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## **REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**SEPTEMBER 19, 2017**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Collinsville Area Recreation District was called to order by President Ronald Jedda at 6:30 PM, September 19, 2017 at the district office, 10 Gateway Drive, Collinsville, Illinois.

The roll was called with the following commissioners answering present: Mark Achenbach, Jeanne Lomax, Aaron Wright and Ronald Jedda.

Staff present include: Doug Erhart, Kimberli DeRossett, Tim Childers, Keith Grotefendt, Jessica Jader, Mark Kosmatka and Jill Rice. District Counsel James Craney was present as well.

### **SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR**

Jedda opened the floor for speakers from the floor.

The first speaker from the floor was Brian Therien of 218 Edwards Street, Glen Carbon, Illinois. He questioned why his petition to disconnect was rejected. Craney informed him that it is not on tonight's agenda because it cannot be taken up for 30 days, the parcel does not meet the technical requirements as his property is not on the border. He went on to advise him on the necessary steps to meet the technical requirements for disconnection.

Brad Sewell arrived at 6:33 PM.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Jedda opened the floor to review and accept the consent agenda items including:

- Regular Meeting Minutes for August 15, 2017
- Closed Meeting Minutes for August 15, 2017
- Redacted Closed Meeting Minutes for February 16, 2017; March 21, 2017; April 18, 2017; May 2, 2017; May 16, 2017; June 20, 2017; July 18, 2017
- Treasurer's Report for August 2017
- Claims and Accounts List in the amount of \$377,308.72
- Budget Tracking Reports for August 2017

A motion was made by Achenbach, seconded by Sewell, to accept the consent agenda items.

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

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR & STAFF REPORTS**

Jedda opened the floor for executive director & staff reports.

Erhart discussed the following topics:

- Splash City Waterpark comparison since 2014. The revenue for three months was \$672,379. The general admission number was up 17% for adults, 12% for children and 40% for general admission seniors. He noted there was no change in the amount of residents attending the waterpark. Achenbach would like to know how many season passes were purchased by residents versus non-residents. Childers will have a report at the next board meeting. Erhart suggested reevaluating season pass pricing. Childers noted that most of the sales were done when there was a 30% to 40% discount, and then there was a drastic decline in sales. Erhart went on to note that the after 4 PM admission was up 94%. Erhart noted we sold 39 fewer

season passes than in 2016. He then discussed concession sales. There was an increase to \$151,773 from \$140,000 in 2016. Revenue in 2017 was \$672,000 and expenses were \$410,000, so Splash City made \$262,000. His goal was \$300,000, but \$47,000 was lost in August. He went on to question if it was reasonable to stay open through Labor Day when sales were so low after switching to weekends only. Jedda questioned if we can track how often season passes are used. Childers indicated we can, but one of the turn styles that track them is not working. Jedda went on to question the difference in Budget Tracking numbers versus Tim's report. Jader noted Budget Tracking was for the fiscal year and Time's report started in January.

- Erhart commended Grotefendt and his team on all of their work throughout the parks, especially with the restroom at Fletcher Field being made ADA compliant using CARD staff to save money for other projects.

Achenbach noted he likes the upgrades with the Willoughby Farm website. Childers indicated it was primarily done by volunteers.

A motion was made by Sewell, seconded by Achenbach, to accept the Executive Director & Staff Reports.

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

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Jedda opened the floor for old business.

The first item of Old Business was discussion with potential action regarding Ordinance #17-5, an ordinance regarding petitions to disconnect from CARD.

A motion was made by Wright, seconded by Achenbach, to accept Ordinance #17-5, an ordinance regarding petitions to disconnect from CARD.

Roll was called with the following commissioners voting AYE: Achenbach, Lomax, Wright and Jedda. Sewell voted NAY. Motion passed.

