



**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
APRIL 9TH, 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
Pat McGovern – 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	

PUBLIC HEARING – BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE # 24-02

Commissioner Reiss made the motion seconded by Commissioner Seligmann to open the Public Hearing to hear comments regarding Ordinance 24-02, an ordinance adopting the combined annual budget and appropriation for the Salt Creek Rural Park District for the fiscal year beginning May 1st, 2024, and ending April 30th, 2025. After noting there were no public present to comment, Commissioner McGovern made to motion seconded by Commissioner West to close the Public Hearing on a roll call vote as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA – Commissioner Nagel motioned to approve the regular Agenda of April 11th, 2024, the motion carried unanimously on an all-in favor vote as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

GUESTS: None

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA – Commissioner West motioned, seconded by Commissioner Mazzocchi to approve the Consent Agenda, Approval of Minutes of the Regular, Workshop and Executive meetings of March 12th, 2024, Warrant #12 & Prepay #12, Treasurers Report and Certificate of Payment draw #7. The motion carried on a roll call vote as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ATTORNEYS REPORT – None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Executive Director - Diane Hilgers – announced the Rose Park Open House to say “goodbye” to the old building will be on Tuesday May 7th between 6-8pm. Correspondence was circulated for the board to read.

Director of Parks and Planning – Chris Paisley – advised the golf course and range were opened on Friday the 29th of April. The same weekend there was a minor flood that needed some cleanup. The irrigation system will be up and running this week. We have new 2023 model golf carts this year. Paddle boats have been inspected and are in the lake, the tent top will be going up and drinking fountains will be switched on. The deck is ready for staining and any rotten boards will be replaced. In the future we may need to look at replacing the deck with an all-season product. The new dump truck is in the build process and hopes to take possession soon. We did lose Jimmy Zeman to Popular Creek Golf Course, and have hired a replacement, Hector Villanueva. The Rose Park building has been connected to ComEd and precast light poles have been installed in the parking lot. Exterior siding is being installed and the roof top units were started up yesterday. Contractors are ahead with the interior design with regards to flooring and painting. The landscaping is scheduled to start May 1st and fire inspections will be later this month.

Superintendent of Recreation – Jody Dodson – said the Easter programs were successful as well as Spring Break trips with over 65 participants signed up for the week. Upcoming Events are the Spring Trunk Sale, April’s Parents Night Out and new fitness classes will begin next week. There are only a few spots left for some sessions of camp and Vince has begun the hiring process for summer staff. She invited all the commissioners to join the Arbor Day celebration at South Park, April 26, at 12:30pm. Kelly Smith will be meeting with Robbie Gould to sign Bears gear for our Draft Day event. She is also sending lots of posts to market Draft Day and Aquathon. New sponsorships will be coming in for our OCR and Aquathon races. Commissioner Nagel asked if communication had gone out to the camp parents regarding trips. Jody responded that Vince had since included trips for the Tues/Thurs camps and will be updating the parents. He also asked what our registration numbers look like for our races. Color Run is at 11 and we still only have 2 registered for Aquathon. Jody replied they are actively marketing with other Park Districts, Midtown, YMCA and race affiliated people to push the Aquathon event.

Twin Lakes Facility Manager – Ashley Medley – advised the course opened over Easter weekend to a slow start. Reduced hours are currently 9am opening and will change to 8am – 8pm for the rest of the month. The Adult Golf league will start at the end of the month as well as Spark Golf leagues. Staff training took place last week and Rocco Vino’s concessions is set to open next week weather dependent. She will be attending a supervisor’s symposium at Schaumburg Park District, the focus being on leadership. Golf passes have been distributed to board members to share. Commissioner Nagel asked how the rentals are doing as they were down from last year. Ashley said the calls are coming in just not for that month.

Sports Center General Manager – Alessandro Moraca – noted they are in the middle of Dek season and will be heading to playoff’s. The Tues/Thurs league will be starting up this week. He hosted a captain’s meeting to collaborate on ideas to benefit the leagues and iron out any problems. Last week the Friday league had a charity Chili Cook off with a great turn out and over 18 chillis to taste. Sat/Sun playoff’s will be starting soon, and they will be hosting North American Roller Hockey Championship this weekend. IRHL will be renting throughout the week for their youth programs. Random rentals will fill in the available spots. Rat hockey will reconvene on Saturday nights. New TV’s have been installed for the Draft Day Event. Several sponsors have reached out for dasher boards promotion. The team from Germany has finalized their schedule and will be arriving the towards the end of May, staff and players are excited to host them.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. **Nepotism Policy** – Director Hilgers advised she drafted two policy options for the board to review. Commissioner West made the motion seconded by Commissioner Stoeckel to proceed with option 2.
 - Option 1** – Relatives Of the Executive Director and Board Members are not eligible for Full-time, Permanent Part-Time or Seasonal employment. Relatives of Full-time staff may be hired for seasonal work only if they are qualified for the position. Full-time staff must not directly oversee their relatives.
 - Option 2** – Relatives of Full-Time staff (including Executive Director) and Board members are not eligible for Full-time or Permanent Part-time employment. Relatives of Full-time staff (excluding ED) and Board members may be hired for seasonal work only if they are qualified for the position. Full-time staff must not directly oversee their relatives.
 After discussion the Board agreed to proceed with option 2 with the instruction for Director to clarify the wording on the policy. The motion passed on a roll call vote as follows:
 AYES: Commissioners Stoeckel, Mazzocchi, McGovern, Reiss, and West.
 NAYS: Commissioner Nagel
 ABSTAINED: Commissioner Seligmann
 ABSENT: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **Budget and Appropriation Ordinance #23-02** – Commissioner Reiss made the motion seconded by Commissioner Stoeckel to approve Ordinance #24-02, an ordinance adopting the combined annual budget and appropriation for the Salt Creek Rural Park District for the fiscal year beginning May 1st, 2024, and ending April 30th, 2025. The motion carried on a roll call vote as follows:
 AYES: Commissioners Stoeckel, Seligmann, Mazzocchi, McGovern, Reiss, West and Nagel.
 NAYS: None
 ABSENT: None

- B. **Tax Objection Letter** – Commissioner Reiss made the motion seconded by Commissioner Mazzocchi to approve the Tax Rate Objection Settlement Offer in the amount of \$3,000.99. The motion carried on a roll call vote as follows:
 AYES: Commissioners Stoeckel, Seligmann, Mazzocchi, McGovern, Reiss, West and Nagel.
 NAYS: None
 ABSENT: None

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS: Commissioner Nagel said he is aware we have staff transitions and apologized if he offended any staff regarding his comment regarding the Aquathon numbers. Commissioner Stoeckel suggested giving the option of only doing the 5K run and skipping the swim.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

There being no further business, Commissioner Stoeckel, seconded by Commissioner West to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:20pm. The motion was carried unanimously on a voice vote.

PAT MCGOVERN, SECRETARY

PAUL NAGEL, PRESIDENT