## 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 NOVEMBER 2018 AT 7:00 P.M.

- I. The President called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and directed Carole Dohse, Accounting and Administrative Assistant to call the roll. Upon roll being called, the following Commissioners answered present: Edward W. Rechner, Lois B. Hauge, Nancy Parra, Jack Cerniglia, and Gail Dieterich. Also present were Director Bret Fahnstrom, Superintendent of Finance Steve Cummins, Grounds Manager Mike Hanley, and Superintendent of Recreation Patti Mitchell.
- II. Visitors Present: None
- **III.** The Agenda for November 15, 2018 was submitted for approval. Commissioner Parra moved to approve said agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dieterich and approved by common consent.
- **IV.** The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 1, 2018 were submitted for approval. Commissioner Hauge moved to approve said minutes with the requested change. Commissioner Dieterich seconded the motion which was approved by common consent.
- V. Superintendent of Finance Cummins submitted for approval the Voucher list of Bills from October 13 through November 9, 2018. Following discussion, Commissioner Cerniglia moved to approve the Invoice Listing as presented. Commissioner Parra seconded the motion, and upon roll being called, the Commissioners voted as follows:

AYE: Ed Rechner, Lois B. Hauge, Nancy Parra, Jack Cerniglia, and Gail Dieterich

NAY: None ABSENT: None

## VI. Communications

- a. Staff Report for the Recreation Department. Superintendent Mitchell presented the Recreation Operations Report for October 2018. The Winter/Spring brochure has been sent to the printer and will be in the mail the weekend of November 30. Upcoming events include Polar Express and Breakfast with Santa. Budget finalization and evaluations are going on in the department. Commissioner Dieterich praised the Group Fitness and Yoga punch card sales that are both up this year. She also commended the effort of looking into OCR attendance.
- b. Staff Report for the Maintenance Department. Grounds Manager Hanley said that winter preparation mode is in full swing for the facilities, parks, and pool. Concrete for the new electronic signage will be poured the week of November 19. Hanley noted the growing of our own perennials has provided numerous benefits for our parks.
- c. Miscellaneous Communications.
  - i. Bond Sale Update. The sale of the bonds occurred on November 15. Superintendent of Finance Cummins applauded all the parties that worked well together on the sale. Cummins will be looking into prudent investment strategies.
  - ii. 2019 Final Board Meeting Dates. Final dates were circulated.

## VII. Old Business

a. Burning Bush Trails Park status. Director Fahnstrom and Sean Dorsey from the Village of Mt. Prospect are finalizing the Inter-Governmental Agreement for Burning Bush and Aspen Trail parks. Once completed it will be forwarded to counsel for review. Jennifer Weisenberger from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources complimented many elements of the park plans including hammocks, passive gardens, and utilizing the mature trees during their visit to BB on November 15th. There will be a 3 minute presentation in Springfield in January for the OSLAD grant.

## VIII. New Business

a. Truth in Taxation Resolution 18-11-15. Superintendent of Finance Cummins outlined the 2018 real estate tax levy for the park district. The public hearing for the proposed 2018 levy will be held on December 6, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at 401 E. Camp McDonald Road, Prospect Heights. Following discussion, Commissioner Dieterich moved to adopt the resolution as presented and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Cerniglia. Upon roll being called, the Commissioners voted as follows:

AYE: Ed Rechner, Lois B. Hauge, Nancy Parra, Jack Cerniglia, and Gail Dieterich

NAY: None ABSENT: None

- b. Executive Director's 2018 Evaluation. Commissioner Rechner will collect and combine all of the comments. The evaluation will be presented at Executive Session on December 6.
- IX. Lois Hauge 15 Year Anniversary Award. Commissioner Rechner presented Commissioner Hauge with a plaque; a "Certification of Appreciation" from the Illinois Association of Park Districts to Lois for her fifteen years of service as a board member of the park district. Commissioner Hauge remarked that is has truly been a pleasure to serve on the board, she has learned a lot, and concluded that the park district has done many really good things over these years.
- **X.** Commissioner Comments
  - a. Commissioner Parra commented on the water in the women's restroom facilities at Rob Roy golf course.
- **XI.** Executive Session None
- **XII.** Action as a Result of Executive Session None
- **XIII.** There being no further business to discuss, there was a motion to adjourn the meeting by Commissioner Cerniglia. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dieterich. The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

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