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## CLOSED SESSION MEETING MINUTES

MAY 17, 2016

The CLOSED SESSION of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Collinsville Area Recreation District was called to order by President Patrick Collins at 7:02 PM, April 19, 2016 at the district office, 10 Gateway Drive, Collinsville, Illinois. Role was called with the following commissioners answering present: Mark Achenbach, Patrick Collins, Jeanne Lomax and Brad Sewell. Others present included Executive Director Doug Erhart and attorney Andrew Carruthers.

Carruthers discussed pending litigation.

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[REDACTED]

He went on to discuss Illinois Case 2016IL 1179520 and the implications this verdict has on the park district. He explained the Public Duty Doctrine, in Illinois we are protected from most litigation, lawsuit claims through the Illinois Court Immunity Act for acts of negligence.

[REDACTED]

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Carruthers went on to discuss golf course opportunities. He has a client with Rolling Hills Golf Course out of Godfrey, Illinois. They have a 30 year lease to manage two golf courses in Alton. The courses are owned by the City of Alton. Several years ago Alton made a decision to get out of the golf course business, possibly because of the difficulty of a governmental agency trying to sell a golf course. The individual with the lease in turn pays Alton \$1 per round. He is unsure if it's per nine hole or 18 hole. The management company handles all of the maintenance and improvements. Carruthers suggested comparing with some other companies for more options. Plus it is something to look at for the future, not this season.

Carruthers went on to discuss the Finance Committee meeting that was held recently in Erhart's office. The question is whether or not the balances from the extended bonds continue to count against our debt limit. The statute says that when they are extended, the balances due on those apply against the debt limit until there is an audit showing there is sufficient revenue to otherwise pay the debt. This was debated and is still being evaluated.

Legal ramifications of extending bond payments in 2008 and 2010 were discussed next. Collins noted there may be a local bank willing to do the refunding. Achenbach noted he believes we are over the debt limit. The Board continued to debate previous discussions on refunding versus not refunding. Achenbach noted the law states it does not matter if you are over your debt limit, legally you can refund. It was noted that Bond Counsel believes we are not over the debt limit and Achenbach disagrees, stating we are over the debt limit.

Erhart discussed [REDACTED] disciplinary action. He presented the Board with a disciplinary write up for [REDACTED]. Achenbach and Sewell noted that he is Erhart's employee and they will back him 100%.

Erhart went on to discuss Schnuck's Dam. He stated it is still not done. The bid with the Rip Rap and other necessary materials is \$12,000. In our agreement we agreed to pay 75% of \$8,500 maximum. Nothing has progressed at this point. It was noted the homeowners own the Dam.

No further business coming before the Commissioners, a motion was made by Sewell, seconded by Achenbach, that the CLOSED SESSION be adjourned to OPEN SESSION. Roll was called with the following voting AYE: Achenbach, Collins, Lomax and Sewell. None voted NAY. Motion passed.

The meeting stood adjourned at 8:27 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kimberli DeRossett, Recording Secretary

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Date