



**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
NOVEMBER 12TH, 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	Joe Mazzocchi - Commissioner
Michael Reiss – Treasurer	Tim Stoeckel – Commissioner

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT —Commissioners Ilene Seligmann

STAFF PRESENT:

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

APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA – Commissioner McGovern made the motion seconded by Commissioner Mazzocchi to approve the regular Agenda of November 12th, 2024; the motion carried unanimously on an all-in favor vote as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Seligmann

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: Linda Byron – Raymond James, Bond Consultant

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA – Commissioner Stoeckel motioned, seconded by Commissioner West to approve the Consent Agenda, Approval of Minutes of the Regular meeting of October 8th, 2024, Warrant #7 & Prepay #7, Treasurers Report, Certificate of Payment Draw #13. The motion carried on a roll call vote as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Seligmann.

BOND ORDINANCE #24-03 – An Ordinance providing for the issue of approximately \$820,000 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds Series 2024. Linda Byron advised 7 banks were approached to bid but only 2 bids were received, with Wintrust winning bid with a 3.58% coupon. As a result, the final bond amount is \$823,000 of which \$320,850 will go towards paying the Alternate Revenue Bonds on December 15, 2024. After the cost of issuance approximately \$500,000 will be left for Capital Improvements.

Commissioner McGovern made the motion seconded by Commissioner Reiss to approve Ordinance #24-03. The motion carried on a roll call vote as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Seligmann.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT – None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Executive Director - Diane Hilgers – advised Moira Palmer is still looking into option for our health insurance carrier as rates were suspected to rise significantly. An update will be given at the next meeting. They attended a legal symposium and learned a lot about the PTO time and the salary threshold that will be required January 1st. Bob Haas will be retiring from his part-time security team but has recommended a new security company for the weekends. Director Hilgers also attended the NRPA conference in Atlanta and toured the Mercedes Arena. She sent out a reminder regarding the invitation to the SLSF holiday luncheon on December 11th and asked commissioners to advise if they will be attending.

Director of Parks and Planning – Chris Paisley – said staff continue to be busy with leaf cleanup and winterization of the parks. At Twin Lakes the holiday lights and decorations will be going up. The lighting upgrade at the rink is completed thanks to the ComEd efficiency program. The Lion Club volunteers will be assisting with clean-up around the pond at Salt Creek Lane.

Superintendent of Recreation – Jody Dodson – noted the Halloween Party was held on November 30th and are looking to revamp it next year to increase registration numbers. The Craft Fair is currently full and are looking for donations for the Preschool bake sale. The North Pole Express preparations are underway and will take place on Dec 1st with 220 participants registered. PNO is full and the next senior trip is to the Marriott Theater. Preschool is getting ready for their Friends Giving celebration and will be having parent conferences before Thanksgiving break. Rose Park rentals are doing great with a full house for weekends in December. She reminded commissioners and staff to respond to the holiday party invite. The marketing e-news letter was sent out with a 40% open rate. Staff continue to work on the Spring Summer brochure and Craft Fair yard signs have been distributed. Kelly will be attending the Chamber meeting November 19th. She continues to bring in sponsors. Commissioner Nagel asked if we could increase numbers for our PNO program now we have more space. Jody advised she is looking at recruiting volunteers to help.

Twin Lakes Facility Manager – Ashley Medley – said the golf course and facility will be closing next week. They had a recap with RoccoVino's and discussed menus and pricing. She is working on hosting another Chamber Event. Paint and Craft night is this Friday. Park hours will adjust to winter hours and will close an hour early and open an hour later. The Turkey Shoot was a success with great weather and 64 registered. There was a discussion to see if we could host this event over 2 days to accommodate more players.

Sports Center General Manager – Alessandro Moraca – noted with Kreezee Sports as the new website they are now all in with the main page and mobile design and with all the new leagues starting, they will be utilizing it more. They hosted a Halloween Bash tournament and made a good profit on concessions. They have a few upcoming tournaments and rentals are picking up with Elite averaging 8-17 hours a week. He will be assisting with the Craft Fair. The Portages are having a mini turkey bowl tournament this weekend have been asking for more rental time. All the sponsor banners and boards decals are put up. Joe Zavoli had his 8th year anniversary with the district and does a terrific job. The LED lights and fixtures have made a huge difference and it's great from the player perspective. Director Hilgers advised Sandro's 1st anniversary is tomorrow and has done a fantastic job.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. **Message Board Update** – Chris Paisley shared a graphic design of what the message board could look like. Approval from MWRD and the Village must be obtained before considering proceeding with the billboard. Commissioner Nagel had concerns regarding the resident aspect especially the Coventry town homes and how they will be impacted by the billboard's lighting. Chris will bring back feedback to the next meeting.
- B. **Salt Creek Lane** – Director Hilgers and Chris Paisley met with the St Viators team who are still very interested in the Salt Creek Lane development for their football stadium. Parking is still the biggest issue. They will keep planning and will come back with a memo of understanding to present to the board. She also met with the Village of Arlington Heights to keep working on the rezoning of that area.

- C. **Errant Golf Ball Issue** – Chris Paisley said after reviewing all the solution options regarding the errant golf balls he is suggesting creating a new tee box. This will eliminate the desire to shoot in the current direction of the Willow Creek apartments and car park. After further discussion, commissioner Nagel gave directions to pursue the new tee box and the camera deterrent.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **Conference Delegate** – Commissioner Nagel made the motion seconded by Commissioner Stoeckel to nominate Superintendent Dodson as the 2025 IAPD/IPRA Conference Delegate. The motion carried on an all-in favor vote as follows:
AYES: Commissioners Stoeckel, Mazzocchi McGovern, Reiss and Nagel.
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: Commissioner West.
ABSENT: Commissioner Seligmann.
- B. **Tax Levy Resolution #24-05** - Commissioner Reiss made the motion seconded by Commissioner Stoeckel to approve Tax Levy Resolution #24-05, a resolution determining the amount of money exclusive of election costs estimated to be necessary to be raised by taxation pursuant to the proposed levy of Salt Creek Rural Park District for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2025, and ending April 30, 2026. After discussion and with the recommendation by Commissioner Reiss to begin the levy process earlier next year. The motion carried on a roll call vote as follows:
AYES: Commissioners Stoeckel, Mazzocchi, McGovern, Reiss, West, and Nagel.
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Seligmann.
- C. **Draft Levy Worksheet** – Commissioner Reiss and Moira Palmer discussed this item during the Tax Levy Resolution discussion.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS: Commissioner Nagel suggested, as most people are looking at the board packet electronically to scan the document, so it is orientated the same way.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

There being no further business, Commissioner Stoeckel made the motion, seconded by Commissioner West, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:27pm. The motion was carried unanimously on a voice vote.

PATRICK MCGOVERN, SECRETARY

PAUL NAGEL, PRESIDENT