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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 18, 2017

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Collinsville Area Recreation District was called to order by Vice President Jeanne Lomax at 6:35 PM, April 18, 2017 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, Jeanne Lomax and Brad Sewell.

Staff present included: Doug Erhart, Kimberli DeRossett, Kevin Brown, Keith Grotefendt, Mark Kosmatka, Jessica Jader and Jill Rice. District Attorney Andrew Carruthers arrived at 6:43 PM.

SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR

Lomax opened the floor for speakers from the floor.

The first speaker to address the Board was Robert Turnbull. He is concerned with the recent changes to Arlington Greens Golf Course's senior scramble. Previously, participants would have to show up at 6:30 AM to register for holes. Recently it was changed and participants can each pay a \$15.00 fee to reserve a hole for the rest of the year and would not have to arrive early to sign up. They do not mind paying a fee to reserve a hole, but do not like the lack of information and prior notice to those who attend regularly, especially those that are within the District. Erhart is going to look into this matter.

The second speaker to address the Board was Nick Olbrich. He is inquiring on the current status of the skating rink at Glidden Park. It has been closed for over a year. He and a large group of friends, have been playing hockey there since 2005 and would like for the rink to be usable again. He wants to know what it would take to make the rink usable again.

Erhart noted we do not have the money to rebuild it. He also noted one of the goals was stolen and there was ongoing vandalism with the boards surrounding the rink.

Brown noted that the most recent proposal to rebuild the hockey rink was about \$100,000. Olbrich noted that it is part of the community and he is sure they can get volunteers and people in the community to help and help from other organizations like the St. Louis Blues as well as trivia nights and such. Lomax noted that was a great idea.

Achenbach noted that the park is owned by the City of Collinsville and that CARD leases and operates the park. So when the major assets have to be rebuilt that is more than operating the park. He referred to CARD as the renters. Asking CARD to rebuild the rink would be like asking a renter to reroof the rented property. He went on to suggest the group go to the City of Collinsville and suggest for them to repair the rink.

Olbrich went on to ask if the rink was to be put in place, would CARD maintain it. Would CARD not let it fall to pieces as it has? Achenbach noted that our staff was not out there damaging the location. Stuff breaks down. Asphalt breaks. There is large crack in the asphalt in the center of the rink. Olbrich asked who paid for the demolishing of the boards around the rink. Achenbach said we took them down because CARD has to pay the insurance on the location. When CARD's insurance carrier inspected the site he said there is a problem and someone is going to get hurt, so there is a fence in place to prevent that. Erhart noted we took it down with our own staff; a contractor was not hired to do it. He also noted that CARD bought the fence and put it up ourselves.

Olbrich noted that the rink was working and functioning and that CARD paid to have it taken down and put a fence around it. Achenbach went on to note that CARD is not using their money to fix the rink and reiterated that the group should address the City. He again noted that CARD operates the parks. Olbrich asked if the City agreed to go with fundraising, would CARD be obligated to maintain the parks. Sewell suggested getting the money and going from there. The Board cannot make any promises tonight.

Another speaker, John Butterfield, asked what it would take to get the rink at Glidden Park up and running. Achenbach said to go to the City of Collinsville and demand that they take their parks back. Tell them you don't like the way CARD is doing it. Butterfield does not want to get into a political debate; he just wants to get the rink up and running again. He went on to reiterate that it is a City park and rebuilding the rink is more than operating. Erhart suggested the group get a proposal. Lomax suggested the group try to contact some contractors or work with Home Depot. The Board and the group discussed maintaining versus operating.

Olbrich asked if they were to get the funding to rebuild the rink, would CARD prevent them from building the rink. Achenbach does not want to commit to anything just yet because there are too many moving parts. He is open to it. Carruthers noted it was a matter of cost because of maintenance.

The remaining individuals that signed up to speak: Dillon Strittmatter, Alex Kaiser, Nick Crossley and John Stehman all were signed up to speak about the hockey rink at Glidden Park. They did not speak individually.

CONSENT AGENDA

Lomax opened discussion to review and accept the consent agenda items including:

- Regular Meeting Minutes for March 21, 2017
- Closed Regular Minutes for March 21, 2017
- Treasurer's Report for March 2017
- Claims and Accounts List in the amount of \$240,620.11
- Budget Tracking Reports for March 2017

Achenbach made a motion, seconded by Sewell, to accept the Consent Agenda items.

Lomax questioned the TCF Equipment Finance in the Golf Fund on Claims & Accounts. Erhart noted \$250 was the prep fee for the lease on the 2016 TORO Workman MD and the \$1,295.18 was the monthly payment for the lease to own on a mower.

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

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR & STAFF REPORTS

Lomax opened discussion with potential action regarding Executive Director & Staff Reports.

Erhart reviewed the following items:

- The 2017-2018 Budget is being worked on. He noted all 13 funds are below expense budget for the 2016-2017 fiscal year.
- He went on to note there is \$500,000 more in the bank than this time last year. That will be used to make some of the bond payment.
- The transfer of the of the Bond Paying Agent/Registrar responsibilities from Bank of New York Mellon to UMB has been completed. This will save \$20,000 over the life of the bonds.
- He went on to discuss the large insurance claim that is pending from the February hail storm. Both air conditioning units on the roof are damaged and one may have to be totally replaced. The roof and siding are damaged. Achenbach asked if there was any damage to the solar panels. Erhart said they are working and from what the adjuster could see, there was no damage.

