



COLLINSVILLE AREA RECREATION DISTRICT

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## **SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

**JULY 30, 2013**

The Special Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Collinsville Area Recreation District was called to order by President David Tanzyus at 6:00 PM, July 30, 2013 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, Mary Ann Bitzer, Patrick Collins, and David Tanzyus.

Staff present included Executive Director Terry Wilson.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Joe Ashmann addressed the Board regarding the previous board meeting and stated it was contentious, and that Mark could have stopped it by saying he made a mistake. He stated Jim Sparks, Rod Spears, and he knew, as the Board did, that they were not comfortable with their association in regard to the meetings. He stated they waited, talked to Terry Wilson, and they had not heard anything from Mark or Terry in a month. So, Jim Sparks spilled the beans. He stated the serious position of commissioner was important for the city. He stated he read the interview questions and laughed because the questions were answered by the people that filled the hall in Maryville and those crowds Rod packed in there when the CARD transition started. He stated they were answered on the door steps of those folks while they gathered signatures. He stated he had a problem with those who came late to the dance called CARD because the answers to the questions came at the podium. He stated two people, in his opinion, being interviewed that night did not have a chance of making the Board, Jim Sparks and Jeanne Lomax. He stated he thought the Board had an opportunity to be the best. He stated the world they were living was screwed up and if people weren't watching their politicians and not disappointed in them, they weren't living in the same world he did. He stated he would love CARD to be that example of best government that could be an example to the City of Collinsville and to Unit 10.

Jim Sparks addressed the Board regarding comments made during previous meetings. He stated Rod Spears speech referenced CARD's online posting about CARD seeking candidates for Board Commissioner. He stated his statement in part was that Rod had knowledge that three of CARD's commissioners had already agreed to support Jeanne Lomax for the interim position of commissioner to replace Andy Carruthers before the June 28<sup>th</sup> deadline, the filing deadline. He stated what he knew but did not make public was that a week or so prior he had been told by Mark Achenbach that he need not go to the trouble to file his credentials for that position as Jeanne Lomax had already been chosen. He stated he relayed to Mark at that time that he was angered that he and the two other commissioners had made a decision before the filing deadline. He stated another person had heard that from Mark, Joe Ashmann. He stated on June 19<sup>th</sup> he called Terry Wilson and explained what he knew, without naming names, what he had heard and

after hearing what he had to say Terry stated if he was correct that that was wrong. He stated earlier in the conversation he told Terry he did not know what to do with the information, at first he thought he would go to the press with it, but he went to Terry with it. He stated that Terry had stated if he found out that what Jim shared had happened he would go to the press and expose the process. He stated he told Mark Achenbach he thought it was time he weighed in on the matter and say what he did. He stated Mark said what he did and that he said it didn't happen. Jim stated that told him that he lied about it, that Joe lied about it, and that Rod lied about what they thought they knew. He then asked Terry to weigh in on it because he had told him he would handle it if he found out it was true. He asked Terry what he found out and about his decision to go on with the process. Terry stated the only thing he found out was they did not yet have a commissioner. Jim asked Terry if he thought if it was alright if he was told by one of Terry's seated commissioners that he need not file because there had already been a decision made. Terry stated what he said was if the process was taken care of before they did anything and he found out that was true he would go to the press. David Tanzyus stated they had a process, which they were doing that night that they had five candidates there, and the Board would like to talk to them to find out more about all of them. Patrick Collins stated if in fact Mark said anything like that to Jim, it was an opinion and not by quorum of the Board. David Tanzyus stated when he applied for an open position on the Board, prior to getting elected, he went to a meeting, never heard anything back about his application, and read in the paper someone had been appointed. He stated there was no interview process, and what they were doing was light years ahead of where they were then.

Regarding the interview process, David Tanzyus stated cards were drawn, based on the order drawn the person with the highest card would be brought in during executive session, and everyone else could wait in the lobby till it was their turn. He stated once individuals completed their interview they were free to go, because the Board could not vote on a decision that night. Patrick Collins asked, for full disclosure, the process the Board had to follow. David stated once they came up with the individual's name, they would come into open session, which would probably be the next meeting, and they would make a motion for that person to become the commissioner.

### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

Regarding a closed session, a motion was made by Patrick Collins, seconded by Mary Ann Bitzer to go into Closed Session motion for the purpose of discussing the selection of an individual to fill a public office (5 ILCS 120/2 (c) 3). Upon roll being called, those voting AYE were: Achenbach, Bitzer, Collins, Tanzyus. None voted NAY. Motion passed.

The Board adjourned to CLOSED SESSION at 6:15 PM.

The Special Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Collinsville Area Recreation District was called to order in OPEN SESSION by President David Tanzyus, July 30, 2013 at the district office, 10 Gateway Drive, Collinsville, Illinois. Upon roll being called the following commissioners answered present: Mark Achenbach, Mary Ann Bitzer, Patrick Collins, and David Tanzyus. Staff present included Executive Director Terry Wilson.

No further business coming before the commissioners, a motion was made by David Tanzyus, seconded by Mark Achenbach that the meeting be adjourned. Upon roll being called, those voting AYE were: Achenbach, Bitzer, Collins, Tanzyus. None voted Nay. Motion passed.

The meeting stood adjourned at 8:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Susan Zaber, Recording Secretary

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Date