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COLLINSVILLE AREA RECREATION DISTRICT

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

MAY 17, 2011

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Collinsville Area Recreation District was called to order by President Mary Ann Bitzer at 7:13 P.M., May 17, 2011 at the district office, Ten Gateway Drive, Collinsville, Illinois. Upon roll being called the following commissioners answered present: Mary Ann Bitzer, Spike Bryant, Joan Burke and David Tanzyus and Andrew Carruthers. No commissioners were absent.

Staff present included executive director Mark Badasch, park superintendent Kevin Brown, recreation superintendent Rick Robbins, golf course manager/pro Mark Marcuzzo, golf course superintendent Bob Lovatto, marketing & communications coordinator Elizabeth Davis, aquatic supervisor Stephanie and outdoor program coordinator Kelsey Rundle.

A motion was made by Burke, seconded by Tanzyus, that staff reports be accepted. Upon roll being called, those voting aye were: Carruthers, Tanzyus, Burke, Bryant, Bitzer. None voted nay. Motion passed.

Discussion Items

Mr. Badasch introduced CARD's Attorney, David Gerber, who offered his congratulations to the new commissioners as well as advised the board of his availability as an advisor at any time.

Phase 1b work at Miner's is being finalized with a recent meeting with City officials and discussions with the architect and contractor.

Phase 1 Construction of Pleasant Ridge Park has started but has been on hold due to the wet conditions. The contractors are, however, moving forward with their paperwork and placing orders for material deliveries.

Mr. Badasch introduced Mrs. Natalie Blakemore, CEO of Unlimited Play Foundation, who was the driving force behind the development and construction of "Zachary's Playground", in Lake St. Louis, MO. This is a fully accessible playground. Mrs. Blakemore gave a video presentation regarding the foundation and the need for more accessible playgrounds. Mrs. Blakemore and Mr. Badasch have discussed joining forces with the foundation assisting with planning, design, fund raising and construction of an accessible playground at Pleasant Ridge Park. Comments from commissioners, following the presentation, were very supportive of this approach to better serving special needs, and all, children.

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Action Items

A motion was made by Bryant, seconded by Burke, that **Ordinance Number 11-2, THE COMBINED BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE OF THE COLLINSVILLE AREA RECREATION DISTRICT, MADISON AND ST. CLAIR COUNTIES, ILLINOIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING ON THE 1ST DAY OF MAY A.D. 2011 AND ENDING ON THE 30TH DAY OF APRIL A.D. 2012.** be adopted. Upon roll being called, those voting aye were: Burke, Bryant, Bitzer. None voted nay. Abstentions were: Carruthers and Tanzyus. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Tanzyus, seconded by Burke, that the Executive Director be authorized to negotiate terms of an Agreement with the Unlimited Play Foundation for the foundation's assistance in the design, funding and construction of an accessible playground to be built at Pleasant Ridge Park with said Agreement to be brought before the board for final approval. Upon roll being called, those voting aye were: Carruthers, Tanzyus, Burke, Bryant, Bitzer. None voted nay. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Carruthers, seconded by Tanzyus, that the Executive Director be authorized to advertise for sale the Districts' 1995 Jeep Cherokee with sealed bids to be opened at the June Regular meeting of the Board. Upon roll being called, those voting aye were: Carruthers, Tanzyus, Burke, Bryant, Bitzer. None voted nay. Motion passed.

Other Business

President Bitzer suggested to the commissioners that a board member orientation would be beneficial to which all agreed and a date will be established based on availability.

Commissioner Tanzyus asked to get a quarterly report on the various construction projects underway.

Commissioner Carruthers asked for a tour of Miner's Institute in order to be more familiar with that project.

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

The meeting stood adjourned at 8:43 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Badasch, Secretary

Date