

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE  
RIVER TRAILS PARK DISTRICT,  
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, HELD VIA VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING  
IN SAID DISTRICT ON THE TWENTY FIRST DAY OF MAY 2020 AT 7:00 P.M.**

- I. The President called the virtual meeting via Zoom to order at 7:03 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, Gail Dieterich, and Jennifer Rezek. Commissioner Jack Cerniglia 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: None
- III. The Agenda for May 21, 2020 was submitted for approval. Commissioner Dieterich moved to approve said agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rezek and approved by common consent.
- IV. Consent Agenda
  - a. Approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting of May 7, 2020
  - b. Approval of Minutes for the Special Annual Meeting of May 7, 2020
  - c. Approval of Voucher List of Bills for April 4 – May 11, 2020

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

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

- V. Communications
  - a. Staff Report for the Recreation Department. Superintendent Mitchell stated that the recreation team has been working hard and holding many zoom meetings. Summer brochures were not sent out, however programs will be communicated and offered on-line when available. Outdoor exercise classes will begin June 1<sup>st</sup> and summer camp is targeted for June 15<sup>th</sup>. Pool and camp surveys were conducted with good response rates. There will be a drive-by pre-school graduation on May 29<sup>th</sup>. New virtual programs include a fishing derby and a talent show.
  - b. Legislative Communication. Director Fahnstrom presented to the Board a letter sent to two senators requesting them to ensure park districts are eligible in the state covid relief plan for economic recovery assistance.
  - c. Board Strategic Planning. Director Fahnstrom walked through the suggested timeline for the Board Strategic Planning process. On-line activities will be held initially with an intent to meet in person in July if feasible.

- d. Summer Camp 2020. Director Fahnstrom said that summer camps are slated to begin on June 15<sup>th</sup> with current guidelines being adhered to. Camps would meet in groups of 10 including a counselor. The camp survey was very positive.
- e. Tennis courts and Disc Golf. Director Fahnstrom stated that as of May 22<sup>nd</sup> tennis courts are open. Signage is posted with the current rules of use. He was also happy to announce that a disc golf course is now set up and ready to be used at Woodland Trails Park. Course rules are posted along with the distances of each course hole.
- f. Miscellaneous. None

**VI. Old Business**  
a. None

- VII. New Business**
- a. 2020 Pool Season. Director Fahnstrom provided an update on the pool opening for the 2020 season. At this point, the pool will not open on the scheduled date and facility preparation and staff training have been suspended until further notice. Once direction has been provided, a final decision will be made and communicated to the public.

- VIII. Commissioner Comments**
- a. Commissioner Dieterich inquired a potential dog park.
  - b. Commissioner Rezek asked about golfing.
  - c. Commissioner Rechner talked Phase 3 reopening.

**IX. Executive Session. None**

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

- 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 Parra. The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.**

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President

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Secretary