



**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
JULY 9TH, 2024**

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

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Paul Nagel – President	Pat McGovern – Secretary
Victoria West – Vice President	Ilene Seligmann – Commissioner
Michael Reiss – Treasurer	Tim Stoeckel – Commissioner

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT — Joe Mazzocchi - Commissioner

STAFF PRESENT:

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

APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA – Commissioner Reiss made the motion seconded by Commissioner West to approve the regular Agenda of July 9th, 2024; the motion carried unanimously on an all-in favor vote as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Mazzocchi

GUESTS: Bill Davenport – Willow Creek Resident – Thanked the Board for considering his letter and supporting a solution for the errant golf ball situation.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA – Commissioner Seligmann motioned, seconded by Commissioner Stoeckel to approve the Consent Agenda, Approval of Minutes of the Regular meeting of June 11th, 2024, Warrant #3 & Prepay #3, Treasurers Report, Certificate of Payment Draw #1. The motion carried on a roll call vote as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Mazzocchi

ATTORNEY’S REPORT – None.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Executive Director - Diane Hilgers – handed over to Moira Palmer to discuss the annual audit. Moira advised the audit went well and we are on schedule to have it approved in September. Regarding Salt Creek Lane Diane is still working with the Lions Club to come up with an agreement to install fishing piers. Nicolas and Associates are still in communication to provide information regarding the stadium proposal. Diane had a meeting with our engineer and Elite soccer to discuss the rezoning proposal at Salt Creek Lane and noted approval by the Village was still delayed. We received our first tax appeal from the Chicago Bears and have been working with our attorney on this matter. Jody Dodson is away this week and Diane noted upcoming events are the Turtle Trek and Obstacle Challenge. We have our first Multi-Purpose Room rental in our new building. Diane added to Kelly Smiths Community Outreach report advising the Fall/Winter brochure is going out to print and Kelly is currently working on sponsorships and social media posts.

Director of Parks and Planning – Chris Paisley noted this time of year his staff are focusing on regular maintenance. We had a few minor floods and staff have been great dealing with them and keeping up with everything in general. Our staff have taken over the maintenance of the new Rose Park building. Our new Rose Park sign was installed, and the Tot lot is completed. The abatement process went well, and the water well has been capped. It's now down to the utilities and we are still waiting for Nicor to disconnect. The Village will need to turn off the water then approve the demolition permit. We are currently 3 weeks behind. We will then enter phase 2 with demolition, finishing the landscaping and road turnaround.

Twin Lakes Facility Manager – Ashley Medley – commented that tomorrow would be the last of the Wednesday band nights, they have not been as busy, but RoccoVino's has noticed an increase in concession sales. Ashley is working with the Camelot Bulldogs work program, who send students to help with basic SOP's depending on their capabilities. Golf rounds are maintaining but could be better if not for the excessive heat and flooding. This week starts a new session of July golf classes. A discussion took place regarding the band night that falls over the first week in July and clashes with fireworks as well as camp sharing Grealish park with groups of people.

Sports Center General Manager – Alessandro Moraca – advised July is a quieter month for the rink. The Jr Roller Derby is happening this weekend. There should be a lot of visitors so are expecting good bar and concession sales. The 30+ league playoffs will be taking place the week after. IRHL rentals are done for now during tournament season, and the Portages will begin their season in the coming weeks. The next upcoming tournament is an over 50+, the first weekend of August.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Willow Creek Condo Association Letter** – Commissioner Stoeckel made the motion seconded by Commissioner West to open discussion on the letter from Willow Creek regarding errant golf balls from hole 5. Years ago, this topic was discussed, and some solutions were found but obviously are not enough. Chris Paisley had met with Bill Davenport from Willow Creek and had previously introduced Oak trees and ornamental plantings in the trouble spots. The damage is occurring to buildings as well as cars in the parking lot. There is signage informing the golfers that any damage is their responsibility. They would now like to look at introducing netting. We would have to rely on a company and engineer to guide us on size and installation or come up with alternative solutions. We would probably have to get approval from the Village of Palatine and MWRD as well. A discussion took place regarding introducing a smaller fence structure to encourage golfers to hit to the right or moving the Tee-box and making it a par 3. Introducing cameras or establishing a fund to help with claims was also discussed. Bill Davenport said the trade off to eliminate damage vs the aesthetics of a net would appease residents who still want a view. The damage to building # 6 is happening more frequently to the 2nd and 3rd floor windows as detailed in his letter. After further discussion the Board directed staff to meet with a professional company to get guidance, investigate installing a camera behind the Tee and introduce a sign deterring golfers using drivers from the men's Tee.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS: Commissioner West said the 4th of July Parade was good. Commissioner Reiss said to save the date for the Jaycees Oktoberfest in September. Commissioner Nagel said he received his tax bill in the mail and thanked staff for the concerted effort to keep taxes down for this year.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Board entered executive session at 8:05pm to discuss personnel. The Board reconvened the regular meeting at 9:02pm, with Commissioner Nagel advising they will meet with certain staff to present the outcome of the Executive session.

There being no further business, Commissioner Reiss made the motion, seconded by Commissioner West, to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:05pm. The motion was carried unanimously on a voice vote.

PAT MCGOVERN, SECRETARY

PAUL NAGEL, PRESIDENT