



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS OF
THE SALT CREEK RURAL PARK DISTRICT HELD IN THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING AT
ROSE PARK 530 SOUTH WILLIAMS AVENUE, PALATINE, ILLINOIS 60074
SEPTEMBER 14TH, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commissioner Seligmann called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Ilene Seligmann- President
Paul Nagel - Vice President
Michael Reiss – Treasurer
Victoria West - Secretary

Patrick McDonough – Commissioner
Joe Mazzocchi - Commissioner
Pat McGovern – Commissioner

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT - None

STAFF PRESENT:

Diane Hilgers – Director of Parks
Chris Paisley - Superintendent of Parks
Kelly Sisco – Superintendent of Recreation (Remote)

Nick Cinquegrani – Sports Center General Manager
Ashley Medley – Twin Lakes Facility Manager (Remote)

APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA – Commissioner McDonough motioned, seconded by Commissioner Mazzocchi to approve the regular Agenda of September 14th, 2021, with the changes to move the Audit Report under introduction of guests. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioners McGovern, Mazzocchi, McDonough, West, Reiss, Nagel and Seligmann.

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

GUESTS: Year End Audit Report 2021-2022- Jeff Rollefson – Jeff noted they provided an unmodified opinion on the financial with no new principles adopted. The format was the same and year over year basis net income, charges for services were down. Interest and rates were down but surprisingly the year to year there were no major changes. Commissioner Reiss asked if there were any concerns for findings for us to address, Jeff responded everything looked good. The Commissioners will have a month to review the audit and it will be approved at the next meeting.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA – Commissioner McDonough motioned, seconded by Commissioner McGovern to approve the Consent Agenda, Approval of Minutes of the Regular and Executive meetings from August 10th, 2021, Treasurer’s Report and Warrant #5 & Prepay #5. The motion carried on a roll call vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioners McGovern, Mazzocchi, McDonough, West, Reiss, Nagel and Seligmann.

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ATTORNEY’S REPORT: Director Hilgers wanted to bring to our attention, one of our attorneys, Keri-Lyn Krafthefer works with large tax objections with Arlington Racetrack. She said we are fine but due to the delay in Cook County, they are still working on 2008 objections. If something comes up, she will notify us.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Director - Diane Hilgers – reported we have finished our crisis planning training with Serve and Protect, they have helped guide staff implement additional safety procedures and training. The IPARKS representative recently visited our facilities and brought to our attention hazards related to risk management. There were minimal concerns that have already been addressed by maintenance.

Verizon Network approached us asking for a grant for an easement for utilities at Salt Creek Lane. They will be using an existing Light Pole but need the plat survey. As far as we are aware the Plat survey is already in an easement. She responded to the acquisition representative but has not heard back. She will inform the board if any approval is needed. Twin Lakes staff are having issues with the Horseshoe league which meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays near our tent. They have been very entitled and have been ignoring staff's request to not take the rental chairs or tables or bring in their own alcohol. They are informed when we have a rental booked but continue to ignore and still arrive. Director Hilgers said it has not been a good relationship and seeing that we do not generate any revenue from this, she will be meeting with them to discuss options of moving or closing the league. She will give feedback at the next board meeting. Correspondence was circulated for review.

Superintendent of Parks – Chris Paisley – said major storms this past week brought trees and limbs down. He had to bring in an arborist to help remove the debris. Commissioner Nagel asked if we dealt with only one arborist as he had seen the bill and thought it was excessive. Chris responded there was a lot of labor involved and took more than a day but, we have been using them exclusively. All the tees and fairways have been aerified. Lighting upgrades have been completed at Grealish Park and they will be doing Fish Park next. The incentives from ComEd have made these upgrades affordable. The Twin Lakes Frontage Road and Parking upgrade is complete and turned out great. They will be restriping the area of the basketball court and will need to evaluate where we can put in a half court in a safer area. Commissioner Seligmann asked if we know why the residents along the North frontage road all had gates with access to our park. Commissioner McGovern answered most of the fences were built in the 60's when the park did not yet exist. Chris confirmed the roadway was originally used as access to the reservoir.

Superintendent of Recreation – Kelly Sisco – advised they are gearing up for the Obstacle Course Race and currently have 123 participants registered for this Saturday, this time last year we only had 79. Upcoming fall events are: Harvest Hayride, Family Bingo and the Halloween Party. Onsite Preschool started last week with Terrific 3's being low but hope these numbers will go up and are offering Enrichment classes to bring in extra revenue. Drop in Volleyball and Basketball will begin this week at Winston Campus. We had a senior trip to Starved Rock that was well attended. She is working on Fall flyers, and we have a basement rental from Trinity Irish Dance that will bring in over \$3500 for the year. Commissioner Nagel asked how the COVID protocols are going in preschool. Kelly responded the parents have been great with keeping the kids home if they have a cold or cough and have done COVID testing if needed. The transition back to in-person has been great with no criers. Commissioner Nagel said he has only heard all positive reviews from his neighbors. Commissioner West asked if we were offering any tennis classes in the fall, Kelly responded that Heritage Tennis Club had only offered summer lessons.

Twin Lakes Facility Manager – Ashley Medley – said rentals are going well and continue to keep them busy. After multiple requests they have included an Adult Fall League to the golfing programs. They currently have the high schools doing matches and practices in the afternoons. The clubhouse is currently closed to the public but will continue to serve the patrons through the windows to help with staff shortages. Clubhouse hours are 8am-8pm and RoccoVino will open from 12-7pm and will close at 8pm on Fridays and Saturdays. Paint Night will run this Friday and Cindy has been working on Octoberfest which will be held on Sunday, October 3rd, she invited the commissioners and their families to attend.

Hockey Manager – Nick Cinquegrani – advised the majority of leagues are ending this week and will start up again mid-October. League numbers have been consistent even during COVID. He is gearing up for their busy season with 2 tournaments scheduled for next month and Elite soccer will be renting November through February. The College Road tournament has made contact regarding a February rental. He is waiting to see where State Wars will be held. Lacrosse group (The Outlaws) have scheduled a few games. They were playing at Mt Prospect, but they are putting in a turf field, which might impact us in the future for overflow games. Commissioner Nagel asked how the concession have been. Nick responded it has been better than normal but can fluctuate on days.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS: Commissioner McGovern asked what the Show your Palatine Library card incentive was. Kelly responded it was a buy-one-get one for our Family Bingo Night. Commissioner Seligmann asked Ashley what she thought was the reason for the staff shortage. Ashley responded that seasonal staff have school or sport commitments and could not give their time. RoccoVino’s still have staff on unemployment so have not returned to their staff numbers.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

There being no further business, Commissioner Mazzocchi moved, seconded by Commissioner West to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:37pm. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

VICTORIA WEST, SECRETARY

ILENE SELIGMANN, VICE PRESIDENT