

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
RIVER TRAILS PARK DISTRICT,
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, HELD VIA VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING
AND AT 505 E. CAMP MCDONALD ROAD IN SAID DISTRICT
ON THE SIXTH DAY OF AUGUST 2020 AT 7:00 P.M.**

I. The President called the meeting to order at 7:06 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, Jennifer Rezek, and Jack Cerniglia. Also present were Director Bret Fahnstrom, Superintendent of Finance Steve Cummins, Superintendent of Parks Tom Pope (Virtual), and Superintendent of Recreation Patti Mitchell.

II. Visitors Present: None

III. The Agenda for August 6, 2020 was submitted for approval. Commissioner Parra moved to approve said agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cerniglia and upon the roll being called, the Commissioners voted as follows:

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

IV. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting of July 16, 2020
- b. Approval of Treasurer's Report for June, 2020

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

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

V. Communications

- a. Director's Report. Director Fahnstrom highlighted August happenings including Cost Recovery meetings, Summer Camp Finale, and Kid Squad Connect that will be open for registration on August 10th.
- b. 2019 Annual Youth and Adult Athletics Participation Report. Superintendent Mitchell presented breakdowns of participation numbers between 2019 and 2018. Overall for Youth, the numbers were stable with some programs experiencing increases (soccer/floor hockey) while others had decreases (basketball/micro baseball). Adult Athletics experienced small decreases in 2019. The Park District is offering quality programming to the community and will continue to look for new opportunities and enhancements.

- c. Miscellaneous. Director Fahnstrom circulated a letter to the Board that was sent to Senator's Durbin and Duckworth in support of S. 4308, the Special Districts Provide Essential Services Act. This call to action is to request legislative relief for local districts.

VI. Old Business

- a. None

VII. New Business

- a. Resolution 20-08-06 NWSRA Member District Assessment Resolution. Following discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Cerniglia to adopt Resolution 20-08-06 for the 2020 Assessment Resolution for the NWSRA District Assessment in the amount of \$105,808.74. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Parra and upon the roll being called, the Commissioners voted as follow:

AYE: Ed Rechner, Nancy Parra, Gail Dieterich, Jennifer Rezek, Jack Cerniglia

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

- b. Intergovernmental Agreement with School District 26 – Kids Squad Connect. Director Fahnstrom walked the Board through the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) for Kid Squad Connect. The Park District will provide a supervised, safe environment for remote learning during the school day for parents. Kid Squad Connect and Kid Squad Unplugged will allow the District to provide continued support to our community. The Board approved Director Fahnstrom to administer the IGA with School District 26
- c. Social Equity Policy Draft. Director Fahnstrom presented a draft Policy for Social Equity within the community. The Policy focuses on inclusive environments and equitable opportunities for all community members in local parks and recreation. After discussion, the Board will revisit the Policy at a future Board meeting.
- d. Aspen Trails Park Construction Services Agreement. JSD Professional Services is recommended to manage the ATP construction project at Aspen Trails Park for \$88,000 plus potentially \$10,000 for additional permitting, if required. Following discussion, Commissioner Cerniglia made a motion to approve the recommendation as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rezek and upon the roll being called, the Commissioners voted as follow:

AYE: Ed Rechner, Nancy Parra, Gail Dieterich, Jennifer Rezek, Jack Cerniglia

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

- VIII.** Commissioner Comments
- a. Commissioner Dieterich commented on Weiss signage.
 - b. Commissioner Parra inquired about active shooter training.
- IX.** Executive Session. None
- X.** Action as a Result of Executive Session. None
- XI.** There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Commissioner Parra. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dieterich and the meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

President

Secretary