

**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 SEVENTEENTH DAY OF OCTOBER 2019 AT 7:00 P.M.**

- I.** The President called the meeting to order at 7:00 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, Nancy Parra, and Jack Cerniglia. Commissioner Gail Dieterich was absent. Also present were Director Bret Fahnstrom, Superintendent of Finance Steve Cummins, Superintendent of Parks Tom Pope, and Superintendent of Recreation Patti Mitchell.
- II.** Visitors Present: Jennifer Rezek to take the Oath as a RTPD Board Member.
- III.** The Agenda for October 17, 2019 was submitted for approval. Commissioner Parra moved to approve said agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cerniglia and approved by common consent.
- IV.** Jennifer Rezek Oath of Office. Jennifer read the Oath of Office and has officially been appointed a Board Member for the River Trails Park District. Jennifer received a warm welcome by all.
- V.** Consent Agenda
 - a. The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 3, 2019
 - b. Approval of Voucher List of Bills for September 27-October 11, 2019

Commissioner Parra moved to approve Consent Agenda items as presented. Commissioner Rezek seconded the motion, and upon roll being called, the Commissioners voted as follows:

AYE: Ed Rechner, Nancy Parra, Jack Cerniglia, and Jennifer Rezek
NAY: None
ABSENT: Gail Dieterich

- VI.** Communications
 - a. Staff Report for the Maintenance Department. Superintendent Pope praised the Maintenance Department Staff for all of their hard work and excellent obstacles built for the OCR event. He spoke about the park foliage and their focus on sustainable plantings. The Zone and Parkour build-out is in full swing with a projected opening date of November 11th.
 - b. Burning Bush Trails Park Updates. Superintendent Pope informed the Board that the playground equipment was removed in less than one day by “Kids Around the World” organization who will be relocating the equipment to another country (we will be informed at a later date in which county the equipment was placed.) Weather permitting, the sports courts are targeted to be complete in 6-8 weeks. Park progress updates will be periodically posted on social media sites.
 - c. Aspen Trails Updates. Director Fahnstrom said the OSLAD Grant request has been submitted. Future meetings will be held with the School District 21 and the community.

- d. The Zone Construction Update. Superintendent Pope talked about the 8 ft. glass panels that were installed and how nice it will be to have viewing in the Parkour space. The project is on schedule and all the trade workers and RTPD staff are very busy.
- e. NPRA 2020. Director Fahnstrom circulated a preliminary interest sheet to the Board for the NPRA Conference in Orlando, FL to be held October 27-29, 2020.

VII. Old Business None

VIII. New Business

- a. IAPD Credentials Certificate. A delegate for the IAPD meeting on January 25, 2020 is to be designated along with a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Alternate.
- b. DRAFT 2019 Levy Ordinance 19-12-05. Superintendent Cummins walked the Board Members through the 2019 Levy Ordinance. Highlights included a 4.35% Levy increase over 2018. Cummins noted the 2018 CPI increase is 1.9%. In addition, he exhibited the total Levy breakout for each Park District Fund. The Truth in Taxation resolution will be acted upon at the November 7th Board Meeting. Following this, the ordinance will be made available for 20 days' prior the Public Hearing on this Levy. The Levy Ordinance will be acted upon at the Board meeting on December 5th. Commissioner Rechner pointed out the 4.35% increase is lower than in the prior year.
- c. Call Truth in Taxation Hearing. The Hearing will be held on the November, 7th Board Meeting.

IX. Commissioner Comments

- a. Commissioner Parra circulated notes from the NRPA Conference attended in Baltimore, MD. She highlighted information on technology, ecology, fitness, dog parks, climate change and providing multi-generational park amenities. She also expressed her gratitude for the tour of the OCR obstacle course and remarked how amazing it was.
- b. Commissioner Cerniglia talked about the upcoming "Celebrate Ability Gala" on November 8th.

X. Executive Session. At 8:19, a motion was made by Commissioner Rezek to go into Executive session and was seconded by Commissioner Parra.

XI. Action as a Result of Executive Session. None

XII. There being no further business to discuss, there was a motion to adjourn the meeting by Commissioner Rezek. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Parra. The meeting was adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

President

Secretary