement with Grace Lutheran Church. Director Fahnstrom responded that it was on his April “to do” list to get this project started with communications.

**XI. Executive Session** None

**XII. Action as a Result of Executive Session** None

**XIII.** There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:52 p.m.

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President

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Secretary