- Erhart noted that Grotefendt is up and running as the Superintendent of Parks. He also noted the ball fields have already hosted tournaments at the sports complex which brought in \$2,000 in concessions during the first week.
- He noted Jader's success with Breakfast with the Bunny and that she is planning the second annual Spring Festival on May 13. He questioned Grotefendt and Jader's suggestion of recrowning fields at the sports complex. Jader noted that not doing so could lead to loss of fields from rain.
- He went on to note that Marcuzzo is pushing for \$80,000 in revenue for April. He also noted the head golf professional from St. Louis Country Club recently won a golf cart for a year from TNT Golf Cart. It is ADA compliant and was donated to Arlington Greens for the year.
- He noted that Carol Frerker has been very busy at the farm and that they have two new lambs, a calf and two goats. Achenbach questioned the possibility of the farm acquiring a pig. Kosmatka said it is probably not going to happen. It is a pot belly pig and is approximately 60 pounds.
- Erhart went on to note Tim Childer's report and the increased number of website clicks, especially for Willoughby Farm. He noted Willoughby's website had over 17,000 clicks, but that was probably because of the donkey that was punched.
- He went on to note that DeRossett was voted in to represent CARD on the Collinsville Progress Board.

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

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

OLD BUSINESS

Lomax opened the floor for old business.

Erhart presented Kevin Brown with a Commendatory Resolution for his retirement. Brown thanked the Board and the Board thanked Brown for his continued service and hard work over the 19 and a half years he worked with CARD.

No action was required.

The Board discussed the lease of a 2016 TORO Workman MD for Arlington Greens Golf Course. Sewell noted it looks like a standard lease. The course had been using a golf cart to haul various items around.

Sewell made a motion, seconded by Achenbach, to approve the lease of a 2016 TORO Workman MD for Arlington Greens Golf Course.

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

The Board discussed the proposals from Columbia Electric Motors regarding the FlowRider. The company found out the amount of power going into the motors is far higher than what is required, and to put them into a different park, they would have to rebuild them to take less electricity. Erhart noted the non-working motor may not be burned up; it could be a simple fix. If it is not burned up the proposed rate would be \$10,700 for an inspection, annual maintenance as well as fixing the motor. If the motor is burned up, the proposed rate would be \$30,680. This would include rebuilding the motor on site as well as an annual inspection. It also includes work on the remaining motor. Sewell asked how much it would cost to find out what needs to be done. Erhart noted it would not cost anything to find out what needs to be done. The company will be here anyway working on other projects for \$2,100 and they would do a free FlowRider inspection. Erhart noted FlowRider costs about \$3,600 a month to operate. Achenbach is against it all together. He noted, they could fix it for free and he would still vote no. He said it costs more to operate than we bring in through marginal revenue. Erhart noted an idea would be to have a surcharge for individuals that wanted to use the FlowRider. He also noted there are a lot of different ways to bring in additional revenue directly for FlowRider, including tournaments. Achenbach again said even if they fix it for free, he is against starting the FlowRider back up because we can't keep floating things on the cost of the

taxpayers. We have to make things at least break even. He believes part of the reason Splash City made money in 2016 was because the FlowRider broke and they could stop running it. Carruthers asked if there has ever been any litigation regarding the attraction. Erhart said he has not seen anything regarding the FlowRider. He has seen litigation for other attractions. Sewell suggested doing a study to see if it would be profitable. He wants to know how many people get on FlorRider per day. With only three Board members present, they would not have the votes.

No action required.

NEW BUSINESS

Lomax opened the floor for new business.

Erhart discussed the Tentative Budget for the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year. Achenbach questioned the Transfers In line item on Revenue for \$441,500. Erhart noted that is the money that is still sitting with the Bank of New York Mellon and will be used to make the second payment for bonds that are due June 1, 2017. Achenbach asked if that is not in the cash on hand in the beginning. Erhart noted it was in Debt Retirement.

Achenbach made a motion, seconded by Sewell, to accept the Tentative Budget and Appropriation for the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year.

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

FOR THE GOOD OF THE DISTRICT

Lomax opened the floor for the good of the district.

Erhart had an award made through IAPD to present to David Tanzyus for his six years of work as a Board Member.

OTHER BUSINESS

A motion was made by Sewell, seconded by Achenbach, 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 and Sewell. None voted NAY. Motion passed.

The Board adjourned to CLOSED SESSION at 7:50 PM.

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Collinsville Area Recreation District was called to order in OPEN SESSION by Lomax, April 18, 2017 at 8:06 PM at the district office, 10 Gateway Drive, Collinsville, Illinois. Commissioners present were Achenbach, Lomax and Sewell. Staff present included Executive Director Doug Erhart. District Attorney Andrew Carruthers was present as well.

Achenbach requested to schedule a special meeting because Lomax will not be able to attend the next regular scheduled meeting. The meeting will be to swear in the new Board Commissioners. The Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners has been scheduled for Tuesday, May 2, 2017 at 6:30 PM at the district office, 10 Gateway Drive, Collinsville, Illinois.

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, Lomax and Sewell. None voted NAY. Motion passed.

The meeting stood adjourned at 8:12 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberli DeRossett, Recording Secretary

Date