



COLLINSVILLE AREA RECREATION DISTRICT

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SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES MARCH 10, 2014

The Special Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Collinsville Area Recreation District was called to order by President David Tanzyus at 6:00 PM, March 10, 2014 at the district office, 10 Gateway Drive, Collinsville, Illinois.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance the roll was called with the following commissioners answering present: Mark Achenbach, Patrick Collins, and David Tanzyus. Commissioners Mary Ann Bitzer and Jeanne Lomax were absent.

Staff present included Finance Coordinator Iva Briggs, Golf Manager/Pro Mark Marcuzzo, Assistant Golf Pro Chad Robbins, Golf Superintendent Kyle Smith, Assistant Golf Superintendent Kelsey Smith, Superintendent of Parks Kevin Brown, Assistant Superintendent of Parks Greg Reising, Park Specialist Mark Kosmatka, Park Specialist Pete Peterson, Farm Coordinator Carol Frerker, and Administrative Assistant Susan Zaber. Attorney Paul Evans was also present.

Commissioner Lomax arrived at 6:01 PM.

OTHER BUSINESS

A motion was made by Mark Achenbach, seconded by Jeanne Lomax to go into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing the employment, compensation, or dismissal of specific employees (5 ILCS 120/2(c) 1). Those voting AYE were: Achenbach, Collins, Lomax, Tanzyus. None voted NAY. Motion passed.

The Board adjourned to CLOSED SESSION at 6:02 PM.

The Special Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Collinsville Area Recreation District was called to order in OPEN SESSION by President David Tanzyus, March 10, 2014 at 8:02 PM at the district office, 10 Gateway Drive, Collinsville, Illinois. Upon roll being called the following commissioners answered present: Mark Achenbach, Patrick Collins, Jeanne Lomax, and David Tanzyus.

Staff present included Finance Coordinator Iva Briggs, Golf Manager/Pro Mark Marcuzzo, Assistant Golf Pro Chad Robbins, Golf Superintendent Kyle Smith, Assistant Golf Superintendent Kelsey Smith, Superintendent of Parks Kevin Brown, Assistant Superintendent of Parks Greg Reising, Park Specialist Mark Kosmatka, Park Specialist Pete Peterson, Farm Coordinator Carol Frerker, and Administrative Assistant Susan Zaber. Attorney Paul Evans was also present.

A motion was made by David Tanzyus, seconded by Mark Achenbach to appoint Susan Zaber as Interim Executive Director. Upon role being called those voting AYE were Achenbach, Collins, Lomax, and Tanzyus. None voted NAY, motion passed.

A motion was made by Mark Achenbach, seconded by Patrick Collins to appoint Susan Zaber as Board Secretary. Upon role being called those voting AYE were Achenbach, Collins, Lomax, and Tanzyus. None voted NAY, motion passed.

A motion was made by Mark Achenbach, seconded by Jeanne Lomax to appoint Susan Zaber as IMRF Agent. Upon role being called those voting AYE were Achenbach, Collins, Lomax, and Tanzyus. None voted NAY, motion passed.

A motion was made by Mark Achenbach, seconded by David Tanzyus to authorize the initiation of the Executive Director search. Upon role being called those voting AYE were Achenbach, Collins, Lomax, and Tanzyus. None voted NAY, motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jim Grobmeier spoke of the tax referendum saying it reduced taxes by about \$30 per year per household with four board members supporting the referendum. He stated the reduction would go into effect May 1 with a reduction of \$224,000 on the operating budget. He said the change would impact the budget. He said that according to a recent article, the Board's finance committee hadn't met in some time and said the committee should be meeting at least quarterly. He said CARD was a taxing body and as such the board should be working to have a new referendum to get the operating budget the district needs. He stated, "We the taxpayers want CARD to be here for the children. I'm 100% CARD for what it stands for." He mentioned the grant proposed for Pleasant Ridge Park and said trying to complete the project with one grant was a problem. He mentioned Willoughby Farm didn't have a paved road, which was becoming a safety issue. He asked if the current board was trying to destroy the district from within or was it trying to do something for the people of the district.

Jim Sparks asked that there be a policy created regarding closed session meetings and that the public might be able to sit in closed session meetings if they had information that the Board might find useful. He said he was surprised that CARD would apply for two grants, thereby forcing a hold on all of the reserved funds. He called the Board disingenuous for filing for both grants knowing they only have enough funding for one. He said that Commissioner Achenbach once said that were he elected to the board he would invest in an audio system. Jim asked, "So what happened?" He then explained that the video he recorded of the meetings were difficult to hear and that the commissioners had multiple sidebar conversations. He cited statute that required the recording of public meetings.

Joe Ashmann stated the problem with CARD wasn't Terry Wilson or the staff, but the Board. He called the Board dysfunctional and off course. He said he never mislead people with the petition drive for the referendum.

No further business coming before the commissioners, a motion was made by Patrick Collins seconded by Jeanne Lomax that the meeting be adjourned. Those voting AYE were: Achenbach, Collins, Lomax, Tanzyus. None voted Nay. Motion passed.

The meeting stood adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Zaber, Recording Secretary

Date