

**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 DECEMBER 2022 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 the roll being called, the following Commissioners answered present: Jennifer Rezek, Nancy Parra, Leah Lussem, and Edward Rechner. Commissioner Robert Hoban III was absent. Also present were Director Bret Fahnstrom, Superintendent of Parks Mike Hanley, and Superintendent of Finance David Oswald.
- II. Visitors Present:       None
- III. The Agenda for December 15, 2022 was submitted for approval. Commissioner Parra moved to approve said agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lussem and approved by common consent.
- IV. Approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting of December 1, 2022. Commissioner Lussem moved to approve the Minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rechner and approved by common consent.
- V. Approval of Voucher List of Bills for November 12 – December 9, 2022. Commissioner Lussem moved to approve the Voucher List of Bills for November 12 – December 9, 2022 as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rechner. Upon the roll being called, the Commissioners voted as follows:  
  
          AYE:           Nancy Parra, Jennifer Rezek, Ed Rechner, Leah Lussem  
          NAY:          None  
          ABSENT:      Robert Hoban III
- VI. Communications
  - a. Staff Report – Parks. Superintendent Hanley noted the Park’s Department is prepping for the winter months; snow stakes are in and trees are being winterized in preparation for planting next year. Annual procedures are being reviewed and enhanced. Ryan Geisler has replaced Bob Nicioli’s position and Erik Hosp has a new role as Tradesman. The Rob Roy Golf Course closed on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, there was no water standing on Green 3 after this year’s bunker renovation.
  - b. Woodland Trails Park Master Plan Community Meeting; Wed, Jan 11, 6 pm. Flyers will be sent out to promote the meeting. There will be 3 Community Meetings in total as well as an on-line survey to solicit feedback on the park.
  - c. Miscellaneous Communications:
    - i. IAPD Legislative Updates. Director Fahnstrom circulated the recent IAPD Legislative updates and highlighted that we are still waiting to hear more details on the Decennial Committee.
    - ii. IPRA/IAPD Conference, Jan 2023. Nancy Parra is confirmed to attend. Director Fahnstrom will follow up with Commissioner Hoban III.
    - iii. Michael Posch, IT received the accolade of having no IT flaws and a 100% secure network.
    - iv. Holiday hours of operation email was sent to the Board.
    - v. Director Fahnstrom received consent from the Board to have JSD begin preliminary work on the Willow Park Project.

**VII. Old Business**

- a. None

**VIII. New Business**

- a. Ordinance 22-12-15A Tax Levy for 2022. Following discussion, Commissioner Lussem made a motion to adopt Ordinance 22-12-15A Tax Levy for 2022 as submitted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Parra, and upon the roll being called, the Commissioners voted as follows:

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

- b. Resolution 22-12-15 Instructions to Cook County reducing Tax Levy. Superintendent Oswald highlighted the 2022 Tax Levy, and noted that the reduced amount, if any be applied to the General Corporate Fund (25%) and the Recreation Fund (75%) respectively, which aligns to the district's fund balance policy. Commissioner Rechner motioned to adopt the Resolution 22-12-15 as presented and it was seconded by Commissioner Lussem. Upon roll being called, the Commissioners voted as follows:

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

- c. Ordinance No. 22-12-15B Abatement of Tax on \$1,346,000 GO Bonds, Series 2018B, of Tax on \$4,079,000 GO Bonds, Series 2018C and of tax on \$3,515,000 Go Bonds, Series 2021B. Following discussion Commissioner Rechner made a motion to approve Ordinance 22-12-15B as submitted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lussem, and upon the roll being called, the Commissioners voted as follows:

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

- d. Draft Budget, Part 2: Fund 10. Director Fahnstrom circulated the 2023 Draft Budget of Fund 10 for review. Superintendent Oswald highlighted significant changes from the prior year 2022 budget which included property tax receipts, salaries and wages, and contractual services. A final budget will be passed in Q1 2023.

**IX. Commissioner Comments**

- a. Commissioner Parra relayed that a woman expressed interest to her about being on the Park District Board. Director Fahnstrom said to have her reach out to him directly.  
b. Commissioner Rechner commented that the Active Adults brochure was nicely done.

**X. Executive Session. None**

**XI. Action as a Result of the Executive Session. None**

- XII.** Adjournment. There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Parra made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lussem and approved by common consent.

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President

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Secretary