

**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 FOURTH DAY OF MARCH 2021 AT 7:00 P.M.**

- I. The President called the meeting to order at 7:01 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. 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: Aaron Gold Speer Financial and Leah Lussem prospective Board Candidate.
  
- III. The Agenda for March 4, 2021 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, Gail Dieterich, and Jennifer Rezek  
    NAY: None  
    ABSENT: None
  
- IV. Ordinance providing for the issue of not to exceed \$4,000,000 General Obligation Park Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2021B, of District for capital projects, for the refunding of certain outstanding bonds of the District, and for the payment of expenses incident thereto, providing for the pledge of certain revenues to the payment of principal and interest on said bonds, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay such principal and interest if the pledged revenues are insufficient to make such payment and authorizing the execution of a Bond Purchase Agreement with Bernardi Securities, Inc., in connection with the proposed sale of said bonds. Superintendent Cummins and Aaron Gold, Speer Financial walked the Board through the Ordinance highlighting the aggregate principal amount of \$4,000,000 reflects the 2013A series bond refunding (\$2.7MM) plus the new monies (\$1.3MM). Following discussion, Commissioner Dieterich made a motion to adopt the Ordinance as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Parra and upon the roll being called, the Commissioners voted as follows:  
  
    AYE: Ed Rechner, Nancy Parra, Gail Dieterich, and Jennifer Rezek  
    NAY: None  
    ABSENT: None

**V. Consent Agenda**

- a. Approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting of February 18, 2021
- b. Approval of Treasurer's Report for January 2021

Commissioner Rezek 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: None

**VI. Communications**

- a. Director's Report. Director Fahnstrom noted February events including Valentine's Day activity Kits, and the Virtual Valentine's Treats & Tea party. The Preschool open house was successful with 15 family participants. Upcoming in March is the dance recital to be held on March 13<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Dieterich offered to volunteer her time at this event.
- b. Letter to Wheeling Park District Board. Director Fahnstrom circulated a letter sent to the Wheeling Park District that was prepared by Commissioner Rechner and Director Fahnstrom. The letter expressed gratitude for the working agreement between the two organizations and highlighted the success of this positive partnership. The District looks forward to continuing to work together in the future with this beneficial relationship.
- c. 2020 FYE Foundation Report. Director Fahnstrom presented the Annual Foundation Report and said we were lucky to have held the Freeze Fest event prior to shut down. 2021 has a good outlook with the "Glow in the Hole" and "Closest to the Pin" events to be held.
- d. Miscellaneous Communications. The Government Finance Officers Association issued a letter to the Park District stating that our comprehensive annual financial report for December 31, 2019 qualified for Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. An award certificate was received.

**VII. Old Business**

- a. None

**VIII. New Business**

- a. A. Ordinance 12-03-04A Disposal of Unused Equipment. It is in the best interest of the District to dispose of a 1998 Microfiche Machine and a 2005 Frigidaire stack washer/dryer unit. Following discussion, Commissioner Parra made a motion to adopt Ordinance 21-03-04A 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, and Jennifer Rezek  
NAY: None  
ABSENT: None

**IX.** Commissioner Comments.

- a. Commissioner Parra complimented Commissioner Rechner and Director Fahnstrom on the letter to the Wheeling Park District. She also inquired about how long indoor pickleball will go into the spring.

**X.** Executive Session. At 7:35 p.m., Commissioner Dieterich made a motion to go into Executive Session, and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Rezek. Upon the roll being called, the Commissioners voted as follows:

AYE: Ed Rechner, Nancy Parra, Gail Dieterich, and Jennifer Rezek

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

**XI.** Action as a Result of the Executive Session

- a. Commissioner Rezek made a motion to appoint Board Candidate Leah Lussem as Commissioner to replace Commissioner Jack Cerniglia. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Parra.

AYE: Ed Rechner, Nancy Parra, Gail Dieterich, and Jennifer Rezek

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

**XII.** Adjournment. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

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President

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Secretary