



COLLINSVILLE AREA RECREATION DISTRICT

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## REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 19, 2013

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Collinsville Area Recreation District was called to order by President Andrew Carruthers at 6:31 PM, February 19, 2013 at the district office, 10 Gateway Drive, Collinsville, Illinois.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance the roll was called with the following commissioners answering present: Andrew Carruthers, Patrick Collins, Spike Bryant and Mary Ann Bitzer. Commissioner David Tanzyus was absent.

Staff present included Executive Director Terry Wilson and Administrative Assistant Susan Zaber. Attorney David Gerber was also present.

### PUBLIC COMMENT:

Don Heyden addressed the Board regarding the Schnuck Park dam leakage issue, which he also addressed at the November 2012 regular meeting. He stated after the recent rains he noticed the water leakage increased significantly, and the increased damage scenario would continue till there was a wash out. He referenced a letter he sent to Terry Wilson in February which had a repair solution attached.

Jim Sparks addressed the Board and asked several questions of the Board and the Executive Director. He asked Terry Wilson to require the Park District staff to attend the Board meetings, and stated he thought they should be there to answer questions. He asked Terry Wilson to hold his ground regarding Miner's Theater. He stated it was rumored that Chad Robbins was at the completion of his requirements to become a PGA Pro and that he was looking to move on. He asked Terry for a comment. None was provided because the question referenced a personnel matter. He stated his thoughts were that the past nepotism, memorandum of understanding, free schooling, books, etc. to become a certified PGA Pro, and salary made for a lucrative contract for CARD to get nothing long term in return if what was rumored was true. He asked if last year's fiscal year ending numbers were available.

- In regard to not having staff at meetings, Andrew Carruthers stated that was his suggestion, which was adopted by Terry, because he did not find it necessary. He stated if it was something the Board wanted to change they could discuss it.
- Regarding Miner's, Andrew stated Collinsville was still deciding whether or not they wanted to forgive the TIF reimbursement and that Terry was continuing to have conversations with the City Manager. He stated Miner's could not be sold yet, because MIF had the right of first refusal. He stated Miner's had a historical designation and could not be demolished, unless that status was removed.
- Regarding Arlington Greens, he stated as of last month the golf course was approximately \$80,000 - \$90,000 ahead operationally, and that the fiscal year end was April 30<sup>th</sup>.

Joe Ashmann addressed the Board regarding the public comment and stated he thought it needed to be modified. He stated the public comment was identical to the City of Collinsville and school board, and if modified people wouldn't have to wait to address the Board regarding topics discussed. He referenced a Collinsville City Council meeting he attended when Miner's Institute was discussed and stated there were questions asked about things that should have been known when the Council granted the TIF funds. He stated it was implied that the people of Collinsville would be getting a bad deal by not getting the funds back from CARD, and he tried to convey that CARD and Collinsville tax payers were one in the same. He stated there was a new group interested in Miner's and when they had skin in the game with their money, not tax payers, he would not be the skeptic was now.

Mark Achenbach addressed the Board regarding the City of Collinsville TIF fund. He stated because of the way the TIF funds were set up he felt he personally paid into the TIF fund because his tax rates to CARD went up every year because when CARD levied the tax dollars the TIF increment was pulled out of the calculation, which made the percentage go up for his taxes. He stated he paid more to CARD because there was property in downtown Collinsville that had tax dollars diverted into the TIF fund. He stated Collinsville looked at that money like it was their money, but that money came from other taxing districts. He stated the amount initially collected as CARD taxes, but because of TIF was moved were: 2011 - \$161,640.20, 2010 - \$215,000, 2009 - \$222,000, and 2008 - \$188,000. He questioned how the City of Collinsville could view CARD as being unreasonable when the \$235, 000 was paid by CARD six to seven times over the years.

- Attorney David Gerber asked for clarification about the TIF funds referenced, and Mark Achenbach explained he went to the tax computation report and it showed the tax district's EAV and showed what was exempt. He stated there were no TIF districts in Maryville or northern St. Clair County, and he knew of no other TIF's except the TIF districts in Collinsville that were within CARD. He stated he took what was exempt and the percent tax rate multiplied by the increment of what was removed from the CARD EAV to get to dollar amounts.

## **INTRODUCTION:**

Terry Wilson introduced Karl Schmidt as CARD's new Aquatic Supervisor to the Board and public. Karl spoke and provided information about his background and experience.

