



**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL WORKSHOP 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
FEBRUARY 8TH, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Seligmann called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

Patrick McDonough – Commissioner (Remote)
Joe Mazzocchi - Commissioner
Pat McGovern – Commissioner (Remote)

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT - None

STAFF PRESENT:

Diane Hilgers – Director of Parks
Chris Paisley - Superintendent of Parks

GUESTS: None

Director Hilgers advised the workshop was intended to discuss the Salt Creek Lane parcel update. The meeting with Charles Perkins at the Village of Arlington Heights went well and she presented a power point regarding how we need to proceed.

- First, we need to develop a plan
- Submit the plans to the Village of Arlington Heights
- Get approval, and then fees will be released to the district.
- We will then have one year to use the funds.

We need to clarify if the recreation building falls under the Openlands covenant. Some of the following opportunities could be to:

- Spend a portion of the fees on passive recreation including pathways, outdoor shelter, exercise equipment, benches, and lighting.
- Build soccer and lacrosse fields with washrooms and lighting. This could be a great rental opportunity and we already have contacts made between the District 214 and Elite soccer.
- Considerations to partner with another organization like Arlington Heights Park District or NWSRA. Commissioner Seligmann asked about Harper College. Commissioner Mazzocchi asked about Palatine organizations.
- Considerations for a dog park? Or just leave it open for field space & recreational play?
- If we can build a building on the property, what could it include?
 - Gym space, indoor field space, indoor track, camps?
 - Need to ask some basic questions...
 - What do you the local residents want or need?
 - What does the park district want or need?
 - What are we able to afford?
 - Will there be any future impact fees?

- Finally, the big picture opportunity could be to enter into a public private partnership with an already existing company like Lifetime Fitness, Ninja Warrior gym, or family entertainment centers?
- This could be a viable option for us, and the village may like this option. They could lease the property from us, build their own building, possibly become a sponsor, and this would bring in users to the property as a destination.

After some discussion, the recommendation was to focus on the pathway system first. Staff will look at getting some concepts and costs. We could also look at getting grant funding.

There being no further business, Commissioner Seligmann made a motion to adjourn the workshop meeting at 6:45pm. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

VICTORIA WEST, SECRETARY

ILENE SELIGMANN, PRESIDENT