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BUDGET HEARING MEETING MINUTES

JULY 19, 2016

The Budget Hearing regarding the proposed amendment of the budget and appropriation ordinance for the fiscal year 2016-2017 of the Collinsville Area Recreation District was called to order by President Patrick Collins at 6:34 PM, July 19, 2016 at the district office, 10 Gateway Drive, Collinsville, Illinois.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance the role was called with the following commissioners answering present: Mark Achenbach, Patrick Collins, Jeanne Lomax, Brad Sewell and David Tanzyus.

Staff present included: Doug Erhart, Kimberli DeRossett, Mark Kosmatka and Ebony Pollard. District Attorney Andrew Carruthers was present as well.

Collins opened the Budget Hearing. Erhart reviewed the budget outline and Condensed Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 with the Board of Commissioners and audience. He noted the increase in revenue versus expenses for the five main funds. He also noted that as far as anyone can recall, last year was the first year that CARD ever had revenue exceed expenses.

Achenbach pointed out one change with Capital Expenditures. The revenue and the expenses are both going to go up by the value of the Park Enhancement Program Grant. It is \$165,200.

Achenbach commended Erhart and the staff with the good work on the budget this year.

BUDGET HEARING PUBLIC COMMENT

Collins opened the floor for public comment for the budget hearing

The first speaker from the floor was Ron Jedda. He opened by commenting about the lateness of the budget. He feels the budget should have been out in March or April. He went on to question the line item Merchandise for resale. He noted that we are not charging enough. He also suggested outsourcing the golf course. He did some research and found that CARD has a negative net worth of 1,789,086 in the annual audit from 2015. He stated he could not find other audits for CARD online. He would like for us to make it more transparent and easier to find.

The second speaker from the floor was Scott Rayho. He agreed with Jedda on having the budget ahead of time. He went on to note that paying down bonds is important and that we need to look at our ROI (return of investment) before making decisions. He concluded by commending everyone on their good work.

Achenbach made a motion, seconded by Sewell, to adjourn the budget hearing. Those voting AYE were Achenbach, Collins, Lomax, Tanzyus. None voted NAY. The motion passed and the budget hearing was adjourned at 6:55 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberli DeRossett, Board Recorder

Date