

COLLINSVILLE AREA RECREATION DISTRICT

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## **CLOSED SESSION MINUTES**

## **AUGUST 21, 2012**

The CLOSED SESSION of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Collinsville Area Recreation District was called to order by President Andrew Carruthers at 8:00 PM, August 21, 2012 at the district office, 10 Gateway Drive, Collinsville, Illinois. Role was called with the following commissioners answering present: Andrew Carruthers, David Tanzyus, Joan Burke, Spike Bryant, and Mary Ann Bitzer. No commissioners were absent.

Others present included Executive Director Terry Wilson, Administrative Assistant Susan Zaber, and Attorney David Gerber.

The purpose of the closed session was to discuss the Sale or Purchase of Real Property:

David Gerber stated the golf course property with the Dutko's was not resolved and the Dutko's did not want to grant the District an easement. He stated they would give the District a release, and have the District pay for the crop damage and legal fees, but not give the District a drainage easement.

- Andrew Carruthers asked why the District needed the drainage easement. David Gerber stated the District could cut the drainage back and therefore not be trespassing on the Dutko property, but there would still be an issue of channeling the water to their property. He stated the Dutko's complaint was now that the District channeled the water that way their field takes more water. David stated we have not had enough rain to prove them wrong, and that he thought it was discussed to have Bob Lovatto cut the drainage back and fill the hole, and not trespass across the Dutko property line. He stated he would still like to get a drainage easement to allow the course to drain that way.
- Andrew Carruthers asked what kind of money the District was looking at in regard to fees, etc. David stated it was just under \$10,000.
- Terry Wilson inquired about the land swap option that was previously discussed. David Gerber stated for that option the total cost to the District would be approximately \$25,000. Andrew Carruthers stated the Board had considered the land swap, but getting out of the contract from June 2011 appeared to be complicated. David stated he thought the Dutko's liked the land swap idea, which is why they came back and did not want to grant the District the easement. He stated the question was whether the District wanted to pay to get out of the contract or go back one last time and work out the land swap deal. Terry stated the District had installed \$18,000 worth of drainage that could not be used without the land swap.

- Andrew stated either way he would like to see a vote to resolve the issue at the September meeting. He asked what the Board thought, and stated he was not opposed to the land swap. David Tanzyus stated the Board would be putting in extra money, and Andrew asked David Gerber if that was the case. David Gerber stated yes. There was additional discussion about the drainage that was put in and then taken out, and the potential consequences for not having the drainage, etc.
- David Tanzyus stated with the land swap the cost to the District was approximately \$25,000, and Andrew stated that was in addition to the legal fees and crop damage costs. Terry stated the land swap was better for the District than not. David Tanzyus asked about the original contract cost, and it was \$480,000.
- Regarding the land swap option, David Gerber stated he would have Collier e-mail him a
  copy of the appraisal that was done and put the information in writing for the Board, so
  there was something to show people comparing the two pieces in question, etc.

No further business coming before the Commissioners, a motion was made by Joan Burke, seconded by David Tanzyus, that the CLOSED SESSION be adjourned to OPEN SESSION. Upon roll being called, those voting aye were: Carruthers, Tanzyus, Burke, Bryant, Bitzer. None voted nay. Motion passed.

The meeting stood adjourned at 8:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Zaber, Recording Secretary