



COLLINSVILLE AREA RECREATION DISTRICT

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES DECEMBER 15, 2015

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Collinsville Area Recreation was called to order by Treasurer Mark Achenbach at 6:35 PM, December 15, 2015 at the district office, 10 Gateway Drive, Collinsville, Illinois.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance the role was called with the following commissioners answering present: Mark Achenbach, Jeanne Lomax and Brad Sewell.

Staff present included: Douglas Erhart, Iva Briggs, Mark Kosmatka, and Kimberli DeRossett.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Achenbach opened discussion for consent agenda items to approve the following:

- Closed Meeting minutes for October 13th, October 20th, November 17th, and November 25th of 2015.
- Special Meeting minutes for November 5th and November 25th of 2015.
- Regular Meeting minutes for November 17, 2015.
- Claims and Accounts listed in the amount of \$162,693.43.

Achenbach noted to approve the minutes with typos which should be changed at a later time.

A motion was made by Lomax, seconded by Sewell to approve the consent agenda.

Roll was called with the following voting AYE: Achenbach, Lomax and Sewell. None voted NAY. Motion passed.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR & STAFF REPORTS:

Achenbach opened discussion for executive director and staff reports.

Erhart had given the board a copy of the audit and the treasurer's report that was done after the audit. Achenbach questioned Kevin Brown's staff report. He wanted more information about the season's greeting signs to be put up. Kosmatka indicated he believes there are three signs. Achenbach wants to know why we put it up if we do not own the property they are put up on. Erhart questioned if CARD was written on it. Achenbach does not understand why we would put it up on city property. Briggs noted that we already had the signs. No new signs were purchased. Achenbach went on to question Brown's Report. He wanted more information about the meeting with city staff to address the lake pipe under the road at Woodland Park.

A motion was made by Sewell, seconded by Lomax to approve the Executive Director and staff reports.

Roll was called with the following voting AYE: Achenbach, Lomax and Sewell. None voted NAY. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Achenbach opened discussion regarding Capital Expenditures for the remainder of the 2015/2016 Fiscal Year with potential action.

Erhart presented the Board with a printout of the Capital Expenditures for the year thus far and estimates for the remainder of the fiscal year. He noted we have not spent much on actual capital improvement. There was a discussion of the options of the PEP Grant. He went on to explain various issues with Monsoon Mountain and FlowRider. The possibility of not opening the FlowRider for the 2016 season is something the Board will have to decide. It would require about \$25,000 to fix it. Sewell went on to question how much it cost a year to operate the FlowRider.

A motion was made by Sewell, seconded by Achenbach to approve the Capital Expenditures, without the FlowRider repairs, in the amount of \$110,369.00.

Lomax requested more information regarding the surround mowers and the need for two. Erhart noted with the size of the course two would be better instead of continuously pushing the one surround mower. Achenbach continues to push that Arlington Greens needs to become self-sufficient. Erhart agreed and noted that both the golf fund and the water park fund are actually in the black and not necessarily turning a profit. Lomax agrees that TIFF funds should be used and used for projects already completed. A discussion followed regarding the requirements for TIFF funds.

Roll was called with the following voting AYE: Achenbach, Lomax and Sewell. None voted NAY. Motion passed.

Achenbach opened discussion with potential action regarding Ordinance 15-10, an ordinance authorizing the issuance of the 2015, payable 2016 Tax Levy.

Erhart discussed the Levy request for \$1,229,000 which is a slight increase over last year's request. Achenbach discussed the details regarding the levy. He also noted the additional \$15,000 in paving and lighting to reseal the Splash City parking lot. He went on to read the entire Tax Levy request out loud.

- \$330,000 in general corporate tax
- \$330,000 in recreation tax
- \$210,000 in liability insurance
- \$10,000 in audit account
- \$65,000 in Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund
- \$100,000 in social security account
- \$39,000 in worker's compensation
- \$130,000 in museum account
- \$15,000 in paving and lighting

A motion was made by Lomax, seconded by Sewell, to approve Ordinance 15-10.

