

**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 SECOND DAY OF FEBRUARY 2023 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, Edward Rechner, Leah Lussem, and Robert Hoban III. Commissioner Nancy Parra was absent. Also present were Director Bret Fahnstrom (via Zoom), Superintendent of Parks Mike Hanley, Superintendent of Recreation Patti Mitchell, and Superintendent of Finance David Oswald.
- II. Visitors Present: Aaron Gold, Speer Financial
- III. The Agenda for February 2, 2023 was submitted for approval. Commissioner Lussem moved to approve said agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hoban III and approved by common consent.
- IV. Approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting of January 19, 2023. Commissioner Lussem moved to approve the Minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rechner and approved by common consent.
- V. Approval of Treasurer's Report for December 2022. Following the report presentation by Superintendent Oswald and subsequent discussion regarding receipt of 2022 Cook County tax money in 2023, Commissioner Lussem moved to approve the Treasurer's Report for December 2022 as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rechner and approved by common consent.
- VI. New Business
 - a. Adopt *Ordinance 23-02-02: February General Obligation (GO) Bonds, Series 2023.*
 - i. Ordinance providing for the issue of approximately \$965,000 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2023, for the payment of land condemned or purchased for parks, for the building, maintaining, improving and protecting of the same and the existing land and facilities of said Park District and for the payment of the expenses incident thereto, for the payment of outstanding obligations of said Park District, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof. Aaron Gold, Speer Financial presented to the Board the results of the bids received for the \$943,010 GO Bonds, Series 2023. The issue was increased to \$946,805, and Busey Bank had the best bid at 2.95%. Following discussion, Commissioner Lussem moved to adopt Ordinance 23-02-02: February General Obligation (GO) Bonds, Series 2023 be awarded to Busey Bank at a revised price of \$946,805, at a net interest rate of 2.95%. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rechner and upon the roll being called, the Commissioners voted as follows:

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

VII. Communications

- a. Director's Report - Recreation. Director Fahnstrom highlighted two new upcoming events including the Illinois Parkour Championships at the Zone on February 4th and the Family Valentinus's Dance on February 10th. Golf is set to open on April 1st, and the Tenth Hole bar and Grill hours of operation should be consistent in 2023.
- b. Miscellaneous Communications None

VIII. Old Business

- a. None

IX. New Business

- a. Administrative Assistant FT position. Director Fahnstrom spoke to the Board about the need for a Full-Time Administrative Assistant position as the Park District continues to grow with additional needs and responsibilities. The position would include risk management responsibilities as well as Board Assistant Secretary duties. Following discussion, Commissioner Hoban III moved to approve the new Administrative Assistant position as recommended. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lussem and upon the roll being called, the Commissioners voted as follows:

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

X. Commissioner Comments

- a. Commissioner Lussem said the Summer Camp brochure arrived in her mail today and thought it was easy to follow and looked great.
- b. Commissioner Rezek spoke about the Director's annual review which will be held in Executive Session at a future Board Meeting.
- c. Commissioner Rechner inquired as to how Director Fahnstrom was feeling after being out sick all week. Director Fahnstrom said he was doing great.

XI. Executive Session None

XII. Action as a Result of the Executive Session None

XIII. Adjournment. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

President

Secretary