



COLLINSVILLE AREA RECREATION DISTRICT

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## **REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 20, 2015**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Collinsville Area Recreation District was called to order by President Patrick Collins at 6:30 PM, October 20, 2015 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, Jeanne Lomax, Brad Sewell and David Tanzyus.

Staff present included: Susan Zaber, Iva Briggs, Kevin Brown, Tim Childers, Keith Grotefendt, Jessica Jader, Mark Kosmatka, Greg Reising, LeeAnn Wasser. Attorney Paul Evans was also present.

### **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

Collins opened discussion for consent agenda items to approve the following:

- Regular Meeting minutes for September 15, 2015
- Closed Session minutes for September 15, 2015
- Claims and Accounts list in the amount of \$189,742.00 amended to \$278, 280.00 because of the addition of IPARKS Liability Insurance Renewal.

A motion was made by Achenbach, seconded by Sewell to approve the consent agenda.

- Achenbach went on to question the pricing in the renewal. Zaber explained it was a premium of \$88,538 paid both on October 1, 2015 and April 1, 2016. He then went on to question the resale items at the golf course. Zaber noted the items were items ordered earlier in the year and invoiced later when the items were delivered. He also went on to question the utilities, especially the water billing. Iva stated it was all of the parks together. It was broken down on the bill, just not the reports.
- Collins questioned why we are buying highway signs for the aquatic center. Zaber and Briggs noted they are for advertising and are located on the highway, not within the aquatic center.
- Lomax questioned almost \$1,000 being used for playground equipment in REC. Representatives from the parks department noted it was for the cost of a slide repair.

Roll was called with the following voting AYE: Achenbach, Collins, Lomax, Sewell and Tanzyus. None voted NAY. Motion passed.

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR & STAFF REPORTS:**

A motion was made by Tanzyus, seconded by Achenbach to approve the Executive Director and staff reports.

- Zaber stated she did not have anything major. She was anticipating the audit report be completed soon and would distribute once received.

Roll was called with the following voting AYE: Achenbach, Collins, Lomax, Sewell and Tanzyus. None voted NAY. Motion passed.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Collins opened discussion regarding Ordinance 15-5, an Ordinance calling certain of the General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2004, of the Collinsville Area Recreation District, Madison and St. Clair Counties, Illinois, for redemption prior to maturity. Collins went on to read the information from the ordinance. It was found necessary that certain bonds be redeemed in the amount of \$20,465. A motion was made by Achenbach, seconded by Tanzyus to discuss and act on Ordinance 15-5. Achenbach explained there were bonds sold as tax free bonds and portions of the bonds were spent on taxable items. He stated the District was redeeming a portion of the 2004 bond early as directed by the IRS. He stated the mistakes were made in 2004 and this had been discussed over the last two years. He stated the District voluntarily came forward to the IRS, in turn, avoiding heavy penalties. Lomax questioned how the District would be paying for this. Evans explained that since the District could not use bonds to pay for the penalty, it would come out of the general fund. Roll was called with the following voting AYE: Achenbach, Collins, Lomax, Sewell and Tanzyus. None voted NAY. Motion passed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

No new business was listed on the agenda for discussion/action.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Collins opened the floor for public comment.

John Jaskot was the first to speak. He stated he knew the house on Tara Lane had been empty and was inquiring if it was for sale because he was interested in purchasing the property. Evans went on to explain there was a public notice going in the paper stating the district was asking permission to sell the portion of the property with the lake. Jaskot stated he was not interested in that, he wanted to know what the plan was and was interested in the parcel with the house. Evans explained the process for authorization to sell property. Jaskot explained he wanted the house and the barn. He stated he would like to know either way if there was a possibility or not for him to purchase the property he was interested in.

Joe Ashmann was the second to speak. He stated he was there because he was hungry for knowledge. Since he had been coming to CARD, he had not heard anything more important than the dissolution of CARD. Of all people, he thought more information would have come from the Board. He felt a lot had been going on behind the scenes. He went on to question board members on how long they knew about the press conference to dissolve CARD. Lomax stated she knew two days prior. Achenbach stated he had known they were working on this for years. Lomax went on to state none of the board members had anything to do with the press conference. Collins stated he heard about it the Friday prior to the conference. Tanzyus explained he had known since at least mid-summer. He went on to explain he had done nothing with it except let other board members know. Sewell stated Ashmann needed to go to those looking to dissolve CARD, not the Board. Several board members noted they had nothing directly to do with the press conference. The board went on to explain they were doing their very best to decrease the debt. Ashmann went on to explain how he went door to door seeking signatures to decrease taxes and how it ended up being a blunder to decrease taxes. He stated he wanted the truth. He felt this

was a public venue and expected to get the story from the board, not the newspaper. Collins noted he understood how he felt. Lomax went on to explain people were seeking signatures to put a vote on the ballot and let the people vote about dissolving CARD, because various communities wanted out of the district. She stated the board was not part of it.

Other audience members questioned if the board was going out to educate people about what happened if CARD was dissolved. The board stated, as a board they could not do that. Ashmann stated he did not believe dissolving CARD was going to cost any less than what was already being done now. Briggs spoke as a taxpayer that it should be made clear that the current staff was not responsible for the problems created in the past. The board noted they were planning to proceed per normal, but also had to have a plan if the dissolving of CARD issue was placed on the ballot and passed. Ashmann stated that by the board not questioning the dissolving of CARD, they were endorsing it. There was discussion about the golf course, the possibility of the dissolution of CARD and what that could mean, etc. It was stated the tax payers would continue to pay taxes to pay for the debt till approximately 2035, regardless of whether CARD was dissolved. The audience also questioned what cuts were going to be made. Collins noted no more cuts were planned. Individuals in the audience noted the parks being neglected and understood the District was shorthanded. The audience thanked the board for letting them clear the air. The board pressed that audience members needed to talk to the group trying to dissolve CARD.

### **FOR THE GOOD OF THE DISTRICT**

Collins opened the floor for the good of the district. Lomax noted Fall Farm Day at Willoughby Farm was wonderful.

### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

A motion was made by Tanzyus and seconded by Sewell, to go into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing the employment, compensation, or dismissal of specific employees, purchase or sale of real property, and litigation. (5 ILCS 120/2(c) 1, 5, 6, 11) Those voting AYE were Achenbach, Collins, Lomax, Sewell and Tanzyus. None voted NAY. Motion passed.

The Board adjourned to CLOSED SESSION at 8:07 PM.

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Collinsville Area Recreation District was called to order in OPEN SESSION by Collins, October 20, 2015 at 8:36 PM at the district office, 10 Gateway Drive, Collinsville, Illinois. Commissioners present were Achenbach, Collins, Lomax, Sewell and Tanzyus. Staff present included Executive Director Susan Zaber. Attorney Paul Evans was also present.

No further business coming before the commissioners, a motion was made by Achenbach, seconded by Tanzyus the meeting be adjourned. Those voting AYE were Achenbach, Collins, Lomax, Sewell and Tanzyus. None voted NAY. Motion passed.

The meeting stood adjourned at 8:38 PM

Respectfully submitted,

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Susan Zaber, Board Secretary

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Date