



COLLINSVILLE AREA RECREATION DISTRICT

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## **REGULAR MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 17, 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, November 17, 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 and Brad Sewell.

Staff present included: Douglas Erhart, Iva Briggs, Carol Frerker, Mark Kosmatka, Jessica Jader, Kevin Brown, Keith Grotefendt, Kyle Smith and Kimberli DeRossett. Attorney Paul Evans also was present.

### **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

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

- Special Meeting Minutes for October 13, 2015
- Regular Meeting Minutes for October 20, 2015
- Claims and Accounts listed in the amount of \$178,521.09

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

Evans noted the October 13, 2015 Meeting Minutes had an error on the location. Stated the meeting was at the CARD Administrative Building and it was at the Collinsville City Hall. Achenbach also questioned the donation of the pig to the food pantry. He wants to know if it would be cheaper to sell the pig and donate the proceeds to the food pantry instead of CARD paying for the processing of the pig. Carol noted it was part of the agreement that we have to process the pig. He went on to question the Calloway order being approved by the director. Iva noted it was not recent. It has been on order for a long time.

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

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

Collins opened discussion for executive director and staff reports.

- Erhart indicated he had no more than what was presented to the board. Collins introduced Erhart as the new executive Director. Erhart gave a brief description of his background.

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

- Collins questioned Malinchrot playing at Arlington Greens. Kyle noted they have not been playing there, but plan on returning. Achenbach questioned the sign at Pleasant Ridge Park. Kevin Brown noted it was a directional sign. Achenbach went on to question the water bills. Brown noted they are checking into it. He continued to question a 75 car parking lot with bus accessibility at Willoughby Farm. Carol explained the idea in detail. They are envisioning a wooded parking lot so they will not have to cut out a lot of trees.

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

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Collins opened discussion regarding Capital Improvement Plan discussion and potential action.

- Erhart had each department present their plans starting with the priorities.
- Frerker started with rentals including chairs and tables. That would cost \$7500 and we would have our money returned within 15 to 18 rentals. Having tables and chairs as a rental option would decrease issues with multiple rental companies showing up at the same time for rentals. Mark Kosmatka will work with volunteers to build storage for table and chairs. Money to come from Capital. Frerker noted the building of the storage area would be around \$1,000. That would be approximately \$8,500 total. The next priority would be the heaters. Frerker noted there would be two electric heaters up top and one large fan to help distribute the heat. It would be a 14 foot fan. The electric heaters would be \$5,000 and the fan is \$7,500. Currently, there is a hazard with people bringing patio heaters to heat the barn. Collins questioned the increase in electricity with heaters. Kosmatka noted there is no big increase. Erhart noted the increase in the rentals at Willoughby Farm. Frerker noted having the heaters and fan would extend the rental time into the winter. Achenbach commended Frerker and Kosmatka on their presentation. Frerker wants to expand the farmyard and connect more people to nature. They plan on removing focus from the trails and bridges and focus on more camp sites. Increasing the amount of solar lighting will help with safety. Carol started to discuss the truck. Erhart noted it has been worked out with Brown in the parks department. The drain in the concrete pad in the barn needs to be addressed. Erhart noted the most important would be fans, heaters, cement in the barn and tables and chairs.
- Brown questioned how he is supposed to present this since most of the stuff on his list is from city owned parks. He went on to note the lights at Pleasant Ridge were to come from a grant and it was denied, so we will reapply. At Glidden Park, we need an ADA path. He also noted people are kicking the boards out at the hockey rink, discussed putting fencing around it to prevent further damage. Woodland park amphitheater removal was on the list, he doubts that is going to happen. Fletcher Field parking lot needs to be repaired, this is \$40,000. Zero turn mower is something that will be needed. He mentioned trading in two current mowers for the zero mower. Erhart questioned the mower at Tara Lane that is like new. Kevin noted it was designed for level ground and has to be pulled by a large truck. Kevin noted it was purchased without consulting the parks department.
- Keith Grotefendt discussed the ball fields at the Jaycee Sports Complex. He noted the need to replace fencing down the line. Collins questioned if there was any particular part. Grotefendt noted it was just in general. Erhart wanted to know if they were good enough to get through the season. Grotefendt noted it is.
- Kyle Smith discussed the golf course. The tournament tent is due to be replaced. He plans to submit for the PEP Grant for this project. The main thing is the surround mower. We currently

have two and one does not work. New, one will cost around \$54,000. The cart path is another issue.