The second item of Old Business was discussion with potential action regarding new submissions of petitions to disconnect from CARD. Erhart noted there were three new petitions submitted. On September 13, the residents of 222 Edwards Street submitted a petition. On August 25, the residents of 218 Edwards Street submitted a petition. They are not eligible because neither is on the CARD border. The third includes 26 parcels in Whispering Hills Estates. They obtained 17 signatures to disconnect. That was submitted on September 7 and will not be eligible until the next regular board meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Jedda opened the floor for new business.

The first item of New Business was discussion with potential action regarding the renewal of CARD liability/property insurance coverage. Erhart obtained a quote from Redmon Insurance Agency. Because of some outstanding claims with IParks, Redmon would not be able to cover certain claims. Erhart was able to negotiate with IParks based on the quote from Redmon and received an annual premium with a three year guarantee of \$146,562 instead of \$182,500. The insurance now includes items like earthquake and mine subsidence coverage for \$5,000,000. We also have \$50,000 in coverage for crime dishonesty and \$11 million in business auto.

A motion was made by Achenbach, seconded by Sewell, to accept the renewal of CARD liability/property insurance coverage through IParks.

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

The second item of New Business was discussion with potential action regarding the renewal of CARD employee health insurance coverage. Erhart discussed our options. United Healthcare has increased 19% from last year. This does not seem uncommon in the marketplace. It went from \$549.05 to \$653 and employees pay \$25 per pay period as they have for the last year. Erhart also presented the board with a quote from Blue Cross Blue Shield and they do not have one policy that is cheaper than UHC. Achenbach asked employees if they have any issues with UHC and if they are customer friendly. The present staff concurred that they are happy with UHC. Lomax questioned the deductible. Erhart noted it is \$1,000 in network for an individual, 80% co insurance, max out of pocket of \$6,250 for in network. Jedda asked if CARD has a health reimbursement account or premium reimbursement. It was noted that premiums are currently being deducted pre-tax. Lomax noted the employees that it is a pretty darn good deal. Jedda asked if increasing what the employees pay has been looked into. Erhart noted that when looking at the salaries within the district, nobody is getting rich and the current health plan is considered part of the employee compensation. By charging the employees more for health insurance, it would be like taking money out of their pocket.

A motion was made by Achenbach, seconded by Wright, to accept the renewal of CARD employee health insurance with UHC.

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

The third item of New Business was discussion with potential action regarding the solicitation of bids for cutting grass at the park properties and other properties owned and/or leased by CARD. Jedda would like for bids to include two parts, a bid for all properties as one and bids for each property individually. It was noted the different time of year might make a difference in cost and the amount of bids received.

A motion was made by Achenbach, seconded by Sewell, to accept the solicitation of bids for cutting grass at the park properties and other properties owned and/or leased by CARD.

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

### **FOR THE GOOD OF THE DISTRICT**

Jedda opened the floor for the good of the district.

Achenbach is looking forward to Fall Farm Day.

Lomax is looking forward to the Fall Yard Sale at Woodland Park. Lomax asked about advertising. Jader noted there is a huge Facebook presence and that we are currently promoting for attendees instead of just sales.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

A motion was made by Sewell, seconded by Wright, 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, Lomax, Sewell, Wright and Jedda. None voted NAY. Motion passed.

The Board adjourned to CLOSED SESSION at 7:05 PM.

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Collinsville Area Recreation District was called to order in OPEN SESSION by Jedda, September 19, 2017 at 8:25 PM at the district office, 10 Gateway Drive, Collinsville, Illinois. Commissioners present were Achenbach, Lomax, Sewell, Wright and Jedda. Staff present included Executive Director Doug Erhart. District Attorney James Craney was present as well.

A motion was made by Sewell, seconded by Wright, to approve Ordinance #17-6, an ordinance approving transfer of certain territories from the Collinsville Area Recreation District, Arlington Wetlands, to the County of Madison, under the Local Government Property Transfer Act.

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

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

The meeting stood adjourned at 8:26 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Kimberli DeRossett, Recording Secretary

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