



COLLINSVILLE AREA RECREATION DISTRICT

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

JULY 21, 2009

The regular monthly meeting of the board of park commissioners of the Collinsville Area Recreation District was called to order by President Mary Ann Bitzer at 7:00 P.M., July 21, 2009 at the district office, Ten Gateway Drive, Collinsville, Illinois. Upon role being called the following commissioners answered present: re-elected commissioner Mary Ann Bitzer, Spike Bryant, Kathy Pickering and Sarah Day. Commissioner Joan Burke was absent.

Staff present included executive director Mark Badasch, park superintendent Kevin Brown, recreation superintendent Rick Robbins, recreation communications & marketing coordinator Elizabeth Lehnerer, aquatic supervisor Stephanie Whittington, golf course superintendent Bob Lovatto and golf course assistant manager Tim Knowlton.

Public input: One gentleman spoke, having just managed the state youth golf tournament for the Granite City Elks Lodge at Arlington Greens. He spoke highly of the quality of the course and the excellent service his group received from all employees with Arlington Greens. He, further, encourage the District to avoid making any cuts at the course that would impact these outstanding qualities.

A motion was made by Pickering, seconded by Day, that the Minutes of the regular meeting held on June 16, 2009 be approved as printed and placed on file. Upon role being called, all present voted aye. None voted nay. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Bryant, seconded by Pickering, that the Treasurers Report for the month of June, 2009 be approved and placed on file for audit. Upon role being called, all present voted aye. None voted nay. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Bryant, seconded by Pickering, that the list of claims and accounts totaling **\$360,296.82** be approved for payment. Upon role being called, all present voted aye. None voted nay. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Pickering, seconded by Bryant, that staff reports be accepted. Upon roll, being called, all present voted aye. None voted nay. Motion passed.

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Discussion Items

The Board was advised that construction work on the New Maintenance Building has been progressing at a good pace. The building structure and sheeting is complete with work by plumbers & electricians underway. Currently, substantial completion is expected to be around August 8th.

Mr. Badasch & Mr. Robbins reviewed season attendance, revenues and the weather patterns which have controlled these items during the season. Mr. Robbins, also, reviewed the various events that have been held or are planned. These included: Battle of the Bands, Wave Loch Competition, Dash & Splash.

Mr. Badasch advised that the Vivian property rezoning is complete and that the new plat will be filed with Madison County.

The Arlington Wetland Project is moving forward with the recent acquisition by the Southwestern Illinois R, C & D of the parcels. Items to be finalized include the conservation easement and the Intergovernmental Agreement with the County.

The Miner's Rehabilitation Plan is being prepared by architects, White & Borgognoni, who have been on site and are providing four preliminary options for floor plans of a proposed addition along the west wall of the building. This addition is to accommodate HVAC< restrooms, dressing rooms. Elevator, concession, storage and rehearsal spaces.

Mr. Badasch reviewed items to be funded with this years capital funding bond issue together with the refunding of the 2002 bond series which will become callable.

The recently adopted Madison County Property Tax Payment program was reviewed and the various steps to reduce our cash flow were identified. These included: lay-0off of 19 employees, reworking the schedules of over 40 seasonal employees, one week furlough of all year-round employees, reductions in payments/service levels for uniforms, Muzak and other service contracts.

Action Items

None.

Other Business

A motion was made by Pickering, seconded by Day, that the Board go to CLOSED SESSION for the purpose of discussing negotiations for the purchase of real estate. Upon roll being call, all present voted aye. None voted nay. Motion passed.

The Board went to CLOSED SESSION AT 8:15 p.m.

The regular monthly meeting of the board of park commissioners of the Collinsville Area Recreation District was called to order IN OPEN SESSION by President Mary Ann Bitzer at 8:40 P.M., July 21, 2009 at the district office, Ten Gateway Drive, Collinsville, Illinois. Upon role being called the following commissioners answered present: re-elected commissioner Mary Ann Bitzer, Spike Bryant, Kathy Pickering and Sarah Day. Commissioner Joan Burke was absent.

Staff present included executive director Mark Badasch.

No further business coming before the Commissioners, a motion was made by Day, seconded by Pickering, that the meeting be adjourned. Upon role being called, all present voted aye. None voted nay. Motion passed.

The meeting stood adjourned at 8:42 p.m. .

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Badasch, Secretary

Date