

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE  
RIVER TRAILS PARK DISTRICT,  
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, HELD  
AT ROB ROY GOLF COURSE CLUBHOUSE  
505 CAMP MCDONALD ROAD IN SAID DISTRICT  
ON THE TWENTIETH DAY OF JUNE 2024 AT 6:00PM**

- I. The President called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and directed Crista Altergott, Administrative Assistant & Risk Management to call the roll. Upon roll being called, the following Commissioners answered present: Leah Lussem, Jennifer Rezek, Nancy Parra and Melissa Ackerman. Commissioner Robert Hoban III was absent. Also present were Executive Director Bret Fahnstrom, Superintendent of Finance & HR David Oswald, Superintendent of Parks Mike Hanley, Superintendent of Communication and Marketing, Christine Powles and Grounds Manager Jeremy Hakala.

- II. Visitors Comments

- a. Frank Fiarito introduced himself; a 25-year resident, District and Community Volunteer and host to the Gators Swim Team annual swim party. Frank added that his family has participated or worked for River Trails Park District for many years, and he is proud to call us his home District. He addressed the Board today to inquire about cooling options at the Pool's Lifeguard House. He thanked the District for the recent addition of the portable AC to the Manager's Office which has decreased the average temperature in that room, but it has not cooled the main room. Fiarito described recent events where the heat in the Lifeguard House prevented immediate treatment of a patron which needed to be walked to Weiss for air conditioning. The lifeguard staff has also asked about cooling options, particularly with the higher-than-normal June temperatures. Fiarito asked the District and the Board to consider short term options such as fixing the ceiling fan and fixing or adding another staff water jug as well as long term options on how to cool the Pool's Lifeguard House.

After Fiarito's departure, Commissioner Parra opened a discussion on the information presented and asked to postulate possible solutions. Director Fahnstrom explained that cooling the room has proven difficult since the Lifeguard House doors are kept open for emergency situations and the office has an open ceiling so cool air is not contained in one space easily. Superintendent Hanley reported that the room is currently equipped with a standing fan, water jug and a refrigerator with a freezer. Instant ice packs are also always on hand. Commissioner Lussem inquired if perhaps dehydration may be a factor and if more frequent water breaks can be scheduled for staff and Commissioner Ackerman suggested water cooling neck towels. It was agreed to investigate other possible solutions.

- III. The Agenda for June 20, 2024, was submitted for approval. Commissioner Ackerman moved to approve said agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rezek and approved by common consent.

- IV.** Park Tour: Maple Trails Park, Willow Trails Park, Rob Roy Golf Course  
Due to heavy rain, it was determined to stay indoors rather than walk the grounds at Rob Roy. Director Fahnstrom gave an overview of Rob Roy Golf Course prior to getting on the bus. Superintendent of Parks Hanley procured a newly wrapped River Trails Park District bus to shuttle individuals to various locations. Attendance included Commissioners: Lussem, Rezek, Parra and Ackerman. Also present were Director Fahnstrom, Superintendent of Finance & HR Oswald, Superintendent of Communications and Marketing Powels, Grounds Manager Hakala and Administrative Assistant/Risk Management Altergott. The following locations were visited: Maple Trails Park and Willow Trails Park. At both stops Superintendent Hanley, Grounds Manager Hakala and Director Fahnstrom provided a brief history and current usage.
- V.** Commissioner Comments
- a. Commissioner Rezek congratulated the District on the impressive looking wrapped buses and thanked Superintendent Hanley for driving the bus during the tour.
  - b. Commissioner Parra enjoyed the Park Tour.
- VI.** Adjournment. There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Lussem adjourned the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

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President

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Secretary