



COLLINSVILLE AREA RECREATION DISTRICT

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### REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 17, 2009

The regular monthly meeting of the board of park commissioners of the Collinsville Area Recreation District was called to order by President Mary Ann Bitzer at 7:00 P.M., November 17, 2009 at the district office, Ten Gateway Drive, Collinsville, Illinois. Upon role being called the following commissioners answered present: Mary Ann Bitzer, Spike Bryant, Kathy Pickering and Sarah Day. Commissioner Joan Burke and was absent.

Staff present included executive director Mark Badasch, park superintendent Kevin Brown, recreation superintendent Rick Robbins, communications & marketing coordinator Elizabeth Davis, golf course superintendent Bob Lovatto, golf course manager Mark Marcuzzo, aquatic supervisor Stephanie Whittington and Intern Katie McRae.

**Public input:** None.

A motion was made by Pickering, seconded by Day, that the Minutes of the regular meeting held on October 20, 2009 be approved as printed and placed on file. Upon role being called, all present voted aye. None voted nay. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Bryant, seconded by Pickering, that the Minutes of the SPECIAL meeting held on November 3, 2009 be approved and placed on file. Upon role being called, all present voted aye. None voted nay. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Day, seconded by Pickering, that the Treasurers Report for the month of October, 2009 be approved and placed on file for audit. Upon role being called, all present voted aye. None voted nay. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Bryant, seconded by Day, that the list of claims and accounts totaling **\$323,464.50** be approved for payment. Upon role being called, all present voted aye. None voted nay. Motion passed.

Commissioner Joan Burke arrived at 7:10 p.m. and was seated.

A motion was made by Pickering, seconded by Day, that staff reports be accepted. Upon roll, being called, all present voted aye. None voted nay. Motion passed.

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## Discussion Items

Mr. Badasch introduced the new Golf Course manager, Mark Marcuzzo, a PGA Professional with experience at Belk Park, Spencer T. Olin, Lockhaven Country Club and other courses. Mr. Marcuzzo thanked everyone for the opportunity to be a part of the team and expressed his compliments for the turn-around that has been accomplished with the course as well as confidence that the financial and service-level goals that have been discussed will be attained.

Mr. Badasch, Mr. Lovatto and Mr. Marcuzzo reviewed golf course operations with the Board. They highlighted the extremely wet weather that seems was the hallmark of October and is continuing this month. However, the total; number of starts for the year is holding even with last year.

The Miner's Rehabilitation Concept Plan was review by Mr. Badasch and he went over the list of Priority Level 1 items that will be addressed in the first phase of work on Miner's being planned for Spring-Summer, 2010. most of these items are exterior work which will help give the community a good feeling that progress is being made. This work will be done while planning continues on the building addition to be constructed on the west side.

The New Maintenance Building is complete. We are planning an Open House/Dedication for November 12, 2009, at 4:00 pm.

Construction of Phase I of Pleasant Ridge Park Development is planned to be ready to bid in March, 2010 for Spring-Summer construction. We are hopeful that the Governor will announce the OSLAD Grant Awards at the IPR Conference, in January, and that ours will be one of those approved. If that happens, Phase I will be about \$1.5 million. If we are not successful with OSLAD Phase I will be about \$1.0 million. Phase I is planned to include: site grading, road, walking paths, utilities, a pavilion, a restroom, a playground, and part of the trailhead.

Mr. Badasch discussed the 2009 tax levy with the commissioners. He recommended that the President set the Truth-In-Taxation Hearing for December 15, 2009 at 7:00 pm because the amount of taxes being requested is \$3,308,608.10 which is more that 105 per cent of last years extension. President Bitzer announced that the TIT Hearing on the 2009 Tax Levy will be held at 7:00 pm, December 15, 2009 at the District Administrative Center.

Discussion took place regarding the Feasibility Study proposals that have been received. Mr. Badasch has arranged for these to be reviewed and evaluated by ten people comprised of staff, residents and professional colleagues from outside of our area. He asked the Commissioners for dates to consider for the interviews of the finalists. It was agreed that Consultant Interviews will be held on Saturday, January 9, 2010 at the CARD Office. This will be posted as a Special Meeting.

## Action Items

A motion was made by Pickering, seconded by Bryant, **that the proposal for services from AAIC for the design of new restrooms at Willoughby Heritage Farm be accepted in the amount of \$21,500.00 and that the Executive Director be authorized to accept this proposal**

**on behalf of the District.** Upon roll being call, all present voted aye. None voted nay. Motion passed.

**Other Business:** Mr. Badasch advised that the District has reached a settlement with regard to the damages done at Arlington Greens two years ago. A confidentiality agreement is included in this settlement.

No further business coming before the Commissioners, a motion was made by Pickering, seconded by Day, that the meeting be adjourned. Upon role being called, all present voted aye. None voted nay. Motion passed.

The meeting stood adjourned at 8:14 p.m. .

Respectfully submitted,

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Mark Badasch, Secretary

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Date