

**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 NINETEENTH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2020 AT 7:00 P.M.**

I. The President called the meeting 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, Jack Cerniglia, Gail Dieterich, and Jennifer Rezek. 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 November 19, 2020 was submitted for approval. Commissioner Rezek moved to approve said agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dieterich and upon the roll being called, the Commissioners voted as follows:

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

IV. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting of November 5, 2020
- b. Approval of Voucher List of Bills for October 13 – November 16, 2020

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

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

V. Communications

- a. Staff Report - Recreation. Superintendent Mitchell discussed the new Tier 3 State Guidelines and the adjustments being made to programming accordingly. Exercise classes will be virtual along with dance classes. Trail Blazers preschool and Kid Squad Connect will be conducted. Indoor Pickleball drop in was launched and will be held in the gym when feasible.
- b. Burning Bush Trails Park Update. Superintendent Pope was happy to report the progress of the large playground equipment installation noting that it looks very impressive and will be a showpiece for the Park District. The fence will be coming down in a few weeks and signage will be put up around the park. A soft opening was discussed; the Grand Opening will take place in Spring 2021.

- c. Miscellaneous.
 - i. Director Fahnstrom circulated the 2021 Board Calendar to the Board Members which included virtual meeting language.
 - ii. Director Fahnstrom noted that 2021 Budget will be discussed at the next board meeting.
 - iii. Director Fahnstrom will be out of the office the week of November 23rd but can be reached via his cell phone.
 - iv. Director Fahnstrom informed the Board that a virtual Community Meeting will take place on December 9th regarding Aspen Trails Park led by the Village of Mt. Prospect.

VI. Old Business

- a. 2021-2025 Strategic Plan Final. Director Fahnstrom walked the Board through the Final Draft of the Strategic Plan. Following discussion Commissioner Cerniglia moved to approve the 2021-2025 Strategic Plan Final as presented. Commissioner Dieterich seconded the motion, and upon the roll being called, the Commissioners voted as follows:

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

VII. New Business None

VIII. Commissioner Comments.

- a. Commissioner Rechner brought up the upcoming annual performance review for Director Fahnstrom, and also talked about the contract with the Wheeling Park District.

IX. Executive Session. None

X. Action as a Result of Executive Session. None

XI. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

President

Secretary