



**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
MAY 13TH, 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 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, Jody Dodson – Superintendent of Recreation
- **Absent:** Commissioner Mazzocchi
- **Guests:** None

Regular Agenda/Additions/Deletions – Commissioner McGovern made the motion seconded by Commissioner Stoeckel to approve the regular Agenda of May 13th, 2025; 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

Consent Agenda - Commissioner Stockel motioned, seconded by Commissioner McGovern to approve the Consent Agenda, approval of Minutes of the Regular and Executive meetings of April 8th, 2025, Warrant #1 & Prepay #1 and Treasurers Report. 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

Departmental Reports

- **Diane Hilgers - Executive Director** - Updates included the new fiscal year starting May 1, 2025, ongoing memo of understanding with St. Viator. **Lions Club Fishing Derby and Pond Updates** - The Lions Club will host their fishing derby a week after the district's event. Two piers are installed (one funded by the Lions Club), the pond is stocked and clean, and a naming contest is underway. Staff held a 'huddle meeting' to brainstorm for the Bears event, and NWSRA is down to two executive director candidates.
- **Chris Paisley - Director of Parks and Planning** – Spring projects are wrapping up, including deck and clubhouse maintenance, landscaping, tent setup, and playground equipment planning with Cunningham Recreation for next year. Summer annuals will be planted before the weekend. **Park Renovation and Field Usage** - Discussion on the long-term plan for the field near the pavilion, with potential for small soccer or camp use. Plans to move the gazebo for central access and no consideration of selling the property.

- **Jody Dodson - Recreation/Marketing** - Spring Trunk Sale event on May 3, 2025, had 25 cars and increased shoppers compared to last year. Plans to add a fall trunk sale, possibly in September. Other events include school outings, Parents' Night Out, Arbor Day, and summer day camp starting June 16, 2025. **Community Outreach and Marketing** - Efforts include marketing for Puzzle Palooza, trunk sale, music on the deck, and updating the website for accessibility. Puzzle Palooza is fully booked with 12 participants. **Flea Market and Trunk Sale Expansion Discussion** - There is demand for more frequent flea markets, but logistical challenges exist regarding location and parking. The current charge for a trunk spot is \$28, while flea markets can charge upwards of \$100. **Summer Camp Locations** - All Sunshine camps will be at the main location, with Teen camp at Grealish Park. Confirmation that this is consistent with last year.
- **Ashley Medley – Twin Lakes Facility Manager** - Twin Lakes is now on full season hours (clubhouse 7 a.m.–9 p.m., driving range 8 a.m.), pedal boats on weekends, and staff meetings and CPR training scheduled. Fishing derby is upcoming, and Wednesday night music events have been added, with the next on May 28, 2025. Illinois Junior Golf Association tournament scheduled after Memorial Day. A new golf instructor, Kyle Carter, joins and will be overseeing private lessons. **Golf Course Performance** - Comparison report shows rounds just under 16,000, the highest since COVID, with expectations for further increases.
- **Alessandro Moraca – Sports Center General Manager** - Leagues are ending, with major roller tournaments over Memorial Day weekend. IRHL and NBHL rentals continue. State Wars tryouts scheduled for Saturday, and new glass installed behind boards. Plexiglass ordered as backup. A new sound system is to be installed this month. No tournaments until August.

Unfinished Business

- **Golf Course Hole 5 Update** - Hole five tee box opened a day early; maintenance is ongoing to improve turf. The new angle is expected to reduce damage to buildings and parking lots. No recent incidents were reported related to Willow Creek Condominiums. The plan is to let the old tee box grow out with long grass, remove the fence, and possibly plant two trees if issues persist. Crew feedback and golfer behavior were discussed as well as informing the resident who submitted a written complaint, to discuss the project's cost (\$5,000) and duration (five years), as well as its effectiveness.
- **Neighborhood Sight Line of Soccer Building Options** - Multiple options were discussed for improving the sightline at Soccer City: painting the building (with a quote for two coats at about \$6,500), installing a six-foot or eight-foot privacy fence (vinyl), combining paint and fence, or removing the chain link fence and planting trees. Ownership of the fence and related logistics were clarified. Concerns were raised about vinyl fence durability, potential for graffiti, and creating private areas that could attract unwanted activity. Alternatives such as planting trees, using natural barriers, and painting the building in specific colors (e.g., dark green) were discussed. Specific neighbor complaints (e.g., about graffiti, building appearance, and vehicle placement) were discussed. The board emphasized maintaining good relationships with neighbors and managing expectations. Discussion about recent incidents involving local youths, including fire-setting and tagging, and the community's response to these issues. Consideration of green solutions and vegetation to improve the area and address complaints about the appearance of the property. Debate over the effectiveness and aesthetics of current plantings, concerns about visibility, seasonal appearance, and resident complaints. Suggestions for additional trees and green options, with a focus on maintaining a positive appearance year-round.

New Business

- **Fish Park Project Bid Award** - Review of the bid process for the Fish Park project, including details of the base bid and alternates. Seven contractors picked up packets; Chicagoland Paving was identified as the lowest qualified bidder. Commissioner Reiss made the motion seconded by Commissioner to award Chicagoland Paving the contract for \$235,000 with a 7% contingency of \$16,450, for a total not to exceed \$251,000. Alternate B (shade structure at Rose Park) for \$21,000 was also approved, bringing the total to \$272,450. The motion passed on a roll call vote as follows:
AYES: Commissioners Stoeckel, Seligmann, McGovern, Reiss, West and Nagel.
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Mazzocchi
- **Oath of Office** – Two commissioners, Joe Mazzocchi and Paul Nagel, were each re-elected for another six-year term. Paul Nagel was sworn in during the meeting; Joe Mazzocchi will be sworn in June. Paul Nagel read out loud and signed his Oath of Office.
- **Nomination of Officers** - Commissioner Nagel made the nomination for the new officers:

President – Michael Reiss
Vice President – Victoria West
Treasurer –Paul Nagel
Secretary – Pat McGovern

The motion carried on an all in favor vote as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Mazzocchi

Correspondence/Commissioner comments: Commissioner Reiss brought up the tax bills might be delayed again this year. He is also taking part in a Community Service Response hosting a mock mass casualty event and is in need of role volunteers. Commissioner Nagel asked if they are putting up sound barriers along our section of Route 53. Commissioner West asked for an update on the Billboard proposal. Fox Point has submitted it through the Village of Palatine but has not received an answer yet. They are working with their lawyers to help move things along.

Unfinished Business: None

There being no further business, Commissioner Stoeckel made the motion seconded by Commissioner West, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:02pm. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

PAUL NAGEL, PRESIDENT

PAT MCGOVERN, SECRETARY