

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
RIVER TRAILS PARK DISTRICT,
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, HELD VIA VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING
AND AT 505 E. CAMP MCDONALD ROAD IN SAID DISTRICT
ON THE NINETEENTH DAY OF AUGUST 2021 AT 7:00 P.M.**

- I. The President called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and directed the roll to be called. Upon the roll being called, the following Commissioners answered present: Edward W. Rechner, Nancy Parra, Leah Lussem, Jennifer Rezek, and Robert Hoban III (arrived at 8:21 p.m.). Also present were Director Bret Fahnstrom, Superintendent of Finance Steve Cummins, Manager of Athletics and Facilities Vance Violante, and Superintendent of Parks Tom Pope.
- II. Visitors Present: None
- III. The Agenda for August 19, 2021 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. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting of August 5, 2021
 - b. Approval of Voucher List of Bills for July 10 – August 12, 2021

Following discussion, Commissioner Rechner moved to approve Consent Agenda items as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lussem and approved by common consent.

- V. Communications
 - a. Staff Report – Parks. Superintendent Pope noted the tennis courts at Sycamore Trails Park are nearly complete. New blue metal roofs replaced the canvas roofs at the pool. The new aluminum roofs have a 25-year life span. Wheeling Park District has started a bunker project at the golf course.
 - b. Annual Youth & Adult Athletics Participation Report. Manager of Athletics and Facilities Vance Violante stated there were no athletic programs from mid-March to mid-June 2020. There are modified rules for fall soccer season 2021 which are similar to bubble hockey where there are zones for players. Youth athletics are doing well through grade 4 which is typically before when kids move to travel teams. The Weiss gym floor is being resurfaced and sanded for a 2-week period beginning August 23rd.
 - c. Rob Roy mid-year update. Director Fahnstrom informed the board that there has been positive golf statistics this season. Both rounds and buckets are ahead of budget. There are currently 41 events booked at Rob Roy from May through December 2021. Wheeling Park District has done a good job of marketing the driving range.
 - d. Miscellaneous Communications. Director Fahnstrom provided an update on Covid Protocols and stated an updated document will be provided to staff. He also noted there is a consensus among Park Districts to not require vaccinations unless mandated.
- VI. Old Business
 - a. None

VII. New Business

- a. Willow Trails Park Master Plan. Director Fahnstrom said the July 20th park meeting went well with good attendance and feedback from residents. The feedback was incorporated into the Park Master Plan and the edited plan was brought back to the public on August 12th. The draft is ready for OSLAD application. Additional design modifications for future phases will be developed and included. Following discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Lussem to approve the existing Willow Trails Park Master plan with the potential future amendments for submittal to OSLAD. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Parra and upon the roll being called, the Commissioners voted as follow:

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

VIII. Commissioner Comments.

- a. Commissioner Rezek commented on the Rob Roy brown tree that is still present outside the clubhouse.
- b. Commissioner Lussem spoke with residents regarding the golf course and requested a plan with improvements to present.
- c. Commissioner Parra inquired about pickle ball at Tamarack Park.

IX. Executive Session None

X. Action as a Result of the Executive Session None

XI. Adjournment. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

President

Secretary