



COLLINSVILLE AREA RECREATION DISTRICT

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES November 18, 2014

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Collinsville Area Recreation District was called to order by President Patrick Collins at 6:35PM, November 18, 2014 at the district office, 10 Gateway Drive, Collinsville, Illinois.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance the roll was called with the following commissioners answering present: Mark Achenbach, Mary Ann Bitzer, Patrick Collins and Jeanne Lomax.

Staff present included: Susan Zaber, Iva Briggs, Ryan Besse, Mark Kosmatka, Kimberli DeRossett.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Achenbach and seconded by Lomax to accept the consent agenda.

- Bitzer pointed out the time being wrong at the end of the October 21 meeting minutes.
- Achenbach noted errors in the area after aquatics.

Those voting AYE were Achenbach, Bitzer, Collins and Lomax. None voted NAY. Motion passed

Attorney Paul Evans arrived at 6:38 PM.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR & STAFF REPORTS

A motion was made by Achenbach, seconded by Bitzer to accept the executive and staff reports:

- Zaber stated a groundbreaking was scheduled for December 5, 2014 for the Solar Panel Project.
- Zaber reported meeting with the Troy Rotary.
- Zaber also reported a meeting between herself, Iva Briggs and a representative of AFI regarding open systems accounting reports.

Commissioner David Tanzyus arrived at 6:42PM.

- Zaber reported the awarding of a grant from MEPRD for the hockey rink project, which needed to be responded to by December 12th.
- Achenbach stated he appreciated each department submitting individual reports.
- Zaber made an announcement of upcoming events, to include Christmas at Willoughby, Breakfast with Santa, and Daddy Daughter Date Night.

- Lomax questioned marketing forms and if and where they were being distributed. Kim DeRossett stated the newsletter was distributed to a variety of businesses and via PDF format to two chambers and the school district.

Those voting AYE were Achenbach, Bitzer, Collins, Lomax and Tanzyus. None voted NAY. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Achenbach, seconded by Tanzyus to accept the audit for fiscal year ending 4/30/2014. Upon roll being called those voting AYE were Achenbach, Bitzer, Collins, Lomax and Tanzyus. None voted Nay. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Bitzer, seconded by Achenbach authorizing the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with National Purchasing Cooperative. Zaber provided explanation about the cooperative. It was stated a percentage of purchases made by organizations through the Buy Board went to local school districts. It was also stated there was no cost associated with the membership or agreement. Paul Evans noted there was an easy exit plan within the agreement, if it was decided to discontinue the membership. Upon roll being called those voting AYE were Achenbach, Bitzer, Collins, Lomax and Tanzyus. None voted NAY. Motion passed.

The 2015 Tax Levy was discussed next. The levy must be submitted by the fourth Tuesday of the month. Achenbach carried the discussion. He stated that with the Collinsville Township, less than one multiplier was involved. The EAV was a little less than 3% of last year, but could change. Achenbach pointed out that when the multiplier was less than 1, the tax rate almost always goes up.

The discussion and action regarding placement of an advisory referendum on April 2015 ballot was next. According to Achenbach this needed to be tabled until next month, and the deadline to submit was January 28, 2015.

The discussion and action regarding the 2015 District facility pricing was next. Zaber introduced Ryan Besse, the Aquatics Supervisor from Splash City Waterpark. He referred to information provided in the Board packet and provided explanation associated with proposed pricing for Splash City. After research, he concluded that if minimum wage goes up, there needed to be a \$2 across the board increase in admission pricing. If there was no minimum wage increase, he recommended keeping the price the same. Achenbach questioned if that applied to season passes. Besse pointed out it just applied to daily sales, admissions only, no rentals. He continued the break down the research he completed. Tanzyus suggested putting a cap on what the season passes would cost. Besse pointed out that Splash City had been losing, on average, \$26.00 per birthday party, which would increase to a loss of \$46 with an increase in minimum wage. Collins pointed out daily admissions should be considered first. He noted that second, there should be a cap on season passes at 25% for example. After additional discussion Achenbach made a motion, seconded by Tanzyus to allow staff to set the season pass rates for 2015 for Splash City for no more than 25% above the current rates. The motion was amended to

give staff authority to set all rates for Splash City with a cap of no more than a 25% increase, except in areas where money was being lost. Bitzer went on to question concessions and CARD running them. It was noted that we are sustainable; we just needed certain equipment like computers that are compatible with VSI and ice machines. This would be ideal for raising revenue at Splash City and the Jaycee Sports Complex. Another note was that the previous concessions that had been outsourced did not stay open when the park was slow. Having concessions set up at Woodland park also was questioned for Fletcher Field. Upon roll being called those voting AYE were Achenbach, Bitzer, Collins, Lomax and Tanzyus. None voted NAY. Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ron Jedda was first to speak. He gave recommendations regarding running concession in-house. He stated it was very difficult to go into the restaurant business. He then proceeded to thank the commissioners for turning around the debt at CARD. He stated he knew the process would not happen overnight, but that the community had been happy there had not been tax increases and that everything within the District had remained open and the level of service had not dropped. He went on to note the wonderful job Susan and Iva had been doing.

Jim Sparks was second to speak. He started off noting that five days prior, CARD celebrated its 24th birthday. He then reviewed meeting minutes from 2011 to 2013. He detailed the changes in the board and the overall actions that had taken place within CARD. He detailed various points made by various board members. He also made note of the various board members and staff members who attended the meetings and that a number of those individuals were no longer with CARD. He reviewed the resignation of various board members as well as the addition of new board members. He stated he felt things could turn around at CARD.

Joe Ashman was third to speak. He stated that it had been quite a ride for him coming to CARD meetings. He stated he could have predicted the results of the November election from his experience of working the phone bank from collecting signatures. It didn't matter where he was or who he contacted, the conversation was pretty much the same, and that regular people were telling the same story as those who had been coming to CARD meetings.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE DISTRICT

Lomax noted that her daughter had a wedding reception at Willoughby Farm and it was a wonderful event. There were a lot of positive comments. The lights were beautiful. Collins noted that his wife had an event at Willoughby Farm as well and they loved the atmosphere.

OTHER BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Collins, seconded by Tanzyus to go into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing the purchase or sale of real property and litigation. (5ILCS 12/2 (c) 5, 6, 11). Those voting AYE were Achenbach, Bitzer, Collins, Lomax and Tanzyus. None voted NAY. Motion passed.

The Board adjourned to CLOSED SESSION at 7:39PM.

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Collinsville Area Recreation District was called to order in OPEN SESSION by President Patrick Collins, November 18, 2014 at 8:12PM at the district office, 10 Gateway Drive, Collinsville, Illinois. Commissioners present were Achenbach, Bitzer, Collins, Lomax and Tanzyus. Staff present included Executive Director Susan Zaber. Attorney Paul Evans was also present.

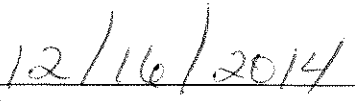
A motion was made by Achenbach, seconded by Lomax to approve Ordinance 14-6, An Ordinance Requesting the Termination of the Park Lease with the City of Collinsville. Upon roll being called those voting AYE were Achenbach, Bitzer, Collins, Lomax and Tanzyus. None voted NAY. Motion passed.

No further business coming before the commissioners, a motion was made by Lomax, seconded by Tanzyus the meeting be adjourned. Those voting AYE were Achenbach, Bitzer, Collins, Lomax and Tanzyus. None voted NAY. Motion passed.

The meeting stood adjourned at 8:13PM

Respectfully submitted,


Susan Zaber, Board Secretary


Date