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**SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION MEETING MINUTES**

**MAY 2, 2017**

The CLOSED SESSION of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Collinsville Area Recreation District was called to order by President Ronald Jedda at 7:48 PM, May 2, 2017 at the district office, 10 Gateway Drive, Collinsville, Illinois. Roll was called with the following commissioners answering present: Mark Achenbach, Ronald Jedda, Jeanne Lomax, Brad Sewell and Aaron Wright. Others present included Executive Director Doug Erhart and District Attorney Andrew Carruthers.

Carruthers reviewed ongoing litigation for the new Board of Commissioners and updated the Board of Commissioners on pending litigation.

The first litigation discussed was the Lisa Ciampoli matter. The litigation was dismissed with prejudice as of last week.

Carruthers then addressed the litigation with the City of Collinsville. CARD has dismissed the litigation without prejudice. While the lawsuit is currently dismissed, the effort to get the City to take back their parks is ongoing.

The next litigation is in regards to William White. He owns the culvert or bridge that connects Arlington Drive to Arlington Greens Golf Course, as well as parts of the lake on either side of the culvert. This is the only access to the course. White refers to himself as the Pontoon Area Recreation Coordinator. He previously sent a letter to CARD threatening to shut down the bridge. He said it would have been shut down for about a year and it would have started just before the golf season was to start. Currently, CARD has an easement stating White has a duty to maintain it and cannot interfere with CARD or the general public's access to the bridge at any time. Carruthers had attempted to contact White on numerous occasions insisting he not shut down the bridge. White did not respond by a set deadline so CARD sued him and was granted an injunction stating he could not close down the bridge. The next issue with the bridge is maintenance which should be done in the off season. The previous Nameoki Township Highway Commissioner contacted CARD and was willing to use public funds to improve this privately owned culvert. Over time, that commissioner was replaced by a newly elected commissioner and the offer may or may not still stand. CARD does have White's permission to proceed with maintenance on the property. Erhart will know by the end of May if the offer from Nameoki Township still stands.



The final legal issue discussed was regarding the Tara Lane property that backs up to Pleasant Ridge Park. CARD bought the house on Tara Lane in 2008 and paid over \$300,000 for the house and 17 acres. Current law states that for a park district to sell over three acres, the sale must be put on a ballot and voted on. To avoid that, the property has been subdivided into six parcels of less than three acres. So far, the house has been sold for \$175,000 and the lake parcel was sold for \$12,000.

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

The Closed Session Meeting stood adjourned at 7:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kimberli DeRossett, Recording Secretary

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