



COLLINSVILLE AREA RECREATION DISTRICT

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 20, 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 7:02 P.M., September 20, 2011 at the district office, 10 Gateway Drive, Collinsville, Illinois. Following the Pledge of Allegiance the roll call was called with the following commissioners answering present: Mary Ann Bitzer, Spike Bryant, Joan Burke, David Tanzyus and Andrew Carruthers. No Commissioner was absent.

Staff present included executive director Mark Badasch, park superintendent Kevin Brown, recreation superintendent Rick Robbins, aquatic supervisor Stephanie Whittington, marketing and communications coordinator Elizabeth Davis, golf course manager/pro Mark Marcuzzo, golf course superintendent Bob Lovatto, director of business services Rosemary Barczewski, administrative assistant Susan Zaber and special event coordinator Shelly Crehan and outdoor program coordinator Kelsey Rundle. Attorney David Gerber was also present.

Public Input

William Dorman addressed the board regarding his opposition to spending money on the theater, Miner's theater downtown, his request for a business plan for Miner's theater, and his concern about money being spent on things he believes is a waste.

Bob DesPain addressed the board regarding FOIA request responses received from CARD and his concerns with the FOIA Officer and his "failure to follow protocol". CARD should consider having the PR position, held by Elizabeth Davis, include being the FOIA Officer, and duties of Executive Director as Secretary of Board and FOIA Officer being decentralized.

Mark Achenbach addressed board regarding article published in Belleville News Democrat about comparisons between CARD and other districts, and 2009 data downloaded from the Illinois Comptroller web site listing CARD as 19th out of 312 districts for level of total debt.

Harold Siems addressed board regarding concerns about communication and lack of "fact flow" in minutes reviewed from the last several years and about web site survey conducted by Mark Badasch and Elizabeth Davis where other sites were visited to assess amount of information posted for public viewing. Outcome of survey presented

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was that CARD posts more information than most other agencies. "It is not about the amount posted, but about what is posted."

Phil Astrauskas addressed the board regarding Ordinance 93-1 Rules for Addressing the Board and Audio/Visual Recording of Meetings and having 30 minutes to speak is an injustice to tax payers and should be changed, 5 Board Members need to become part of solution, golf course and Splash City need to produce a profit, purchase being considered at golf course not be considered, and concerns about long term debt.

Amanda Zufall addressed board regarding "injustice" of public not being able to ask questions and have them answered at the meetings, concerns about tax increases over last 11-12 years, concerns about money needed to rehab Miner's theater and the tax payers not being able to afford the tax burden, and not being able to find a business plan for Arlington golf course online.

Linda Mauck addressed board regarding understanding job as commissioners is a difficult job and asked commissioners to treat budget of CARD as own personal budget, belief that CARD understands there is a problem, and need to come up with solutions.

A motion was made by Carruthers, seconded by Tanzyus, to extend the time for Public Comment. Upon roll being called, those voting aye were: Carruthers, Tanzyus, Burke, Bryant, Bitzer. None voted nay. Motion passed.

Carolyn Voelker addressed board regarding concerns about tax dollars spent on golf course in Granite City and the golf course not being in the district, higher property tax in her subdivision preventing people from selling their homes or having new people move into area, need for property purchases to be regulated, and voters being allowed to say "yea" or "nay" to buy future property.

Rod Spears addressed board regarding presentation of comments at recent meetings not being personal and realizing that attendance at meetings, until recently, was small, CARD epitomizing what we are seeing at the national level, and Board thinking about what is being asked and work toward a 3-2 vote to support what is recommended by the two new board members.

Phil Astrauskas Jr. addressed board regarding 30 minute time limit for public input and feeling there should be no limitation, Tara Lane property and property on Vivian not being paid by tax payers, and CARD not needing to be in rental property business.

Michael Voegele addressed board regarding lack of soccer fields available for kids to play soccer and only fields available being softball/baseball fields, getting voters to "oust you", property being considered for purchase in Granite City, and purchase of property on Tara Lane.

Questions:

Written questions were submitted by William Dorman and Rod Spears.

A motion was made by Carruthers, seconded by Burke, that the Minutes of the Regular meetings held August 16, 2011 be approved and placed on file. Upon roll being called, those voting aye were: Carruthers, Tanzyus, Burke, Bryant, Bitzer. None voted nay. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Bryant, seconded by Carruthers, that the Treasurers Report for August, 2011 be approved as printed and placed on file for audit. Upon roll being

called, those voting aye were: Carruthers, Tanzyus, Burke, Bryant, Bitzer. None voted nay. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Burke, seconded by Bryant, that the list of claims and accounts totaling \$633,080.28 be approved for payment. Upon roll being called, those voting aye were: Carruthers, Tanzyus, Burke, Bryant, Bitzer. None voted nay. Motion passed.

