



**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  
JANUARY 9TH, 2024**

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

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

Paul Nagel – President (Remote)  
Victoria West – Vice President  
Michael Reiss – Treasurer  
Pat McGovern – Secretary (Remote)

Joe Mazzocchi – Commissioner (Remote)  
Ilene Seligmann – Commissioner (Remote)  
Tim Stoeckel – Commissioner

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT** — None

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Diane Hilgers – Executive Director  
Chris Paisley - Director of Parks and Planning  
Jody Dodson – Superintendent of Recreation (Remote)

Ashley Medley – Twin Lakes Facility Manager (Remote)  
Alessandro Moraca – Sports Center GM

**APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA** – Commissioner Reiss motioned seconded by Commissioner Stoeckel to approve the regular Agenda of January 9th, 2024. The motion carried unanimously on a majority vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Stoeckel, Mazzocchi, Seligmann, McGovern, Reiss, West, and Nagel.  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None

**GUESTS:** Past Commissioner - Wally Kleinfeldt

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA** – Commissioner Reiss motioned, seconded by Commissioner Stoeckel to approve the Consent Agenda, Minutes of the Regular meeting of December 12th, 2023, with the amendment to correct the motion to approval of the Consent Agenda from Commissioner Stoeckel to Commissioner West, Warrant #9 & Prepay #9 Treasurer’s Report and Certificate of Payment – Draw 4. The motion carried on a roll call vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Stoeckel, Mazzocchi, Seligmann, McGovern, Reiss, West, and Nagel.  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None

**ATTORNEYS REPORT** – None

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**Executive Director - Diane Hilgers** – highlighted that we had received the Salt Creek Lane land dedication money collected by the Village of Arlington Heights, on behalf of our taxing body. Calendar reminders were sent for the March 12<sup>th</sup> workshop meeting. Per diem checks have been cut for the commissioners attending the January IAPD/IPRA conference. She shared Todd Thornton’s new book that was recently published.

**Director of Parks and Planning** – Chris Paisley – gave a Rose Park construction update and noted the temporary roof and exterior windows and doors have been boarded up so the building is now watertight. Spray foam installation will begin next week, and the exterior masonry work is on hold right now due to the extreme weather. The front stoops have been poured and the interior framing, duct work and electrical installation is in progress.

**Superintendent of Recreation – Jody Dodson** – advised the Sweetheart event will be happening the first week in February and flyers were distributed to all the preschoolers. New fitness sessions have begun and advised classes are virtual tonight due to the weather. Schools Day out program will take place over MLK day and they are looking for staff to help. She has lowered the registration fee for Parents Night Out to try and entice more enrollments. National Hot Chocolate day is scheduled for January 31<sup>st</sup>. Preschool will be having their fairs at Arlington and Palatine library and added that there is a display of our preschooler’s artwork currently at Palatine library. They have offered a 5-day option for the current morning program and noted that Preschool registration begins next week for the 2024-2025 school year.

**Marketing and Community Outreach Manager – Director Hilgers** – noted Kelly Smith has been learning all aspects of the brochure and advised the Spring Summer Brochure will go to print soon. They have introduced a family spotlight in the newsletter and the first family was the Stoeckel Family. She has training on Weblinks and has met with sponsors for the upcoming season.

**Twin Lakes Assistant Facility Manager – Ashley Medley** – said the Noon Years Eve event went really well with over 150 participants registered, not including parents. They are currently accepting summer rentals and have introduced a rental inquiry form on the website under the rental page. Winterfest is coming up next week and she will also be opening registration for golf leagues later this month. She highlighted that Cindy will be celebrating her 5th year with us as a full-time employee.

**Sports Center General Manager – Alessandro Moraca** – advised Dek leagues are heading towards playoff’s while all the inline leagues except for the 40+ are starting up new sessions. Elite is occupying over 40 rental hours per week. They have a tournament scheduled for this weekend that should bring in good revenue and thanked Chris Paisley for repairing the draft beer compressor. He helped with concessions at Noon Years Eve and agreed it was a great event.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. **Board Meeting Dates for 2024** - Commissioner Reiss made the motion seconded by Commissioner Stoeckel to approve the Board Meeting dates for 2024. The motion carried on an all-in favor vote.  
AYES: Commissioners Stoeckel, Mazzocchi, Seligmann, McGovern, Reiss, West, and Nagel.  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None
- B. **Per Diem approval for IAPD Conference** – Commissioner Reiss made the motion seconded by Commissioner Stoeckel to approve Per Diem for Commissioner McGovern, Commissioner Stoeckel and Commissioner Nagel’s travel expenses to attend the 2024 IAPD conference. The motion carried on a roll call vote as follows:  
AYES: Commissioners Stoeckel, Mazzocchi, Seligmann, McGovern, Reiss, West, and Nagel.  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None
- C. **Abatement Ordinance – ORD #24-01** – Commissioner Reiss made the motion seconded by Commissioner Stoeckel to approve Ordinance 24-01 an ordinance abating the tax hereto levied for the year 2023 to pay the principal and interest on General Obligation Park Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2023B, of the Salt Creek Rural Park District, Cook County, Illinois. The motion carried on a roll call vote as follows:  
AYES: Commissioners Stoeckel, Mazzocchi, Seligmann, McGovern, Reiss, West, and Nagel.  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None

**CORRESPONDENCE/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS** – Commissioner Nagel asked for the response to last month’s resident request for pickle ball courts and billboard for advertising. Chris Paisley advised he had reached out to the company who does our tennis court striping to get a quote for Grealish Park. Director Hilgers also noted that Teen Camp will be held at Grealish Park this summer so they will have access to the courts too. Commissioner Kleinfeldt said it is a great idea but be mindful of pushback from residents that will want to play during the day, especially if we lock it at night too. Director Hilgers said regarding the billboard sign the expense is something we cannot afford right now. She also highlighted the Pay Leave Ordinance that park districts are exempt from the state but not Cook County. Park Districts are trying to sway the Cook County commissioners to amend the ordinance, she will inform the board of what develops.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None

There being no further business, Commissioner Reiss made the motion seconded by Commissioner Stoeckel to adjourn the Regular meeting at 7:28pm, and there being no further discussion the regular meeting adjourned at. The motion was carried unanimously on a voice vote.

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PAT MCGOVERN, SECRETARY

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VICTORIA WEST , VICE PRESIDENT