

COLOMA TOWNSHIP PARK DISTRICT  
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
September 9, 2014

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Coloma Township Park District Board of Commissioners was called to order on Tuesday, September 9, 2014 at 6:00 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 Nehr Korn  
Absent: None  
Also Present: Michael P. Sterba, Director of Parks & Recreation

Commissioner Walker motioned to approve the minutes of the Regular Monthly Board Meeting of August 14, 2014 as presented. Commissioner Nehr Korn seconded the motion, roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Commissioner Stindt motioned to approve the August bills in the following amounts:

Corporate Fund	\$	31,748.16
Liability Fund		13,487.86
Recreation Fund		9,301.64
Retirement Fund		4,314.07
Bond Construction # 32 Fund		28,451.99
Museum Fund		841.51
Bowman Park Development Fund		246.72
Police Fund		3,041.60
Total	\$	91,433.55

Commissioner Bubbers 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 August and in 2014.

	Coloma TWP	Best	Probation Dept.	Whiteside County Housing	Dept. Human Services	Experience Works	Partners/ Employment
Days in August	11.5	30.5	16	1	0	0.00	0
Days in 2014	132.5	113.5	48	11	10.75	0.00	9.75

Coloma Township: Corinna Bell, Richard Holcomb, Billy Smoot, Dan Knorr and Steve Ward  
Housing: Monique Lehman  
Best: Dallas Griffith, Dustin Cook, and Brandon Davis  
Probation: Spencer Shuman  
IYCC: Abby Mitchell, Michaela Spreier, Carlos Loyola, and Cainon Canas

Director Michael P. Sterba reported that the next meeting of the Rock Falls Recreation Trail Committee – Proposed Walking/Bike Path/Hennepin Canal Committee will take place on Thursday, September 11, 2014 at 12:00 PM at Rock Falls City Hall. Sterba plans on attending that meeting to see what progress has been made in the ongoing Trail planning and construction.

Director Michael P. Sterba reported that the Park District recently hosted a preconstruction meeting at Dillon Park in regards to all parties involved in the recent construction of the new restroom facilities at Dillon Park. General Contractor Swedberg out of Rochelle, Engel Electric, Most Plumbers, and an excavation firm were here to discuss the proposed construction schedule of the new facility. The meeting was held on Friday, August 29<sup>th</sup> at Dillon Park. All went well with the proposed start of the construction; basic construction will

be on Monday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. In the meantime the Park District has taken down the fence along 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue and removed the apparatus from inside the restrooms as well as the mechanical room at Dillon Park. Sterba will keep the Park Board informed as we make progress on the construction project at Dillon Park.

Director Michael P. Sterba reported that there was nothing new to report since the last Park Board meeting in regards to the Centennial Park Street Lighting project. The City of Rock Falls has not been able to do much work over the last month due to storms and other projects that have priority. Sterba will keep the Park Board informed on progress being made on the Centennial Park Street Lighting project.

Director Michael P. Sterba reported that the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Youth Recreation Corps Grant Program has concluded as of August 31<sup>st</sup>. The Park District was fortunate enough to work for most of the summer four high school age students between the ages of 16 and 18 to work within the park system. The total grant that we received was \$10, 800 of which we tried to use as much as possible. The balance of the money that went unused has to be returned to the State of Illinois. Final figures will be provided to the Park Board at the October Park Board meeting.

Director Michael P. Sterba reported that he has recently been in contact with Bill Block the director of the Illinois Elks Club from Chatham, Illinois. He has requested that we send the information in regards to the ADA Handicap Wheelchair Swing to him. We will send that information to him and hopefully we will get a response in the very near future. It looks like we have a decent chance of receiving the ADA Handicap Wheelchair Swing sometime this fall.

Director Michael P. Sterba reported that the Park District has received the Bill Hoeffler memorial plaque to be installed at Optimist Park. Currently, Sterba is still working on the future location of the plaque in the park and how future individuals will be handled in the case of a similar situation.

Director Michael P. Sterba reported that the Park District is currently working on the logistics to get the house on the new Sam Akiti property torn down. We have contacted Nicor which seems to be our biggest obstacle. They take the longest and they also want to get paid to have the service blocked off at the main. We also have been slowly removing some of the brush and trees as labor is available. I've also had the site sprayed for Poison Ivy, there seems to be an abundance of Poison Ivy all through the trees and along the tree lines. We cannot have this if we plan to ask church groups and others to help clean up the site. The site needs to be free of hazardous plants and materials.

