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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 20, 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 6:35 PM, September 20, 2016 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: Doug Erhart, Kimberli DeRossett, Mark Kosmatka, Katarina Belt, Jessica Jader and Ebony Pollard. District Attorney Andrew Carruthers was present as well.

SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR

Collins opened the floor for speakers from the floor. There were no speakers from the floor.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Regular Meeting Minutes for August 16, 2016
- Closed Regular Minutes for August 16, 2016
- Redacted Closed Meeting Minutes for February 16, 2016 through August 9, 2016
- Treasurer's Report for August 2016
- Claims and Accounts List in the amount of \$336,902.67
- Budget Tracking Reports

Tanzyus made a motion, seconded by Sewell, to accept the Consent Agenda items.

Achenbach questioned the line item for Liability Insurance on the Treasurer's Report. He wanted to know if the insurance liability is paid in two increments. Erhart noted it is paid every six months.

Achenbach questioned the water bill in Aquatics on the Claims and Accounts List and if the amount of \$19,134.73 was normal. Erhart noted the two bills between the water park and concessions stand were \$3,000 higher than the previous year potentially because of a rate increase for water. He also noted there are leaks in the Lazy River and in the piping under the two large slides that will be repaired before next season.

Lomax questioned line items in Aquatics, Museum and Capital Improvement. The first was in reference to FlowRider Troubleshooting done by Vandevanter Engineering. Erhart addressed this regarding a visit Vandevanter made in early June when the FlowRider first went down. The second was in reference to Strain Wattle and Wattle Stakes from Siteone. Kosmatka stated this is 150 foot long tube filled with straw that is used

for erosion control. The third was in reference to the \$5,500 bill for tree removal through A Home Landscaping. Kosmatka addressed this as well, noting it was from the erosion near the cell tower.

Sewell questioned the Golf Cart Lease for \$6,112.93 from DLL Finance expressing it seemed high. Erhart clarified, noting it was paid only six months a year and it was over \$8,000 before he renegotiated the contract. We are in our first year of a three year contract.

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

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR & STAFF REPORTS

Collins opened discussion with potential action regarding executive director and staff reports.

Erhart presented the Splash City Distribution Report as well as the Splash City Attendance Report comparing 2016, 2015 and 2014. 2016 had 1,403 more visitors than 2015. Revenue is up \$11,000 over last year. Concession brought in \$129,000 this year over \$118,000 in 2015. He also noted we paid less this year for concession products and made more in the end. It was noted that of about 24,000 people, 83% were non-residents and 17% were residents.

Achenbach made a motion, seconded by Sewell, to accept the Executive Director and Staff Reports.

Achenbach questioned Kevin Brown's report and the purging of records. Erhart spoke to the State Archives Office and was told items had been approved for disposal in 2011. He has a list of items that can be disposed of. Once everything up to 2011 has been purged, he will request approval to purge items from 2011 to present.

Achenbach went on to question Jader's meeting with Brad and Tiffany from Collinsville Baseball Softball League to discuss a potential partnership for next season. Jader explained CBSL would no longer exist, a league would exist and CARD would take in all the registration money. She stated currently CARD is like a middleman. Achenbach went on to suggest having a Spring Clean Up program in the parks. Jader noted she has been looking into it with the parks department. Lomax suggested getting sponsors to cover the actual costs in having a Volunteer Spring Clean Up program.

Achenbach asked about the Museum possibly getting a donkey and/or a miniature mule or pony. He questioned if a typical farm in the 1930's to 1950's had a donkey or pony. Kosmatka addressed this saying they had mules and donkeys. They were used as protectors from coyotes and a variety of other potential predators.

Collins commended the golf course's playability despite the large amount of rain. Jader added that she plays in a league there every Tuesday and many of the players have noted they have not been able to play other courses because of all of the rain.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Collins opened the floor for old business.

The only item of old business was discussion with potential action regarding the refunding of Series 2004 and Series 2007 Alternate Revenue Municipal Bonds. Erhart presented the audience and the Board with requested numbers of the Bond Refunding Estimate from Bond Consultant Tim King. CARD would save \$721,500 with the lowest rating and \$1,323,500 with the best rating. Carruthers noted he had a discussion with Sean Flynn, CARD's Bond Counsel, and as long as there is even the threat of a lawsuit, it would make the bonds unmarketable. The threat of a lawsuit would have to be disclosed. He also noted that Ron Jeda had met with two attorneys and no matter what CARD does, if they refund, he will sue. Achenbach discussed the option of postponing the refunding; noting the bulk of the savings will still be there. He also indicated if we keep heading in the right direction, CARD could receive a good Standard & Poor's rating on its own. Tanzyus added that as long as there is a threat of a lawsuit, the issue is dead. Lomax asked why we have the threat of the lawsuit from Jeda. Erhart noted it goes to the question of if we are over our debt limit or not. Collins questioned why Jeda hasn't acted yet and feels we should go ahead with the refund. Carruthers indicated that Jeda knows just the threat of a lawsuit makes the bonds unmarketable. Collins reiterated that Jeda is threatening to sue the district and he is not willing to let CARD go forward and save as much as \$1,323,500 in refunding the 2004 and 2007 bonds. He went on to note that a judge would have to make the final decision. Everything else is just an opinion. Collins stated he wants a judgement and wants this finalized.

Pending further discussion, there was no action taken at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Collins opened the floor for new business.

The only item of new business was discussion with potential action regarding the renewal of Illinois Parks Association Risk Services Liability Insurance for period October 1, 2016 through October 1, 2017. Erhart introduced John Sanford, our representative from IPARKS. Sanford presented the board with numerous handouts. He discussed that rates are much higher for property listed at actual cash value. He stated it would average around \$10,000 more annually. Plus you would no longer have that security that everything was insured. He noted that CARD sets coverage limits for all buildings on a Replacement Cost (RC) basis instead of a Cash Value basis. He discussed the difference between Cash Value and Replacement Cost. The Board questioned liability because of leased property. He discussed the difference between Premises Liability and General Liability. If someone is injured on the district's premises, that is General Liability. That has nothing to do with a particular property being insured. It was noted we are covered for leased property. Sanford recommended having a professional appraisal done to find out the insurable values.

Pending further Discussion, there was no further action at this time.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE DISTRICT

Collins opened the floor for the good of the district.

Erhart thanked Harold Seimes for the work on the water guns from Monsoon Mountain. Seimes offered to work on additional parts over the winter.

Achenbach indicated that he is looking forward to Fall Farm Day on October 1, since he missed Spring Farm Day.

OTHER BUSINESS

A motion was made by Achenbach, 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§ 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 7:43 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, September 20, 2016 at 9:04 PM at the district office, 10 Gateway Drive, Collinsville, Illinois. Commissioners present were Achenbach, Collins, Lomax, Sewell and Tanzyus. Staff present included Executive Director Doug Erhart. Attorney Andrew Carruthers was present as well.

Tanzyus made a motion, seconded by Sewell, to accept the renewal of IPARKS Liability Insurance.

Tanzyus made a motion to amend the motion to accept the renewal of IPARKS Liability Insurance and allow Erhart to renegotiate to lower the overall price.

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

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

The meeting stood adjourned at 9:11 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberli DeRossett, Recording Secretary

Date