

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE  
RIVER TRAILS PARK DISTRICT,  
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, HELD  
AT 401 E. CAMP MCDONALD ROAD IN SAID DISTRICT  
ON THE FIFTEENTH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2022 AT 7:00 P.M.**

- I. The President called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and directed Carole Dohse, Accounting and Administrative Assistant to call the roll. Upon the roll being called, the following Commissioners answered present: Jennifer Rezek, Nancy Parra, Edward Rechner, and Robert Hoban III. Commissioner Leah Lussem was absent. Also present were Director Bret Fahnstrom, Superintendent of Parks Mike Hanley, Superintendent of Finance David Oswald, and Rob Roy Golf Course General Manager Louis Eckenbrecht.
- II. Visitors Present: None
- III. The Agenda for September 15, 2022 was submitted for approval. Commissioner Parra moved to approve said agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rechner and approved by common consent.
- IV. Approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting of September 1, 2022. Commissioner Hoban III moved to approve the Minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rechner and approved by common consent.
- V. Approval of Voucher List of Bills for August 31 – September 12, 2022. Commissioner Rechner moved to approve the Voucher List of Bills for August 31 – September 12, 2022 as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Parra. Upon the roll being called, the Commissioners voted as follows:  
  
AYE: Nancy Parra, Jennifer Rezek, Ed Rechner, Robert Hoban III  
NAY: None  
ABSENT: Leah Lussem
- VI. Communications
  - a. IAPD Legislative Updates. Director Fahnstrom circulated a listing of IAPD Legislative updates. He highlighted the increase of the bid limit for Park Districts from \$25,000 to \$30,000, and discussed the formation of a Decennial Committee by June 10, 2023. The committee membership must include the Board members, at least 2 residents, and the Director.
  - b. Staff Report – Recreation. Director Fahnstrom presented pictures of recent events including The Labor Day Picnic, Glow in the Hole, Pool Party with the Police, Aspen Ribbon Cutting, Yoga in the Park, and the Chicago Dogs Baseball Outing.
  - c. 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report – Facilities and Fitness. Director Fahnstrom reported to the Board that Facility rentals and revenues are at historical highs for the first 6 months of 2022. The Zone, Burning Bush and Weiss rental revenues are all trending upward. The Fitness Club revenue is ahead of projections and in addition to regular memberships, there is income from Silver Sneakers, Renew Active and PureElite memberships. Field Permits are also trending positive in dates and hours used.

- d. 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report – Rob Roy Golf Course. Rob Roy Golf Course General Manager Louis Eckenbrecht said that League memberships are up and there were 838 new players to Rob Roy. There were 9,483 rounds played in Q2 2022 vs.10,798 in Q2 2021 – this April had 16 rainy days, and poor weather caused 9 total closures this year compared to 5 closures in 2021. Many compliments were received on the state of the grounds and guests were very happy with the new carts. The banquet transition to Open Kitchens went very smoothly and most weekends have booked events. The 10<sup>th</sup> Hole Grille has seen an increase in business. Looking ahead, Q3 2022 expectations are looking above average.
- e. Miscellaneous. Director Fahnstrom circulated newspaper pictures of the Labor Day Picnic and the Aspen Trails Ribbon Cutting Ceremony that were featured in the Journal.
- f. 2023 Board Elections. Director Fahnstrom stated the 2023 Consolidated elections will be held in April 2023. Nancy Parra to run for a full 6-year term, Leah Lussem to run to finish the remaining 2 years of her term, and Ed Rechner to retire which is a full 6-year term to be filled. He recommended obtaining 40 signatures and noted the filing period for petitions is December 12 -19, 2022.

**VII. Old Business**

- a. Ordinance 22-09-15 Ordinance updating the User Policy and Procedural Manual. Director Fahnstrom provided the Ordinance to add the word “fish” to Section 16 of the User Policy and Procedures Manual. Following discussion, Commissioner Parra made a motion to approve Ordinance 22-09-15 as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rechner and upon the roll being called, the Commissioners voted as follow:

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

- b. Ordinance 22-09-15A Disposal of Unneeded Property. Following discussion, Commissioner Rechner made a motion to dispose of unneeded personal property including a 1990 boom sprayer, a Toro workman 4200, and a 2010 Toro Workman 3200 which will be sold at fair market value. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Parra and upon the roll being called, the Commissioners voted as follow:

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

**VIII. New Business**

- a. None

**IX. Commissioner Comments**

- a. Commissioner Rezek was highly complementary of her pool party rental and expressed that it was a great experience from every perspective.
- b. Commissioner Rechner inquired about the pool repair which is currently underway. Once repairs are completed, the pool will be refilled with water for winterizing.
- c. Commissioner Parra asked about watching the Bear’s football games at the 10<sup>th</sup> Hole. She said she will be at the Monster Bash and inquired about active shooter training which has taken place for the full time staff. She also mentioned a pickleball fundraiser that took place in her neighborhood.

- X. Executive Session. None
- XI. Action as a Result of the Executive Session. None
- XII. Adjournment. There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Hoban III made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rechner and approved by common consent.

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President

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Secretary