



COLLINSVILLE AREA RECREATION DISTRICT  
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## REGULAR MEETING MINUTES MAY 17, 2016

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, May 17, 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 and Brad Sewell.

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

### **SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR**

Collins opened the floor for public speakers from the floor.

First to speak was Ron Jeda. He discussed a Board Meeting from April of 2016. He stated that Achenbach, the treasurer, informed the CARD Board of Commissioners that CARD was in violation of state statutes concerning CARD's debt. He went on to indicate the violation appears to have been in place since 2007. This is all based on public information Achenbach obtained from the Madison County Clerk's Office. The legal debt statutory violation includes the overall statutory debt limit and the non-referendum debt limit with regard to the rollover debt. He went on to note, the CARD Board approved Resolution 16-4, Tax and Disclosure Compliance Procedures to report all violations to the EMMA and other entities. He stated Erhart was assigned the compliance official and that he noted there was a serious conflict of interest for Erhart to hold that position. The board should have had an outside party named to avoid a conflict of interest. Jeda noted he is unsure if CARD has reported the violations but it would be wise to error on the side of caution and report it as soon as possible. He went on to note the CARD Board has a history of not complying and not reporting violations until a lawsuit is filed. He also noted he has spoken with two attorneys about filing a lawsuit against CARD for issuing a number of rollover bonds and/or other long term bonds in violation of the statutory debt limits. He noted there appears to be monetary damages of almost \$15 million to the tax payers by CARD for violating this state law.

Second to speak was Lisa Ciampole. She discussed the people in her district in area 25 and the concern about the proceedings and debt limits that CARD has exceeded and stressed her hopes that CARD will not take out any additional debt for the citizens to be responsible for. She also noted that if CARD continues with these actions, lawsuits can be filed.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Collins opened discussion to review and accept the consent agenda items including:

1. Special Meeting Minutes for February 29, 2016
2. Regular Meeting Minutes for March 15, 2016 and April 19, 2016

3. Closed Meeting Minutes for April 19, 2016
4. Corrected Treasurer's Report for January 2016 and February 2016
5. Treasurer's Report for March 2016 and April 2016
6. Claims and Accounts List

Achenbach made a motion, seconded by Sewell, to accept the Consent Agenda Items.

Collins questioned the treasurer's report and if we still have assets with the Bank of Edwardsville. Erhart stated that we do not and it was cleared out in April and put into the capital fund.

Collins went on to point misspellings in the claims and accounts report.

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 with potential action regarding executive director and staff reports.

Erhart reviewed his report highlighting the following points:

- He discussed the possibility of upgrading accounting software noting that the system we are currently using will not interface with our VSI P.O.S software at all.
- An ordinance regarding the prevailing wages must be passed and approved at the June 2016 Board Meeting
- He went on to discuss some current needs of Willoughby Farm such as a mower.
- He noted Tim Childers board report regarding the 36,500 views of Splash City on Google My Business so far this year. Arlington Greens is still number one on Google for "golf courses" and on the first page of Google for "golf."

Achenbach made a motion, seconded by Sewell, to accept the executive director and staff reports.

Achenbach went on to question when the Financial Working Group would meet. Erhart estimated sometime after the I.R.S. audit or in July.

Erhart went on to review the Monthly Budget Tracking. The year was finished \$120,000 short of reaching the budgeted revenue because of the \$200,000 in TIF funds for the canopy that was never received. Expenses were \$785,000 under budget and \$1,000,000 under appropriation for the year.

Achenbach noted that for him, this was the first year ever CARD was in the black. He stated that is a big deal and went on to commend Erhart and the staff for their work.

Collins questioned removal of certain expense items such as the pumps at Arlington Greens . Erhart stated he will be reorganizing a lot of General Ledgers and have better tracking of the cell towers. Erhart went on to note all funds are under budget. All funds made money with the exception of recreation because of field rentals being down.

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business to discuss

**NEW BUSINESS**

There was no news business to discuss

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE DISTRICT**

Collins opened the floor for the good of the district.

Achenbach again commended the staff for work on the budget. Lomax agreed.

Collins said a good job was done with Farm Day. He noted about 1,000 people in attendance.

Erhart added the purchasing of the tables and chairs were a big hit. They are making more money than they spend every month at the farm.

Collins went on to comment on the Spring Festival and noted the popularity of the bounce houses. He suggested using bags of sand instead of the Turface to hold down the barricades. Turface is very expensive.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

A motion was made by Sewell, seconded by Achenbach, 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© 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 6:56 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, May 17, 2016 at 8:27 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 Andy Carruthers was present as well.

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

The meeting stood adjourned at 8:28 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Kimberli DeRossett, Recording Secretary

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