

**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 SIXTEENTH DAY OF MARCH 2023 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 the roll being called, the following Commissioners answered present: Jennifer Rezek, Edward Rechner, Nancy Parra, and Leah Lussem. Commissioner Robert Hoban III was absent. Also present were Director Bret Fahnstrom, Superintendent of Parks Mike Hanley, Superintendent of Recreation Patti Mitchell, and Superintendent of Finance David Oswald.
- II. Visitors Present: Melissa Ackerman Prospective Board Member
- III. The Agenda for March 16, 2023 was submitted for approval. Commissioner Parra moved to approve said agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lussem and approved by common consent.
- IV. Approval of Minutes for the Public Hearing of March 2, 2023. Commissioner Rechner moved to approve the Minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Parra and approved by common consent. Commissioner Rezek abstained.
- V. Approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting of March 2, 2023. Commissioner Rechner moved to approve the Minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lussem and approved by common consent. Commissioner Rezek abstained.
- VI. Approval of Voucher List of Bills for February 25, 2023 – March 10, 2023. Commissioner Lussem moved to approve the Voucher List of Bills for February 25, 2023 – March 10, 2023 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
- VII. Communications
 - a. Staff Report - Recreation. Superintendent Mitchell said there are 97 participants enrolled in the Easter Egg Hunt at Burning Bush Park on April 1st. A \$5,000 Learn to Swim scholarship was received from the Mt. Prospect Lion's Club. Josh Mullholland will be in charge of Adult and Youth Athletic programs, and Justin Slade will be in charge of everything Parkour and Zone related. Parkour Fall Winter Session had 491 participants. Hiring has begun for the pool and camp season – staff in key roles will be returning as well as half of the lifeguard staff thus far. Weather accommodating, golf will open on April 1st and the 10th Hole restaurant is having a successful Friday night Fish Fry.
 - b. IAPD Legislative Updates. Director Fahnstrom circulated the list and highlighted a bill to increase the Lifeguard Minimum Wage to \$22.50/hour which is not gaining a lot of traction. He also spoke about Rollover Bonds to pay Alternate Bonds Bill which did not pass. Bill SB 1769 would require all governmental vehicles to be zero-emissions after January 1, 2025.

- c. Aspen Trails Park – Frost School Parking. Director Fahnstrom received a communication from the Village of Mt. Prospect regarding proposed parking restrictions on Maya Lane for Frost School pick-up and drop-off. He believes there will be no impact to the Park District programming. If Board members desire to comment, they should do as community members, if the Board as a whole wanted to respond, it should come from the Board President and Director.
- d. Statement of Economic Interest Filing. Director Fahnstrom reminded the group that it is time to file their Economic Interest Statements. Deadline is May 1, 2023.
- e. Park Tour Date. Director Fahnstrom will collect availability of the Board for dates to go on the Park Tour in May or June. Potentially looking at May 18 or June 1.
- f. Decennial Committee. The State of Illinois mandated the creation of Decennial Committees every 10 years to study and report on local government efficiencies. Members will include the Board, Executive Director, and at least two residents. The committee must first meet before June 10, 2023 and must meet three times before December 2024. IAPD will assist in preparing tools for the committee to use to prepare reports for submittal to the county. Looking at May 18 as the first meeting.
- g. Miscellaneous Communications.
 - i. IAPD Distinguished Board Member Program. Director Fahnstrom presented the points and status levels of each participating Board Member. Commissioners Lussem and Parra are at the “Notable” level. Commissioner Hoban is a couple points short of Notable.
 - ii. Director Fahnstrom informed the Board that Justin Slade will be in charge of the Zone/Parkour and Josh Mullholland will be in charge of Adult and Youth Athletics. There is an open position to for the Recreation Supervisor for Camp and Kid Squad programs as well as the IMRF Customer Service position.

VIII. Old Business
a. None

IX. New Business

- a. Intergovernmental Agreement with School District #21. Director Fahnstrom noted the Kid Squad program was expanded to include Robert Frost School. Following discussion, Commissioner Parra moved to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with School District #21 as submitted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lussem and upon the roll being called, the Commissioners voted as follows:

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

- b. 2023-2025 Mow Bid Approval. Superintendent Hanley presented the results of the bid contract results for mow operations 2023-2025. Following discussion, Commissioner Lussem moved to approve the award of the 3-Year Mow Bid Contract for \$175,042.00 to Gilio Landscape. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rechner and upon the roll being called, the Commissioners voted as follows:

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

- c. Tamarack Trails Park Letter of Recommendation. Director Fahnstrom said the February 28, 2023 bid to improve the Tamarack Trails Park was opened. One bid was received which was significantly higher due to a difference of understanding of the details for repair. The plan is to re-bid the project with a clearer definition of project scope. Following discussion, Commissioner Lussem moved to reject the bid for Tamarack Trails Park pickleball courts. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rechner and upon the roll being called, the Commissioners voted as follows:

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

X. Commissioner Comments

- a. Commissioner Parra spoke about pickleball courts and suggested painting pickleball lines in all of the tennis courts so that patrons can bring their own nets to use for play.

XI. Executive Session.

- a. At 7:59 p.m. Commissioner Parra motioned for the Board to go into Executive session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lussem and approved by common consent. The Board went into Executive Session to consider information regarding appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of an officer, an employee or employees pursuant to Sections 2(c)(1) and 2(c)(2) of the Open Meetings Act.

XII. Action as a Result of the Executive Session

- a. Commissioner Rechner motioned for the Board to approve the salary increase and renewal of the amended contract as discussed in the Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Parra and upon the roll being called, the Commissioners voted as follows:

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

- XIII. Adjournment.** There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Lussem made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rechner and approved by common consent.

President

Secretary