

COLOMA TOWNSHIP PARK DISTRICT  
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
January 14, 2014

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Coloma Township Park District Board of Commissioners was called to order on Tuesday, January 14, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in the Park District Office located at 508 East 11<sup>th</sup> Street in Rock Falls, Illinois.

Present: Commissioners Sigel, Bubbers, Walker, Stindt and Nehrkorn  
Also Present: Michael P. Sterba, Director of Parks & Recreation

Commissioner Bubbers stated that there was a correction to the January 2014 minutes stating that the Park Board discussed the option of constructing a shelter and or a playground at the south end of Centennial Park and President Sigel should meet with Mr. Johnson along with Director Sterba.

Commissioner Stindt motioned to approve the minutes of the regular monthly Board Meeting of December 10, 2013 as presented. Commissioner Walker seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Commissioner Bubbers motioned to approve the December bills in the following amounts:

Corporate Fund	\$	17,044.12
Liability Fund		1,870.78
Recreation Fund		7,645.55
Retirement Fund		3,780.49
Bond Construction # 31 Fund		12,975.58
Museum Fund		1,812.19
Bowman Park Fund		292.02
Police Fund		789.27
Total	\$	46,210.00

Commissioner Nehrkorn seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.

The following is a listing of the Work Fare People from Coloma Township, Whiteside County Probation Office, Project Chance, Department of Human Services, Experience Works and Partnership for Employment that have worked for us the past month. Also included are total days worked in December and in 2013.

	Coloma TWP	TS Staffing	Probation Dept.	Whiteside County Housing	Dept. Human Services	Experience Works	Partners/ Employment
Days in December	8	0.00	8.25	2	0.00	0.00	7.5
Days in 2013	244.25	0.00	283.50	7	9.0	0.00	293.5

**Probation:**

Coloma Township: Corinna Bell, Richard Holcomb, Paul Drake, Sherri McLaren

Partners for Employment:

Housing: Adam Williams, Monique Lehman

President John Sigel then called upon Mr. Terry Hicks of Rock Falls who is making a request of the board. Terry Hicks explained to the Park Board that he lives on E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street adjacent to Seward Riverside Park and he is interested in seeing the River Chase Boat Racing return to Rock Falls. He has been active in trying to organize individuals to support the River Chase for 2014. He has also been in contact with Michael Mackey, who is the president of the Marine Racing Club in Dekalb Illinois. Mr. Mackey, who was also present, explained how this race, if the Park Board approved, was sanctioned by the American Power Boat Association and would take place on Saturday and Sunday June 28<sup>th</sup> and June 29<sup>th</sup> 2014 with the Park Board's approval. Mr. Hicks and Mr. Mackey did understand that the Park District could not put the event on and that the soul responsibility of hosting and running the event would be on them. Mr. Mackey explained that the races would be between four and six hours per day starting at approximately 11:00 AM on

Saturday. Both Mr. Hicks and Mr. Mackey have contacted some of our local organizations for support and they believe that they have enough commitment to go ahead with the project. Thus they have requested of the Park Board to use Seward Riverside Park on the dates presented. After a lengthy question and answer period among the Park Board members and Mr. Hicks and Mr. Mackey Commissioner Walker motioned to allow the Marine Racing Club of Dekalb Illinois to host the 2014 River Chase Power Boating Race at Seward Riverside Park on Saturday and Sunday June 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> 2014. The race would be sanctioned by the American Power Boat Association and a \$5,000,000.00 Insurance policy is included with that sanctioning. Commissioner Stindt seconded that motion. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried

