



**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
MARCH 12TH, 2024**

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

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Paul Nagel - President	Ilene Seligmann - Commissioner
Victoria West – Vice President	Joe Mazzocchi - Commissioner
Michael Reiss – Treasurer	Tim Stoeckel - Commissioner
Patrick McDonough – Secretary	

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT – None

STAFF PRESENT:

Diane Hilgers – Executive Director	Jody Dodson – Superintendent of Recreation
Chris Paisley – Director of Parks & Planning	Alessandro Moraca – SC General Manager
Ashley Medley – Twin Lakes Facility Manager	

APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA – Commissioner Mazzocchi motioned, seconded by Commissioner West to approve the regular Agenda of March 12th, 2024, the motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

GUESTS: **William Davidson** – Resident – wanted to know the plan for Twin Lakes grounds this summer. He frequents Twin Lakes every day and noticed the bike/walking path constantly floods and wondered if there will be new plantings taking place. Chris Paisley responded that the north pathway will be regraded and surfaced this year up to Belle Street. Staff will be planting new trees and indigenous seeds have been spread in the nature path and island. Mr. Davidson thanked the Board for the update.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA – Commissioner Seligmann motioned, seconded by Commissioner Reiss. to approve the Consent Agenda, Approval of Minutes of the Regular meeting of February 13th, 2024, Warrant #11 & Prepay #11, Treasurers Report and Certificate of Payment - Draw #5. The motion carried on a roll call vote as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Executive Director - Diane Hilgers said she has been working with Williams Architects on the signage for the front of the New Park Building. She shared the renderings with the board to receive comments. After discussion it was decided to have “Rose Park Community Center – Stephen M. Rose” on the main building and, “Salt Creek Park District” on the roadside sign. Another concept shared was the new rendering of the Tot play lot. The preschool teachers were consulted in the design and got to decide on play activities. She will be meeting with IParks regarding our insurance renewal and will bring it before the board in April for review. She attended Palatine Library’s Decennial meeting together with the surrounding Park Districts. She also has started

the process for the Plan Commission Review Meeting regarding rezoning Salt Creek Lane. She does not foresee any issue getting it approved. The Paid Leave Act, meeting has been changed multiple times, and amended the act for Park District's to only begin in January 2025 so they can plan and budget. This applies only to park districts in Cook County. She reminded the board to submit their statement of economic interest as soon as possible. She would like to plan a Memory Walk for the old Rose Park Building before it gets torn down.

Superintendent of Parks – Chris Paisley – staff have been focused on golf course prep and are watching the weather to see when they will open. Spring clean-up will take place in the surrounding parks as well. Portable restroom units will be dropped off this week at Twin Lakes. Commissioner McGovern asked if we could consider having one unit left near the clubhouse over winter. Back flow systems and fire inspections are scheduled. Capital items on order are, the new pizza oven and ice-cream machine. The tent top will be replaced, and 7 new kayaks will be added to the fleet. The new construction is moving fast, drywall and painting is progressing and tiling will begin in the restrooms. Natural gas has been hooked up, electrical is in and are waiting for ComEd to get us connected. The top roof is underway. We are still on target for May 20 for temporary occupancy. He will be offering a weekend walk through for any commissioners interested.

Superintendent of Recreation – Jody Dodson – noted summer camp registration took place over the last two weeks and went smoothly. Most camps are full, with only Tot Camp still having several spots available and added Vince is in the process of hiring camp staff. Easter events are quickly approaching, and the first seating of Lunch with the Bunny is full, but spots are still open for the second. The resident egg hunt will take place on March 30th and Spring Break camp will be held at the Sports Center. We are waiting for permission from the Village of Palatine to approve the usage of the frontage road for the Aquathon then they will inform IDOT, registration is currently live on Active.com. Elite soccer is renting Salt Creek Lane from April through May and Legacy Health is renting the field for their Easter Egg hunt for their patients. **Marketing and Community Outreach** – Kelly Smith has updated the website calendar with all special event programs and has reached out to Robby Gould to see if he would donate any raffle prizes for our Draft Day Event. She is working on sponsors for the Color run and Obstacle Race. She has ordered new feather flags to advertise our special events.

Twin Lakes Facility Manager – Ashley Medley – advised St Patrick's day décor is out along the walking path. Alltech renewed their corporate sponsorship for 2024. 5 Seasonal staff will not be returning, and she is currently interviewing new applicants. The Pro shop is set up and will continue to add merchandise as it comes in. They are waiting for consistent weather before opening the golf course.

Sports Center General Manager – Alessandro Moraca – said tournaments are over and league play is back to normal and will be adding 2 more Dek teams. He met with Elite to check their schedule for next year and they will be coming in earlier which will help with league scheduling. Elite rentals will be done at the end of the month, IRHL will be utilizing a lot of rental hours as well as NHL renting from April through July. He also has a lot of miscellaneous rentals especially on Saturday's. Draft Day Event is scheduled as well as Spring Break Trips will be based at the rink for the week. The next major tournament will be in April.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **Nepotism Discussion** - Commissioner Nagel advised this topic was brought up by a commissioner recently. He read out loud the current Nepotism Policy and opened it up for discussion. Relatives of Full Time Staff and Board members are not eligible for full time and permanent part-time under direct supervision. Also considered were Board and permanent staff family members hired for seasonal/part-time work. After further discussion Director Hilgers said she will review the verbiage, discuss it with Commissioner Nagel and if needed will bring it back at the next meeting. No action was required.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS: None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner West made the motion seconded by Commissioner Reiss to enter executive session at 8:12pm to discuss personal. Commissioner Reiss made the motion seconded by Commissioner West to reconvene the regular session at 9:47pm and give approval to inform the Finance Manager Moira Palmer on the direction for the Directors compensation, for the next fiscal year.

The motion carried on a roll call vote as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

There being no further business, Commissioner Stoeckel moved, seconded by Commissioner Mazzocchi to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:48pm. The motion was carried unanimously on a voice vote.

PAUL NAGEL - PRESIDENT

PAT MCGOVERN - SECRETARY