Sewell asked for more information in detail regarding the Levy. Achenbach and Erhart explained the numbers in more detail. Sewell reminded everyone about the discussion at the Collinsville Township

meeting and asked what would happen if we did not increase the levy. It was noted there is no padding or cushion in funding for operation costs. Lomax asked about shopping around for other insurance. Erhart noted that we are in IParks. Lomax pointed out there was a noticeable increase in the cost. Erhart pointed out there were a good number of claims such as head bumps and falls. He also noted that there is a \$2500 law suit deductible. Briggs pointed out that research has been done recently for insurance and there is nothing cheaper for us since our organization is so large. Erhart noted that \$44,000 was requested and \$49,000 was extended. Achenbach pointed out the operating levy is slightly higher than last year. He also noted that general corporate, museum and recreation fund are set to what the EAV is. Lomax reiterated that insurance went up \$33,000 and the paving and lighting is \$15,000.

Roll was called with the following voting AYE: Achenbach, Lomax and Sewell. None voted NAY. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Achenbach opened discussion with potential action regarding the 2016 Regular Meeting Schedule. Erhart presented continuing the meetings on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 P.M.

A motion was made by Sewell, seconded by Lomax, to approve the 2016 Regular Meeting Schedule.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Achenbach opened the floor for public comment.

Joe Ashmann was the first and only to speak for public comment. He indicated that those on the board who signed the petition or are actively pursuing the dissolving of CARD should resign from the board. He went on to discuss his history with CARD and how he became involved. He also noted CARD is not the best in government; it might be the worst in government. He also explained what he feels dissolving CARD means. Again, he noted board members should consider resignation from the board if they are supporting the dissolving of CARD because of a conflict of interest.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE DISTRICT

Achenbach opened the floor for the good of the district.

- Achenbach discussed taxes. He discussed the tax levy that was passed tonight for operating expenses. For CARD, it's just a small portion of the total levy. The main levy is the debt. He feels it is important for the people to understand what is coming up on their tax bill. He explained the Rollover Bond. He noted it was very difficult this year and how close we came to defaulting. He explained how the financial institution backed out at the last minute and left us standing in the wind. He also noted how the Executive Director, attorney and Financial Coordinator went out on a holiday weekend to find someone to back us. He also noted the consequences and that we have to pay for the fact that we really needed to borrow money. It cost \$91,000 for procurement and interest costs to pay long term debt. That is the price to pay for really needing a loan. He also pointed out there is a chance the tax payers will have to pay two years of long term debt payment this year instead of one year. He noted the choices are lousy and that we need a solution by March 1, 2016. The tax payers may have to pay \$0.71 instead of

\$0.47. Sewell noted this would be a one-time payment, not a regular payment. Lomax indicated that CARD would never need to do another Rollover Bond. A member of the audience asked if this is a doomsday scenario. Achenbach noted not necessarily doomsday but it's bad for one year. He also noted the rollover bonds started in 2004. We have an Alternate Revenue Source Bond now; they did not have that prior to 2004. He also noted the Long Term Debt is not increasing and that we have been making interest only payments. Ashmann also pointed out that Achenbach is running this show. Another audience member questioned what CARD would be worth at an auction. Achenbach gave an estimate of approximately \$10,000,000.

OTHER BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Sewell and seconded by Lomax, to go into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing the employment, compensation, or dismissal of specific employees, purchase or sale of real property, and litigation. (5 ILCS 120/2(c) 1, 5, 6, 11) Those voting AYE were Achenbach, Lomax and Sewell. None voted NAY. Motion passed.

The Board adjourned to CLOSED SESSION at 7:35 PM.

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Collinsville Area Recreation District was called to order in OPEN SESSION by Achenbach, December 15, 2015 at 7:53 PM at the district office, 10 Gateway Drive, Collinsville, Illinois. Commissioners present were Achenbach, Lomax and Sewell. Staff present included Executive Director Doug Erhart.

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

The meeting stood adjourned at 7:54 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberli DeRossett, Recording Secretary

Date