



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS OF
THE SALT CREEK RURAL PARK DISTRICT HELD IN THE COMMUNITY CENTER AT
ROSE PARK 530 SOUTH WILLIAMS AVENUE, PALATINE, ILLINOIS 60074
APRIL 8TH, 2025**

Meeting was convened at 7:00pm – Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

- **Attendees: Commissioners:** Paul Nagel, Victoria West, Patrick McGovern, Michael Reiss, Ilene Seligmann, Joe Mazzocchi and Tim Stoeckel.
- **Staff:** Executive Director - Diane Hilgers, Director of Maintenance - Chris Paisley, Superintendent of Finance - Moira Palmer, TL Facility Manager - Ashley Medley, and Sports Center General Manager Alessandro Moraca.
- **Absent:** Jody Dodson – Superintendent of Recreation
- **Guests:** None

Public Hearing – Budget and Appropriation Ordinance # 25-01

Commissioner Reiss made the motion seconded by Commissioner McGovern to open the Public Hearing to hear comments regarding Ordinance 25-01, an ordinance adopting the combined annual budget and appropriation for the Salt Creek Rural District for the fiscal year beginning May 1st, 2025, and ending April 30th, 2026. After noting there were no public present to comment, Commissioner Nagel closed the Public Hearing on an all-in favor vote as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Regular Agenda/Additions/Deletions – Commissioner Reiss made the motion seconded by Commissioner Seligmann to approve the regular Agenda of April 8th, 2025; the motion carried unanimously on an all-in-favor vote as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Consent Agenda - Commissioner Reiss motioned, seconded by Commissioner Seligmann to approve the Consent Agenda, approval of Minutes of the Regular and Executive meetings of March 11th, 2025, Warrant #12 & Prepay #12 and Treasurers Report, with the amendment to correct that Commissioner McGovern was present for the Executive minutes on March 11th and not absent as noted. The motion carried on a roll call vote as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Attorney's Report – None

Departmental Reports

- **Diane Hilgers** - included updates on economic interest statements, AI training with Todd Thorson. Fox Point project will approach the Village of Palatine for approval of billboard installation. Arbor Day event

will be attended by the mayor and councilman. St. Viator partnership – we will continue to pursue the collaboration at Salt Creek Lane.

- **Chris Paisley** – The maintenance department is preparing for the golf course and driving range opening. Grading of the 5th hole t-box is completed. Updates on tree planting at Rose Park, playground mulch resurfacing at Grealish and Rose Parks, and other park maintenance were provided.
- **Recreation/Marketing (Diane Hilgers reviewed for Jody Dodson)** - Upcoming events include Easter activities and Arbor Day. Weekend rentals are booked for most of April. The department is also working on sponsorships and the next brochure. **Arbor Day and Community Events** - Details were shared about Arbor Day scheduled for April 25 at 12:30 PM at Rose Park, featuring a tree dedication and a new library built by a local community member, with promotional flyers available.
- **Ashley Medley** - Twin Lakes is now open with hours dependent on the weather. Adult golf leagues start at the end of the month. RoccoVino's opening is planned this week with a limited menu. Seasonal staff are slowly returning for the season. Golf passes were distributed to commissioners.
- **Alessandro Moraca** - Sports leagues are ongoing, with some taking breaks. The NARCH tournament was successful, and maintenance issues like plexiglass replacement were addressed. The rink will be closed over the Easter weekend. **Sound System Issues** - Sandro discussed ongoing sound system issues at their facility, including malfunctioning speakers and outdated wiring. They consulted Sweetwater for recommendations and had temporary fixes implemented. Plans include replacing old equipment and organizing wiring to prevent future issues.

New Business

- **Approval of Budget & Appropriation Ordinance #25-01** - Commissioner Seligmann made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Mazzocchi to approve Ordinance #25-01, an ordinance adopting the combined annual budget and appropriation for the Salt Creek Rural Park District for the fiscal year beginning May 1st, 2025, and ending April 30th, 2026. The motion carried on a roll call vote as follows:
AYES: Commissioners Stoeckel, Mazzocchi, Seligmann, McGovern, Reiss, West and Nagel.
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
- **100% Submittal of Construction Documents to Review – Fish Park Construction Documents**
Chris Paisley reviewed construction plans for Fish Park, including tennis and pickleball courts, basketball hoops, and a crosswalk. The project aims to improve accessibility and add recreational facilities. Included in this project is enclosing the Tot Lot at Rose Park. **Dog Park Consideration** - Chris Paisley discussed the potential addition of a dog park as an alternative in the Fish Park project. Concerns include management, rules, and costs, leading to a decision to hold off for now. The bid opening is May 6th and projected completion is at the end of August 2025.
- **Approval of Auditor** – Commissioner Stoeckel made the motion seconded by Patrick McGovern to approve Evan Marshall and Pease as the Auditor for the next three years along with their fee structure beginning at \$13,950. 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 West noted Closer Bond Dog Training had used our lake as a backdrop for their newsletter. Neighborhood kids had been setting fire in the woods near her house. Commissioner Nagel thanked Commissioner West for using her connections to save the district money for one of our band rentals. Commissioners Mazzocchi and Nagel would like to bring the Triathlon back and would implement a committee to oversee this. Commissioner Nagel thanked everyone who attending their reelection party. At the next meeting they will be electing new officers. On April 18th it will be Diane Hilgers'

30th anniversary working for the park district and congratulated her on this momentous achievement and thanked her for her service.

Unfinished Business: None

There being no further business, Commissioner Stoeckel made the motion seconded by Commissioner West, to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:43pm. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

PAUL NAGEL, PRESIDENT

PAT MCGOVERN, SECRETARY