

**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 DECEMBER 2019 AT 7:00 P.M.**

- I.** The President called the meeting to order at 7:17 p.m. and asked Bret Fahnstrom, Director to call the roll. Upon roll being called, the following Commissioners answered present: Edward W. Rechner, Gail Dieterich, Nancy Parra, and Jennifer Rezek. Commissioner Jack Cerniglia was absent. Also present were Superintendent of Finance Steve Cummins, and Superintendent of Parks Tom Pope.
- II.** Visitors Present: None
- III.** The Agenda for November 21, 2019 was submitted for approval. Commissioner Rezek moved to approve said agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Parra and approved by common consent.
- IV.** Consent Agenda
- a. The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 21, 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:

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

- V.** Communications
- a. Director's Report. Director Fahnstrom said that everyone had a wonderful time at the NWSRA Gala held at Chevy Chase. He was happy to give the update that Parkour has reopened at the Zone. A huge thank you to Tom Kearns who has worked extremely hard on this incredible project. Upcoming December events include Breakfast with Santa, the Polar Express, and stocking deliveries.
- b. Miscellaneous Communications
- i. Burning Bush Trails Park Update. Director Fahnstrom noted the project is moving forward as projected. The West side of the park has a new base installed for the tennis courts and new fence posts to separate the tennis and pickleball courts. The East side has a temporary asphalt road installed and all heavy equipment on site.
- ii. The Zone Update. Director Fahnstrom recognized Tom Kearns and his project team who worked tremendously hard to meet the November 29 deadline for Parkour and the party room reopening which hosed 6 parties over opening weekend. Open gym will resume on December 6th.
- iii. Rob Roy Kitchen Update. Director Fahnstrom provided an update that Bid Opening was December 3rd and DLA Architects will be vetting the low bid contractor. A recommendation will be presented to the Board at the Special Board Meeting on December 10th. Construction is targeted to begin the first week in January.

- iv. Rob Roy Golf Course Management Update. Director Fahnstrom stated that the Billy Casper Golf project has come to a close. Wheeling Park District officially started the property management on December 1st. The facility will be closed from December 1st-15th for the transition. All previously scheduled events will still take place as planned.

VI. Old Business None

VII. New Business

- a. Ordinance 19-12-05 Tax Levy for 2019. Superintendent Cummins went through the proposed 2019 Levy Ordinance that will be collected in fiscal year 2020. Commissioner Dieterich motioned to adopt the ordinance as presented and it was seconded by Commissioner Rezek. Upon roll being called, the Commissioners voted as follows:

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

- b. Resolution 19-12-05A Instructions to Cook County reducing Tax Levy. Superintendent Cummins highlighted the 2019 Tax Levy, and noted that the amount, if any be applied to the Recreation Fund which aligns to the district's fund balance policy. Commissioner Parra motioned to adopt the resolution as presented and it was seconded by Commissioner Rezek. Upon roll being called, the Commissioners voted as follows:

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

- c. Ordinance 19-12-05A Abatement of Tax on \$4,135,000 GO Bond, Series 2013. Superintendent Cummins walked the Board through the annual Abatement. Following discussion, Commissioner Rezek made a motion to adopt the Ordinance as presented and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Dieterich and upon the roll being called, the Commissioners voted as follows:

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

- d. Ordinance 19-12-05B Abatement of Tax on \$1,346,000 GO Bond, Series 2018B and of tax on \$4,079,000 Go Bond, Series C. Superintendent of Finance Cummins presented the abatements. Following discussion, Commissioner Dieterich moved to adopt the ordinance as presented and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Parra. Upon roll being called, the Commissioners voted as follows:

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

- e. Draft Budget V.1. Director Fahnstrom talked through the draft budget and highlighted some of the larger changes for 2020. Impending legislation could have an impact on future growth opportunities. Final budget will be approved in first quarter 2020.

VIII. Commissioner Comments. Commissioner Rechner commented regarding Burning Bush park that residents are not presently concerned with the construction.

IX. Executive Session. At 8:45, a motion to move into executive session was made by Commissioner Dieterich and was seconded by Commissioner Parra.

X. Action as a Result of Executive Session. Commissioner Parra motioned to approve the staff recommendation as submitted in Closed Session. Commissioner Rezek seconded the motion

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NAY: None

ABSENT: Jack Cerniglia

XI. There being no further business to discuss, there was a motion to adjourn the meeting by Commissioner Dieterich. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rezek. The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

President

Secretary