

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
THE RIVER TRAILS PARK DISTRICT, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, HELD AT 401 E.
CAMP MC DONALD ROAD IN SAID DISTRICT ON THE SEVENTH DAY OF
DECEMBER 2023 AT 7:00 P.M.**

1. At 7:00 p.m. President Rezek called the Public Hearing meeting to order and directed Crista Altergott, Administrative Assistant & Risk Management to call the roll.
2. Upon roll being called, the following Commissioners answered present: Jennifer Rezek, Leah Lussem, Nancy Parra and Robert Hoban III. Melissa Ackerman was absent. Also present were Director Bret Fahnstrom, Superintendent of Parks Mike Hanley, Superintendent of HR and Finance David Oswald, Superintendent of Communications and Marketing Christine Powles, Superintendent of Recreation Patti Mitchell, Manager of Programs and Aquatics Katelynn Putkonen and Recreation Supervisor of Youth Programs and Camps Andy Sirakides.
3. Visitors/Visitors Comments. None
4. Proposed 2023 Tax Levy: President Rezek announced the agenda item for the Public Hearing is to hear any public comments about the levy request equal to a 5.1% increase over what was extended this past year.
 - a. Director Fahnstrom gave an overview of the Property Tax Levy highlighting the 2023 levied amounts.
 - b. President Rezek asked for additional comments from the Board Members. A brief discussion ensued for clarification purposes.
 - c. President Rezek asked for oral testimony or any public comments from visitors. No visitors present.
 - d. President Rezek announced that all persons desiring to be heard had been given an opportunity to present oral and written testimony with respect to the proposed Tax Levy increase.
5. Adjournment. Commissioner Parra moved to close said hearing at 7:04 p.m. Commissioner Lussem seconded the motion which was approved by common consent.

President

Secretary