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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 20, 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., October 20, 2009 at the district office, Ten Gateway Drive, Collinsville, Illinois. Upon role being called the following commissioners answered present: Mary Ann Bitzer, Spike Bryant, and Kathy Pickering. Commissioners Joan Burke and Sarah Day were absent.

Staff present included executive director Mark Badasch, park superintendent Kevin Brown, communications & marketing coordinator Elizabeth Davis, golf course superintendent Bob Lovatto, golf course interim co-managers Joe Sinco and Marty Ercoline and Intern Katie McRae.

Public input: None.

A motion was made by Pickering, seconded by Bryant, that the Minutes of the regular meeting held on September 15, 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 Day, seconded by Burke, that the Minutes of the Committee-of-the-Whole meeting held on October 6, 2009 be approved 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 September, 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 Pickering, seconded by Bryant, that the list of claims and accounts totaling **$136,919.62** 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.

Discussion Items

Mr. Badasch, Mr. Ercoline and Mr. Sinco reviewed golf course operations with the Board. They highlighted the extremely wet weather that seems to be the hallmark of this October.

The Miner's Rehabilitation Concept Plan was review by Mr. Badasch with the owner of Dean's Liquors who is the neighbor west of the parking lot that we plan to expand into. He is very supportive of this approach and may prove to be an asset when working with the City on this item.

The New Maintenance Building is nearly complete. The punch list has been assembled and the items are being Addressed by contractors, once that work is completed, the building will be turned over to CARD. We are planning an Open House/Dedication for November 12, 2009.

Interviews of candidates for the golf course manager positio0on have been going well. The original field of eighty-eight candidates was reduced to eight for interviews. Seven candidates came for the interviews (#8 took another position). This field was reduced to two, who were re-interviewed by Mrs. Barczewski and Mr. Badasch. An offer has been made and we are waiting for confirmation of its acceptance to make an announcement.

Mr. Badasch discussed the preparation of the 2009 tax levy with the commissioners. He asked for any guidance with respect to the direction of the levy considering the economy as well as our operations and the retrenching we had to do this past summer. Following discussion, it was agreed that Mr. Badasch would assemble a maximum amount levy for board review.

A inquiry has been received from members of the International Horseradish Festival Committee asking if CARD would be willing to consider assuming sponsorship of the Festival from the Collinsville Chamber of Commerce/Progress. Following discussion, it was determined that more information would be needed in order to develop a position on this matter. However, all were reluctant to assume such sponsorship since the Chamber has done a good job with this festival.

Discussion took place regarding the long range philosophy the District staff should be following with respect to any partnership with the YMCA as it applies to a prospective community center. The feeling of the Board is, with regard to a District owned facility, the District is capable and responsible for that facility's operations, staffing and programming.

Action Items

A motion was made by Bryant, seconded by Pickering, that Mr. Badasch be designated as the Delegate to the IAPD Annual Meeting, in Chicago. Upon roll being call, all present voted aye. None voted nay. Motion passed.

Other Business: None.

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

The meeting stood adjourned at 8:40 p.m. .

Respectfully submitted,

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Mark Badasch, Secretary

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Date