President John Sigel then recognized two other individuals, Mr. Gary Murphy and Mr. Joseph Duncan of Crete Illinois. These two gentlemen represent the Basket Cases Disc Golf Club who also want to sponsor an event at Nims Park on May 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 2014. These are the two men who have requested and have been approved by the Guinness Book of World Records to try and set a new world record regarding the amount of Disc Golf Holes that can be played in a twenty four hour period. The current record is 1,310 holes and these gentlemen believe they can simultaneously break the record. The Basket Cases Disc Golf Club has approximately 70 members of which about 30 members will come as volunteer staff to offer support to these two gentlemen trying to set the World Record. The appropriate officials will be here also who will witness the playing of the holes and testify of the authenticity so that the Guinness Book of World Records will recognize their feat. There will be several meetings between now and May 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> to make sure all of the logistics are in order. These gentlemen plan on starting somewhere between 11 AM and noon on Saturday May 3<sup>rd</sup> and will run to 11AM or Noon on Sunday May 3<sup>rd</sup> , whichever is the most appropriate time as we draw near to the date. Nims Park is listed under the Professional Disc Golf Association's Sanctioned Courses as well as Joshua Park in Rock Falls. Thus all the requirements have been met for these two gentlemen to try to set the World Record and they definitely have the support of the Park District. After a lengthy discussion among the Park Board and Mr. Murphy and Mr. Duncan, Commissioner Bubbers motioned to allow Mr. Gary Murphy and Mr. Joe Duncan to use Nims Park on Saturday and Sunday May 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 2014 to try and set a Guinness Book of World Record on our Disc Golf Course. They will try to set the record in regards to how many holes can be played in a 24 hour period. Appropriate logistics will be approved by the Park District Board prior to the event taking place. Commissioner Nehrkorn seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Director Michael P. Sterba has recently been contacted by Wilburt Vault Company in Sterling and our bronze plaque has now been attached to the new boulder for Centennial Park. We will be setting up a delivery date here in the very near future so that we can proudly display and give credit to the people who have made the fountain project a success.

Director Michael P. Sterba reported that the last meeting of the Rock Falls Recreation Trail Committee took place on Thursday January 9, 2014 at Rock Falls City Hall. Sterba will give an update on what happened at the meeting.

Director Michael. P. Sterba reported that Commissioner Sigel and Sterba will be giving an update on the Splash Pad at Centennial Park. Sterba has also been in contact with Lutes Well Drilling out of Mauldin, Illinois in regards to drilling a well for the Splash Pad at the South end of Centennial Park. Mr. Lutes had given Sterba a couple of alternative ideas that might be more practical in regards to providing the water needed for the Splash Pad.

Commissioner Sigel met with Mr. Art Johnson in regards to the new Splash Pad recently. Sterba gave Mr. Johnson an overall view of the project as well as the problems that we have incurred in regards to providing an adequate amount of water to service the Splash Pad. After a lengthy discussion with Mr. Johnson it was decided at least at this time to put the Splash Pad on hold. Commissioner Sigel also presented Mr. Johnson with an alternative project that might suit him better. Commissioner Sigel discussed with Mr. Johnson the possibility of building a new Family Picnic Shelter and or a playground area at the south end of Centennial Park. Mr. Johnson gave no indication on whether he liked that project any better. Thus the meeting ended with the Splash Pad being put on hold and that Mr. Johnson would consider an alternative project in the future.

Director Michael P. Sterba reported that he had contacted officer Tammy Nelson who is the assistant to police chief Mike Kuelper. Sterba asked officer Nelson if any decisions had been made in regards to the Rock Falls Police Department providing Park District Security for the summer of 2014. Officer Nelson stated that they had and that Sterba needed to talk to Chief Kuelper. Sterba did subsequently talk to Chief Kuelper and the chief did provide an outline of the Park Security issues that we had addressed at our meeting between the chief, officer Nelson, Commissioner Sigel and Sterba. Unfortunately when that outline was presented to the City of Rock Falls Administration it was felt that the Rock Falls Police Department could not provide this service, at least for the 2014 season. It appears that the Rock Falls Police Department is short on officers and that they did not want to take on any additional duties that might stress the department in the future. Thus the Park District will have to provide some other Park District security for the summer of 2014.

