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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 15, 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 7:03 PM, January 15, 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, David Tanzyus, Patrick Collins, and Spike Bryant. Commissioner Mary Ann Bitzer was absent.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Joe Ashmann addressed the Board regarding Miner's and referred to a Collinsville City Council meeting he attended. He stated the City Manager and another on the council felt the need to forgive CARD and move on, where as others seemed to talk out of both sides of their mouth not realizing CARD and the Collinsville tax payers are one in the same. He stated in his opinion the golf course record also spoke for itself and just like the Park District walked away from the Miner's Institute, it also needed to walk away from the golf course. He stated it had been a loser and would continue to be one. He stated oversight seemed lax at the golf course. He stated he asked the council and public if anyone would like to give \$10,000 or \$1000 toward Miner's and no one volunteered, because in his opinion it was a lost cause. He stated it was a shame, but a reality. He stated individual accounting that provided side-by-side comparisons on a month to month and year to year basis was needed at the golf course, so that it was known exactly what came in and what went out. He stated it seemed creative accounting was used. He stated Arlington was a loser and the Board needed to walk away.

Mark Achenbach addressed the Board regarding last months bills list and presented questions about CARD cell towers and asked where the revenue from the towers went and the appropriate place for it to be listed. He asked why legal fees were equally split amongst a few of the funds, instead of just the funds where services were provided. He stated he knew that was the way the policy was set-up, but it did not make sense.

Jim Sparks addressed the Board regarding good and bad changes he had observed over the last 1.5 years. He highlighted some of the changes and stated it was clear to him that CARD had been fiscally irresponsible. He stated he felt the elected politicians looked and listened, but some did not hear. He asked the present Board to stop going down the highway of debt. He stated the Unit 10 School District and CARD had borrowed money that would probably never be paid back in full. He spoke to standard of living and population changes within the city. He stated he believed the answer was for both CARD

and the school district to downsize and for CARD to realize they were living beyond their means. He asked the Board to include on the next month's agenda a resolution binding CARD to not spend more money than that had already been appropriated by CARD's district tax payers and each month a predetermined amount of that money be set aside in an interest bearing account to fund back in the bonds when they become due in the future.

CONSENT AGENDA:

A motion was made by David Tanzyus, seconded by Spike Bryant to approve the consent agenda to include December 2012 Regular and Closed Session minutes, the Treasurer's report for December 2012, and the Claims and Accounts list in the amount of \$155,488.95. Upon roll being called, those voting AYE were: Carruthers, Tanzyus, Collins, Bryant. None voted NAY. Motion passed.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/STAFF REPORTS:

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

- Petitions, tax levies, and getting tax abatements for the next meeting.
- Working on farm house at Willoughby Farm to be able to open it for use.
- Grants to fund AED defibrillators
- Technological/computer upgrades for the District and to increase efficiency and get online registration.
- Consolidating accounts to one bank, which could save about \$5000.
- Specs for tennis courts and try to have work done in time to again host annual tennis tournament on District courts.
- Patrick Collins provided information regarding the Collinsville Vocational School and their interest and ability to build benches for the parks, etc.
- David Tanzyus inquired about the cell towers. Terry Wilson clarified the cell tower at Willoughby was CARD's and that there were two at Woodland Park, but none at Pleasant Ridge. He stated the leases were being reviewed by David Gerber to ensure the District received the best deal.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Regarding tax cap petitions Terry Wilson stated the three referendums were filed with both Madison and St. Clair County and everything was in order.

Regarding an update on the OSLAD grant Terry Wilson stated the District received a check for \$400,000 the previous week for work completed on Pleasant Ridge Park.

NEW BUSINESS:

Regarding a candidate update, Terry Wilson stated approximately 20 individuals applied for the Aquatic Supervisor position. He stated the candidates were narrowed to six, phone interviews were

conducted, and three candidates were brought in for personal interviews. He stated he had a recommendation, which he would present to the Board during Closed session.

Regarding the 2013 Regular Meeting Schedule Andrew Carruthers explained that no Committee-of-the-Whole meetings were listed on the schedule and regular meetings were scheduled one time per month on the third Tuesday of the month, as in the past. He asked the Board about the time the meetings were scheduled and whether the Board would consider setting the time of the meetings for 6:30 PM versus 7:00 PM. David Tanzyus made a motion, seconded by Patrick Collins to approve the 2013 Regular Meeting Schedule with the change to start the meetings at 6:30 PM. Upon roll being called, those voting AYE were: Carruthers, Tanzyus, Collins, Bryant. None voted NAY. Motion passed.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE DISTRICT:

A member of the public complimented CARD's Marketing and Communication Coordinator, Elizabeth Davis on the new CARD program/event newsletter.

OTHER BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Spike Bryant, seconded by Patrick Collins that the Commissioners go into Closed Session for the the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees. (5 ILCS 120/2(c) 1) Upon roll being called, those voting AYE were: Carruthers, Tanzyus, Collins, Bryant. None voted NAY. Motion passed.

The board adjourned to CLOSED SESSION at 7:30 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, January 15, 2013 at the district office, 10 Gateway Drive, Collinsville, Illinois. Upon role being called the following commissioners answered present: Andrew Carruthers, David Tanzyus, Patrick Collins, and Spike Bryant. 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 Patrick Collins, seconded by David Tanzyus that the meeting be adjourned. Upon roll being called, those voting AYE were: Carruthers, Tanzyus, Collins, Bryant. None voted Nay. Motion passed.

The meeting stood adjourned at 7:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Zaber, Recording Secretary

Date