- Erhart went on to discuss Splash City. He noted the need for some minor issues to be addressed with Monsoon Mountain. Most were noted with liability insurance. He went on to discuss the FlowRider and the need for a new cover. The insurance guy looked at it and noted it does not look bad. Replacing one is about \$25,000. Achenbach questioned the painting of the Lazy River and Oasis. Erhart noted it has been done. He went on to note the compression test to see if there is a leak and someone is coming out next week to check for it. Sewell questioned how much it would cost just to let the water leak instead of fixing it. Erhart noted we don't know for sure there is a leak. Achenbach questioned them being able to do it with no water in the pools. Erhart noted they stated it can be done. It was noted if there is a leak it is in the pipes, not the pool. Achenbach questioned the budget year being '15-'16 instead of '16-'17. Erhart went on to discuss the replacing of pumps. Achenbach continued to question the pools being painted with the wrong paint. The staff in the audience noted staff had painted it with the wrong paint, but have since fixed it.
- There were no other staff members with a need for Capital Improvements. Collins thanked the staff for laying everything out. The advisory committee will be taking this into their session and coming up with a budget.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Collins opened discussion regarding the 2016-2017 tax levy. This will be Ordinance 15-7. Everything is currently in draft form. It was noted this needs to be discussed further. It will have to be approved in the Regular December Meeting.

Collins opened discussion regarding the Splash City pricing. Erhart noted Ryan Besse wants to price the season pass at fifty percent less. He also noted the fifty percent off discount we had extended in the spring of the 2015 to increase the number of passes sold. Doug thinks that is too low. It also was recommended eliminating the ten pack option. It was noted that pricing is needed as soon as possible for holiday sales. Sewell noted the reason we are not selling them is because of the high price especially compared to other facilities. Achenbach noted we need to figure out the money taken in versus the money going out and would like more detail. It was decided to leave pricing as is online for now.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Collins opened the floor for public comment.

Ron Jedda was the first to speak for public comment. He noted he would like the board to reach out to other public bodies to see what they would do before the board spends money. He wants to avoid duplication of spending in the long run and wants the board to keep dissolution in mind when moving forward.

Joe Ashmann was the second to speak for public comment. He shared the thoughts he had over the last month. He noted the board seemed to know nothing about anything. He also noted that he has heard Achenbach has worked hard on the dissolution of CARD, yet he commended him for the work he has done for CARD. He is still troubled in feeling the board has more knowledge of the dissolution plan than they are letting on. He also went on to discuss Arlington Greens or the black hole of Calcutta. He also noted CARD paid too much for Arlington Greens. He feels selling Arlington Greens would help a lot.

Jim Sparks was the third to speak for public comment. He questioned the board borrowing of \$2 million. He questioned the disbursement of those monies and if those monies had anything to do with Pleasant Ridge Park. Achenbach noted that is one year money and it goes toward the long term debt currently existing since the law will not allow them to pay long term debt directly from collected tax money. The only choice they have is to borrow the money. He went on to note the blame needs to be placed on those that ran the place the first 20 years, not those here now. CARD is painted into a corner. He noted we would like to sell some things, but we can't. We can't sell things; we can shut things down and not run them, but can't sell them. Lomax noted this was a rollover bond and no new money was borrowed.

Larry Gulledge was forth to speak for public comment. He did not sign in. He complimented the board. He objects to the people that previously made up the board. He has had no issues with the park district itself. Collins emphasized the not spending more than you have to. He also notes we have to keep working as if there is no referendum to dissolve CARD.

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

Collins opened the floor for the good of the district.

- Collins read a glowing letter he received from Josh Riley, the Executive Director of the PGA regarding Mark Marcuzzo. Marcuzzo has won the Patriot Award. His many efforts for Boots on the Green were noted.
- Achenbach commended Susan Zaber for her hard work.

### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

A motion was made by Sewell and seconded by Lomax, 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 and Sewell. None voted NAY. Motion passed.

The Board adjourned to CLOSED SESSION at 7:46 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, November 17, 2015 at 8:48 PM at the district office, 10 Gateway Drive, Collinsville, Illinois. Commissioners present were Achenbach, Collins, Lomax and Sewell. Staff present included Executive Director Doug Erhart. Attorney Paul Evans was also present.

- Collins made a motion, seconded by Achenbach, to appoint Erhart as the Board Secretary. Those voting AYE were Achenbach, Collins, Lomax and Sewell. None voted NAY. Motion passed.
- Achenbach made a motion, seconded by Collins, to appoint DeRossett as the Recording Secretary. Those voting AYE were Achenbach, Collins, Lomax and Sewell. None voted NAY. Motion passed.
- Achenbach made a motion, seconded by Lomax, to appoint Erhart as IMRF agent. Those voting AYE were Achenbach, Collins, Lomax and Sewell. None voted NAY. Motion passed.

- Achenbach made a motion, seconded by Lomax, to approve Erhart for cell phone reimbursement at \$75.00 per month. Those voting AYE were Achenbach, Collins, Lomax and Sewell. None voted NAY. Motion passed.

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

The meeting stood adjourned at 8:51 PM

Respectfully submitted,

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Kimberli DeRossett, Recording Secretary

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