Director Michael P. Sterba reported that the IAPD/IPRA State Conference will take place Thursday through Saturday January 23<sup>rd</sup> through January 25<sup>th</sup> at the Hyatt Regency in Chicago, Illinois. Sterba has made appropriate reservations for all those who are interested in the conference. They now need to appoint a conference delegate to represent the Coloma Township Park District at the annual Board Meeting. Commissioner Stindt motioned to appoint Park Commissioner Wayne Walker as the official delegate to the IAPD/IPRA annual State Conference to be held Thursday through Saturday January 23<sup>rd</sup> through January 25<sup>th</sup> at the Hyatt Regency in Chicago, Illinois. Commissioner Bubbers seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Director Michael P. Sterba reported that the annual meeting of the Riverfront TIF District was held on January 18<sup>th</sup> at the Rock Falls City Council Chambers. Attorneys for Ward, Murray, Pace and Johnson handled the annual meeting informing all of the taxing districts just how the TIF District performs. The document presented is quite lengthy but I did copy the critical pages for the Park Board's review. Not a great deal of growth has happened in the down town area, thus the reflection of TIF dollars is not very much.

Director Michael P. Sterba presented copies of a check for \$7617.36 from the Illinois Department of Revenue. That check represents the Park District's Personal Property Replacement Tax Distribution for the months of December 2013 and January 2014.

Director Michael P. Sterba presented copies of the Park District's Fall Men's 35 and over Basketball Leagues cost analysis for the Park review.

Director Michael. P Sterba reported that he has recently been working with Daniel Payett of the Blackhawk Hills Regional Council in trying to secure some grant funds to help replace the street lights in Centennial Park. So far we have only been able to secure some grant funding for the difference in kilowatt hours between the old technology and the new technology. That grant would come in the form of a rebate program which is currently a little more than \$5,000. Sterba doesn't know if that dollar amount is sufficient enough for us to act on the program promptly but we will continue to research to see if we can get some grant money to actually help pay for some of the fixtures. Sterba will keep the Park Board informed of any new developments in regards to the Centennial Park Light Fixture Cost Estimate and Grant.

Director Michael P. Sterba presented copies of the IPARKS quarterly newsletter for the Park Board's review. Generally IPARKS has a number of interesting articles pertaining to Park Districts and how we might reduce our liability in the future.

Director Michael P. Sterba reported that the Rock Falls Chamber of Commerce will host their annual on Thursday February 27, 2014 at the Rock Falls Days Inn. Anyone interested in attending should please let Sterba know so he can make the appropriate reservations.

Director Michael. P. Sterba presented copies of the new Employee Evaluation Forms and Policy Manual Revisions for the Park Board's review.

Director Michael P. Sterba presented copies of a support letter from the Coloma Township Park District addressed to the City of Rock Falls to help with the recent Limestone Building Grant Application.

Director Michael P. Sterba presented copies of the 2014 Winter/Spring Recreation Program Brochures. The large paper is a copy of the brochure that was a full page ad in the Daily Gazette on Thursday December 13, 2013. The light blue shiny brochure was distributed to all school age children on the south side of the river via the local school districts.

Director Michael P. Sterba presented 2014 Calendars as provided by IPARKS as a thank you for our participation.

Director Michael P. Sterba presented copies of a check for \$750.00 from Kaboom Manufacturing Company. The check represents a Park Maintenance Grant we received for wood chipping the AAL Shelter Playground at Centennial Park with the help of Harvest Time Bible Church.

Director Michael P. Sterba presented the 2014 vacation document as it pertains to the six full time staff. The Park Board discussed at length weather to change the current policy of using anniversary dates of the employees to see how much vacation they have coming or to use a calendar year and vacation would be acquired on a monthly basis. After the discussion among the Park Board it was decided that the current policy would stand and that each employee's anniversary date would be used for determining how much vacation a particular employee has.

Director Michael P. Sterba presented his monthly director's report to the board.

IPRA also sent us their monthly Board Meeting Minutes for our review.

The Park District has received the weekly newsletter from the Rock Falls Chamber of Commerce for our review.

Commissioner Bubbers motioned to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting. Commissioner Stindt seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday February 11, 2014 at 6:30 PM at the Park District office located at 508 E. 11<sup>th</sup> Street Rock Falls, Illinois 61071.

Adjournment at 9:00 PM

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Minutes Submitted by  
Michael P. Sterba  
Director of Parks & Recreation

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Date  
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Donald E. Stindt, Secretary  
Coloma Township Park District  
Board of Commissioners

