

**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 SEVENTEENTH DAY OF DECEMBER 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, Gail Dieterich, and Jennifer Rezek. Jack Cerniglia joined at 7:30 p.m. 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 December 17, 2020 was submitted for approval. Commissioner Dieterich moved to approve said agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rezek and upon the roll being called, the Commissioners voted as follows:

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

IV. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Minutes for the Public Hearing of December 3, 2020
- b. Approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting of December 3, 2020
- c. Approval of Voucher List of Bills for November 17 – December 14, 2020

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

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

V. Communications

- a. Staff Report – Parks and Facilities. Superintendent Pope was elated to report on the Burning Bush Park and the overwhelmingly positive response from the park patrons. He noted that it has been a rewarding project for he and the Parks staff to work on. He also spoke about the indoor classes at the Zone and annual safety checks, tests, and certifications that are taking place.
- b. Miscellaneous Communications.
 - i. Director Fahnstrom circulated a letter from PDRMA citing the annual award check earned for loss prevention efforts by the District.
 - ii. Director Fahnstrom said the OSLAD grant for Aspen Trails Park should be received in 2021. The park project should begin in June 2021.

- iii. Superintendent Cummins updated the Board on recent conversations regarding opportunities for restructuring the 2013 A Bonds series. Further updates and recommendations will be presented to the Board in January 2021.

VI. Old Business

- a. Draft Budget Part 2 Fund 20 (Recreation). Director Fahnstrom walked the Board through the larger changes for 2021 in the Recreation Fund which included Salaries and Wages, a projected drop in Programming Revenue, and the change in Golf Operations to receiving lease income. Overall a net deficiency which is viewed as temporary until full programming can resume.
- b. Draft Budget Part 3 Fund 40 (Capitals). Director Fahnstrom highlighted certain projects including the pool house, technology, ADA improvements, and the Aspen Trails Park project.

VII. New Business None

VIII. Commissioner Comments.

- a. Commissioner Rechner inquired about the upcoming Board election.
- b. Commissioner Parra wished Happy Holidays to all.

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 8:10 p.m.

President

Secretary