

**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 FIFTEENTH DAY OF JULY 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, Leah Lussem, and Jennifer Rezek. Commissioner Robert Hoban III was absent. Also present were Director Bret Fahnstrom, Superintendent of Finance Steve Cummins, Superintendent of Recreation Patti Mitchell, and Grounds Supervisor Mike Hanley.

II. Visitors Present: None

III. The Agenda for July 15, 2021 was submitted for approval. Commissioner Rechner moved to approve said agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lussem and upon the roll being called, the Commissioners voted as follows:

AYE: Ed Rechner, Leah Lussem, Nancy Parra, and Jennifer Rezek
NAY: None
ABSENT: Robert Hoban III

IV. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting of June 17, 2021
- b. Approval of Voucher List of Bills for June 11 – July 9, 2021
- c. Approval of Treasurer's Report for May 2021

Following discussion, Commissioner Parra moved to approve Consent Agenda items as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lussem and upon the roll being called, the Commissioners voted as follows:

AYE: Ed Rechner, Leah Lussem, Nancy Parra, and Jennifer Rezek
NAY: None
ABSENT: Robert Hoban III

V. Communications

- a. Staff Report – Recreation. Superintendent Mitchell talked about summer camp noting it has been a very nice summer with all of the camp counselors. Camp participation is even with 2019 numbers, however before and after camp enrollment is down. Pool passes sold in 2021 surpassed the amount sold in 2019. She was happy to relay to the Board that a letter was received regarding the Gator Swim Team meet against Norridge. It stated how impressed Norridge was with our swim team members including their sportsmanship, kindness, and class towards their opponents. Successful program events included Movie in the Park, Yoga in the Park, and Closest to the Pin. Staffing is still difficult, however, many compliments have been received on the lifeguard staff. Christmas in July is upcoming at the pool.
- b. Bank Signature cards. Superintendent Cummins stated that signatures were needed for all current Board members to be included with the bank documents on file. Any of the Board member signatures can then be enabled as signatures in the Accounts Payable and Payroll Accounts.

- c. Miscellaneous Communications. Director Fahnstrom circulated the SLSF “Save the Date” for the Celebrate Ability Gala to be held on Friday, November 5th at Chevy Chase.

VI. Old Business

- a. None

VII. New Business

- a. Resolution 21-07-15 Resolution of Authorization for Willow Trails Park – OSLAD
 - i. Community Meeting July 20, 2021 7 p.m.

The State of IL and IDNR announced a 2021 OSLAD grant cycle. The Willow Trails Park project is a perfect opportunity for this offering. Following discussion, Commissioner Lussem made a motion to approve Resolution 21-07-15 as presented to proceed for a 2021 OSLAD Grant for the Willow Trails Park. Commissioner Rechner seconded the motion and upon the roll being called, the Commissioners voted as follows:

AYE: Ed Rechner, Leah Lussem, Nancy Parra, Jennifer Rezek
NAY: None
ABSENT: Robert Hoban III

VIII. Commissioner Comments.

- a. Commissioner Lussem inquired about program staffing.
- b. Commissioner Rechner suggested continuing the Board meetings at Rob Roy through September.
- c. Commissioner Rezek commented on the packed pool over the 4th of July weekend.

IX. Executive Session: At 8:18 p.m., Commissioner Parra made a motion to go into closed Executive Session to consider and discuss the minutes of meetings closed under the Open Meetings Act pursuant to Section 2(c)(21) of the Open Meetings Act, either to approve said meeting minutes, or to conduct a semi-annual review to determine the ongoing need for confidentiality of said minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rechner.

AYE: Ed Rechner, Leah Lussem, Nancy Parra, Jennifer Rezek
NAY: None
ABSENT: Robert Hoban III

X. Action as a Result of the Executive Session

- a. Resolution 21-07-15A Resolution determining the confidentiality of Closed Session Minutes. Commissioner Lussem made a motion to approve Resolution 21-07-15A to make available the closed Executive Session minutes from January 7th, 2021, March 4th, 2021 and May 6th, 2021. Commissioner Rechner seconded the motion and upon calling the roll, the Commissioners voted as follows:

AYE: Ed Rechner, Leah Lussem, Nancy Parra, Jennifer Rezek
NAY: None
ABSENT: Robert Hoban III

XI. Adjournment. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

President

Secretary