Sterba has also secured several prices to have the house removed from the site and those prices are available for the Park Board tonight. Work on the house will not commence until after the City has the sewer and water capped off at the main and Nicor Gas does the same. The electrical wires are no problem and will be cut at the telephone pole by the City of Rock Falls. The project is commencing very slowly but we will move as fast as our resources allow.

The following are the results of the bid opening for the removal of the house on the property purchased by the Park District located at 1506 Avenue A in Rock Falls:

Bidder	Bid
Murray Excavating Rock Falls, Illinois	\$4,700.00
Burger Brothers Rock Falls, Illinois	\$8,550.00
Jeff Behrens Rock Falls, Illinois	\$12,897.00
Midwest M & D Construction Rock Falls, Illinois	\$7,300.00

Commissioner Bubbers Motioned to approve Murray Excavating bid to take down the house located at 1506 Avenue A in Rock Falls for a total cost of \$4,700.00. Commissioner Stindt seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All ayes motion carried.

Director Michael P. Sterba reported that at the August Park Board meeting, the Park Board received an extensive Ash tree inventory from Christopher Sester the manager of the local franchise of Tru Green out of Rochelle, Illinois. As you may recall, the Park Board tabled any action on what we might do to treat the trees in the future. Sterba listed the item on the agenda to see if the Board wanted to take any further action on the project at this time. The Board chose not to take any further action on the treatment of trees at this time, but they will reconsider the matter in the spring of 2015.

Director Michael P. Sterba reported that the new bench and plaque have been ordered for John Dorenbos' wife and will be installed at Bowman Park in the courtyard area. John recently lost his wife to cancer.

Director Michael P. Sterba reported that the Park District has not received a Personal Property Distribution Check from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources for the month of July.

Director Michael P. Sterba presented copies of an email from Andy Thornton of the YMCA stating that he would like to have a meeting with a number of the appropriate governmental bodies to discuss the future development of Lawrence Park to the benefit of both Sterling and Rock Falls. Director Mike Sterba and Board President John Sigel plan on attending that meeting to see what they have to say about Lawrence Park.

Director Michael P. Sterba presented copies of a letter from the Whiteside County Collector. The letter states that a direct deposit of \$19,966.48 was deposited into the Park District's General Corporate Fund. The direct deposit represents the Park District's 3<sup>rd</sup> tax distribution for 2014. Those funds will be distributed among the Park District's twelve accounts by the Park District's bookkeeper.

Director Michael P. Sterba presented copies of a report addressed to the Whiteside County Housing Authority. The report outlines the 2014 Summer Recreation Program expenses of \$1,012.00. The Housing Authority reimburses the Park District for the Summer Program. Only residents of the Whiteside County Housing Authority are allowed to participate with funding from the Housing Authority.

Director Michael P. Sterba presented copies of the 2014 Fall Recreation Program Brochure. The full page ad appeared in the Daily Gazette on Thursday, August 14<sup>th</sup> and the 8-page brochure was distributed to every school age student on the south side of the river via the local school districts.

Director Michael P. Sterba reported that Dana Nelson the Whiteside County Clerk has called a meeting of all governmental bodies in regards to the 2015 election. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 9 at 2pm at the Whiteside County Courthouse. Believe it or not petitions for the 2015 elections are actually available to be picked up on September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Commissioners Bubbers and Stindt are up for 6-year terms with Commissioner Nehr Korn running for the 2-year unexpired term of Leo Nardini.

Director Michael P. Sterba presented copies of IPARKS update. IPARKS update is a quarterly newsletter that generally deals with liability issues of park districts. They generally have some interesting stories about real happenings throughout our state.

Director Michael P. Sterba reported that it was that time of the year for the Park District to begin the process of selling Non Referendum Bonds. The bonds will be sold on December 1, 2014 and have a one year retirement schedule. After a short discussion among the Park Board Members, Commissioner Bubbers motioned to start the process for the Park District to sell \$260,000.00 worth of Non Referendum Bonds to have a one year retirement schedule to be issued on December 1, 2014. Chapman and Cutler will prepare the necessary documents and inform the Park District about the times and dates that we need to hold the Public Hearing and

when to approve the Ordinance, etc. Commissioner Stindt seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 14, 2014 at 6:00 PM at the Park District Office located at 508 E. 11<sup>th</sup> Street Rock Falls, Illinois 61071.

Adjournment at 8:30 PM

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

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