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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES MARCH 15, 2016

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Collinsville Area Recreation District was called to order by President Patrick Collins at 6:30 PM, March 15, 2016 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, Patrick Collins, Jeanne Lomax, Brad Sewell and David Tanzyus.

Staff present included: Doug Erhart, Kimberli DeRossett, Mark Kosmatka, Ebony Pollard, Jessica Jader, Keith Grotefendt and Tim Childers. Attorney Andrew Carruthers and Bond Consultant Tim King were present as well.

Collins introduced Sean Flynn of Gilmore & Bell P.C., Card's new Bond Counsel. Flynn introduced himself and his coworker Eric Kreach.

SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR

Collins opened the floor for public speakers from the floor.

First to speak was Mike Kamp. He noted he has been with CBSL since 1989. He currently has his own league, the Metro East Recreation Baseball League. He wants CARD to keep the sports complex. He wants to know if Extreme is trying to do a hostile takeover. He noted that CBSL would like for CARD to continue with the sports complex and he has worked with good people at the complex and would like to keep it that way. Collins addressed the issue and noted CARD signed a 19 year lease for the sports complex in 2010.

Second to speak was Joe Ashmann. He stated he is so upset when paying taxes, he doesn't look at what he is paying to CARD. He noted he has no clue as to how much he is paying to CARD in taxes. He noted he is disappointed in the decisions made because he does not want us to incur more debt. He also noted that the audience at the last meeting was not a representation of the tax payers.

Third to speak was Jim Sparks. He started by handing flyers out to the audience and board. He noted he has a problem with The Pledge of Allegiance. It seems to be required at every public venue he goes to. He noted it is always said wrong. He stated he will not pledge allegiance to anything that does not provide liberty and justice to all. The issue is that it is written "One nation under God" not "One Nation, Under God." He went on to note he does not feel the previous meeting minutes from January 19, 2016, did him justice.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

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

- Regular Meeting minutes for February 16, 2016 and February 29, 2016
- Closed Meeting Minutes for February 16, 2016 and February 29, 2016
- Treasurer's Report for February 2016
- Claims and Accounts List \$128,417.88

Collins made a motion to move Closed Meeting minutes for February 16, 2016 and February 29, 2016 to closed session.

Tanzys made a motion, seconded by Sewell, to accept the consent agenda.

Achenbach noted he thinks the most recent meeting minutes are a summary of a summary. He feels information was left out. He noted the last few meetings have been quite contentious and that is not shown in the meeting minutes. Collins noted that when detail was provided he wanted it more summarized. He would like the meeting minutes for Regular Meeting Minutes and Special Meeting Minutes from February to be redone and to include more of what happened in those meetings. Achenbach does not believe we should be doing verbatim. He stated the minutes need to be a summary of what happened at the meetings.

Collins made a motion, seconded by Tanzys, to remove the Regular and Closed meeting minutes be removed from the agenda and moved to a later meeting.

He went on to question the safety jacket listed in the parks department on the Claims and Accounts List. It was noted by Grotefendt these were 70 safety t-shirts from Sew Time. He went on to question a golf refund being under the museum fund. Pollard noted it should be under golf.

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

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR & STAFF REPORTS

Collins opened discussion for the executive director and staff reports.

- Erhart reviewed his report and noted we are continuing to find ways to save money. Achenbach and Erhart discussed an Accelerated Payment Notice from IMRF on Iva Briggs.

Achenbach made a motion, seconded by Collins, to accept the executive director and staff reports.

- Achenbach went on to question the PEP Grant and the tracking of expenditures. He noted he wants the use of the PEP Grant to be tracked. He went on to commend Mark Marcuzzo for getting sponsorship on the golf balls and numerous other items.
- Collins asked Erhart to discuss the pumps at Arlington Greens that are not on our property. They take water out of the creek and put it into the levee when we get a lot of rain. It benefits the golf course and the neighborhood. Erhart noted we have been paying for them and it is currently being resolved with Granite City Sewer District #1 so that we do not pay the entire bill for the pumps.