Following completion of staff reports, a motion was made by Carruthers, seconded by Burke, 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

The Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2011 was presented by Mr. Steve Pembroke of Scheffel & Company. The district has been given a “clean” opinion which is the highest opinion that can be provided. Mr. Pembroke reviewed the report, answered questions and provided suggested changes in two areas.

The board was provided with the Preliminary Design Options for a future pedestrian bridge connecting Pleasant Ridge Park with the MCT Schoolhouse Bike Trail, per the park master plan. These were prepared by Woolpert for review and discussion prior to proceeding with further design work. This is a connection from the park to the MCT Schoolhouse Trail whose design must be approved by MCT prior to any funding being sought. However, input on a preferred design is being sought from board members. Mr. Badasch advised that the timeline on this phase of the park development is three-to-five years away, at a minimum. The design options were reviewed and discussed. Commissioner Tanzyus asked about using a bridge style already used by MCT. Mr. Badasch was asked to have Scott Emmelkamp, Project Architect from Woolpert, attend the next meeting in order to answer some questions.

The board was advised that the heating system at the Miner’s Institute was inoperable in the auditorium, one street-level retail space and the third floor of the building. Without replacement of the defunct boiler and the addition of several large space heaters, the newly commissioned fire sprinkler system and the building would be subject to freezing. The estimate for this work, from the architect, is about \$60,000.00 in construction and an additional \$10,000.00 to \$12,000.00 for architectural & engineer fees. Much discussion followed on alternatives to this course of action. Mr. Badasch was requested to research alternatives and report back to the board.

Action Items

A motion was made by Carruthers, seconded by Tanzyus, that the Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2011 be accepted and that it be filed as required by law. Upon roll being called, those voting AYE were: Carruthers, Tanzyus, Burke, Bryant, Bitzer. None voted NAY. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Tanzyus, seconded by Carruthers, that the Consulting Cooperative Agreement between UNLIMITED PLAY, INCORPORATED AND COLLINSVILLE AREA RECREATION DISTRICT for an ACCESSIBLE PLAYGROUND DEVELOPMENT be tabled for the October meeting. 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 Bryant, that Ordinance Number 11-4, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 91-3 AND PROVIDING FOR RULES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT, be adopted with the following changes: strike paragraphs 1, 2, 3 and 5 and change paragraph 4 to five minutes. Following discussion, the motion and the second were withdrawn.

A motion was made by Carruthers, seconded by Bryant, that the proposed Ordinance Number 11-4, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 91-3 AND PROVIDING FOR RULES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT, be tabled. Upon roll being called, those voting AYE were: Carruthers, Tanzyus, Burke, Bryant, Bitzer. None voted NAY. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Burke, seconded by Bryant, to undertake steps to restore heating in Miner's Institute to protect existing and newly completed work from freezing. Not to exceed \$75,000.00. Following discussion, the motion and its second were withdrawn.

A motion was made by Burke, seconded by Tanzyus, that the Director investigate alternate steps to protect the recently completed work and report back to the board on his findings. Upon roll being called, those voting AYE were: Carruthers, Tanzyus, Burke, Bryant. Those voting NAY were: Bitzer. Motion passed.

Other Business

A motion was made by Burke, seconded by Tanzyus, that the commissioners go to **CLOSED SESSION for the purpose of discussing the procedure, price and terms for the sale of district-owned property located at 921 Vivian, Collinsville, under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)6.** Upon roll being called, those voting aye were: Carruthers, Tanzyus, Burke, Bryant, Bitzer. None voted nay. Motion passed.

The commissioners adjourned to CLOSED SESSION at 9:38 pm.

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 10:20 P.M., September 20, 2011 at the district office, 10 Gateway Drive, Collinsville, Illinois. Upon roll being called with the following commissioners answering present: Mary Ann Bitzer, Spike Bryant, Joan Burke, David Tanzyus and Andrew Carruthers. No Commissioner was absent.

Others present included executive director Mark Badasch and CARD attorney David Gerber.

No further business coming before the Commissioners, a motion was made by Carruthers, seconded by Bryant, 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 10:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Badasch, Secretary

Date