## **CONSENT AGENDA:**

A motion was made by Spike Bryant, seconded by Patrick Collins to approve the consent agenda to include January 2013 Regular and Closed Session minutes, the Treasurer's report for January 2013, and the Claims and Accounts list in the amount of \$196,771.26. Upon roll being called, those voting AYE were: Carruthers, Collins, Bryant, Bitzer. None voted NAY. Motion passed.

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/STAFF REPORTS:**

Executive Director Terry Wilson read from staff reports. Some highlights referenced from the reports included:

- Working on submittal of PEP grant request for potential \$132,000 for 11 projects.

- Working on budgets for the next fiscal year.
- Rehab of Willoughby Farm house was progressing.
- An increase in program participation was observed since changes to program guide were made.
- The house CARD owns on Vivian Lane was scheduled for demolition within 3-4 weeks for approximately \$6700.
- Attended Collinsville City Council meeting to discuss Miner's.

Mary Ann Bitzer made a motion, seconded by Spike Bryant to accept staff reports. Upon roll being called, those voting AYE were: Carruthers, Collins, Bryant, Bitzer. None voted NAY. Motion passed.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Regarding the property CARD owns on Tara Lane, Terry Wilson stated because there were three referendums on the ballot, and there could only be three, the 7+ acres originally partitioned out to sell needed to be revised. In order to sell more than 3 acres there needed to be a referendum and that could not be done due to there already being 3 referendums on the ballot. He stated he talked to Oates about redoing the boundary lines to partition out less than 3 acres, so that the property could be sold sooner and without taking it to referendum, which would mean waiting another year.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Regarding the approval of tax abatement of bond levies Andrew Carruthers explained why the tax levies had to be abated. Patrick Collins made a motion, seconded by Spike Bryant that the tax levies for Ordinance Numbers 07-1 and 09-7 be abated. Upon roll being called, those voting AYE were: Carruthers, Collins, Bryant, Bitzer. None voted NAY. Motion passed.

Regarding a resolution to add IPPFA 457 as a deferred compensation plan option for the District Terry Wilson stated it was a plan he had at his previous job and adding the plan as an option would allow him to continue to put funds into the plan, and provide another options for employees. Spike Bryant made a motion, seconded by Mary Ann Bitzer Resolution that Resolution 13-1, a resolution authorizing and approving a deferred compensation plan for the Collinsville Area Recreation District, be approved. Upon roll being called, those voting AYE were: Carruthers, Collins, Bryant, Bitzer. None voted NAY. Motion passed.

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

Commissioner Patrick Collins referenced Collinsville Ordinance 4472, entitled an "Ordinance Governing Conduct during Meetings of the City Council and the Commission, Boards, and Sub-Bodies of Collinsville, Illinois". He read that city residents, city business owners, and interested parties may address the Council. He stated he thought the City of Collinsville was making decisions that effected CARD and CARD's budget and that people within Maryville would be designated as an interested party. It was stated that Jim Sparks had tried it, but was not allowed to speak.

Patrick Collins referenced the Arlington Greens revenue versus expenses report and stated in January it showed that revenues were over expenses in the amount of approximately \$60,000.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

A motion was made by Patrick Collins, seconded by Mary Ann Bitzer that the Commissioners go into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing Closed Session for the purpose of discussing the sale or lease of property and litigation. (5 ILCS 120/2(c) 6/11) Upon roll being called, those voting AYE were: Carruthers, Collins, Bryant, Bitzer. None voted NAY. Motion passed.

The board adjourned to CLOSED SESSION at 7:15 PM.

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Collinsville Area Recreation District was called to order in OPEN SESSION by President Andrew Carruthers at 7:50 PM, February 19, 2013 at the district office, 10 Gateway Drive, Collinsville, Illinois. Upon roll being called the following commissioners answered present: Andrew Carruthers, Patrick Collins, Spike Bryant and Mary Ann Bitzer. Staff present included Executive Director Terry Wilson and Administrative Assistant Susan Zaber. Attorney David Gerber was also present.

No further business coming before the Commissioners, a motion was made by Spike Bryant, seconded by Patrick Collins that the meeting be adjourned. Upon roll being called, those voting AYE were: Carruthers, Collins, Bryant, Bitzer. None voted Nay. Motion passed.

The meeting stood adjourned at 7:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Susan Zaber, Recording Secretary

3/19/13  
Date