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

PUBLIC HEARING

Collins opened the public hearing regarding the intent to sell General Obligation Park Bonds not to exceed the amount of \$1,500,000 for the purpose of providing funds to pay the principal of and interest on the District's outstanding alternate revenue bonds and to pay costs of issuance of the bonds. With this proposed action, once it is complete, it will bring the Park District in full compliance of any outstanding alternate revenue bonds. There is nothing to actually vote on tonight. Erhart asked Bond Counsel when we would be ready to vote on this. According to Flynn, under the current proposal, the issue would be back before the board to vote on the rollover bond at the April 19 meeting.. Today's hearing is only for the rollover bonds.

Achenbach asked how that affects the refunding of the alternate revenue bond given that the bond is currently in non-compliance. Flynn noted that refunding the 2004 bond would make that non-compliant bond go away. He questioned how the bond rating would be if we are in non-compliance. Flynn noted S & P would look at all the facts and give a corresponding rating. They will know that CARD did the abatement without having funds on deposit. Achenbach noted the various organizations and companies that do not know we went into non-compliance. Flynn stated there is no black or white answer. He noted you can say it is material or it isn't material. The fact that you have done the rollover bonds eleven years in a row are all facts that would lead a reasonable person to say it is not material and therefore no other filing is necessary. Flynn noted a lot of it has to do with the Board's intent.

Sewell questioned how many other boards have the same problems we have. Collins asked if we could do a naked abatement. Flynn indicated yes. Achenbach noted there is a cost for doing that. Collins noted the rollover bond takes away the risk.

An audience member questioned if this was part of the public hearing. The board indicated it is. The audience member noted that Robert's Rules of Order the board needs to ask for input from the residents before the board does any discussion. He noted this is the second time tonight that anyone can speak. He indicated he does not have a desire to speak, but the board is not playing by Robert's Rules of Order. He noted the lawyer should correct the board as to what is going on. Carruthers noted the board has not yet presented an opportunity for second public comment. He went on to indicate that the board is presenting to the public what their intentions are and then will seek feedback from the public. The audience member noted, he does not care what they have to say, there are certain procedures to go through first. Input from residents, then the public speakers then what the Board's intentions were.

Collins went on to open for a second public comment session of the evening.

Ashmann was the first to speak. He noted that people who set up TIF districts are snake oil salesmen. Without knowing anything about this bond situation, he thinks these bond salesmen are snake oil salesmen. He thinks the bond salesman did a heck of a job selling bonds to the board.

Another audience member commented that he served with the City Counsel for four years. He noted when you go to any court of law, it doesn't matter what the audience has recorded or shows, it is what the judge decides. The judge listens to what the clerk says. He asked Carruthers if that was correct. Carruthers answered no. If there is an authenticated audio or video recording, that will be accepted. The audience member disagreed.

Sparks commented on the advancement of technology and the ability to do verbatim capture up front. He then continued with his earlier discussion regarding the Pledge of Allegiance and the addition of "Under God." He read the Pledge of Allegiance and emphasized the comas recited throughout.

There were no more speakers from the floor. Collins noted there was nothing to vote on at this time and the discussion would continue at a later time.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

Collins opened discussion and potential action regarding approval to obtain a liquor license, allowing CARD to sell alcohol at the Jaycee's Sport Complex.

After discussion, it was decided no action would be taken at this time and the matter would be further investigated.

Collins opened discussion with potential action regarding the approval of Resolution #16-3, authorizing the Executive Director to apply for the Environmental Grant Fund from Madison County, Illinois.

Achenbach made a motion, seconded by Tanzyus, to accept Resolution #16-3.

Erhart noted this \$22,000 project is partially funded by the PEP Grant. He is seeking a motion for a resolution to submit the grant.

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

FOR THE GOOD OF THE DISTRICT

Collins opened the floor for the good of the district.

Lomax noted that her grandson has been coming to Totally Tots Playtime and he loves it. He is three and a half

OTHER BUSINESS

A motion was made by Sewell, 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© 1, 5, 6, 11). Those voting AYE were Achenbach, Collins, Lomax and Sewell. None voted NAY. Motion passed.

The Board adjourned to CLOSED SESSION at 7:40 PM.

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Collinsville Area Recreation District was called to order in OPEN SESSION by Collins, March 15, 2016 at 8:43 PM at the district office, 10 Gateway Drive, Collinsville, Illinois. Commissioners present were Achenbach, Collins, Sewell and Tanzyus. Staff present included Executive Director Doug Erhart. Carruthers was present as well.

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

The meeting stood adjourned at 8:44 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberli DeRossett, Recording Secretary

Date