

COLOMA TOWNSHIP PARK DISTRICT
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
July 14, 2015

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Coloma Township Park District Board of Commissioners was called to order on Tuesday, July 14th, 2015 at 6pm in the Park District Office located at 508 East 11th Street in Rock Falls, Illinois.

Present: Commissioners Sigel, Bubbers, Stindt, and Walker
Absent: Commissioner Nehr Korn (wedding anniversary)
Also Present: Michael P. Sterba, Director of Parks & Recreation

Commissioner Bubbers motioned to approve the minutes of the Regular Monthly Board Meeting of June 9, 2015 as presented. Commissioner Walker seconded the motion, roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.

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

Corporate Fund	\$	292,607.82
Liability Fund		1,932.32
Recreation Fund		6,816.47
Retirement Fund		3,977.38
Museum Fund		24,891.20
Bowman Park Development Fund		132.72
Police Fund		2,752.75
Bond Construction Fund #33		17,715.53
Total	\$	350,826.19

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 June and in 2015.

	Coloma TWP	Best	Probation Dept.	Whiteside County Housing	Dept. Human Services	Experience Works	Partners/ Employment
Days in June	6.5	0	1.5	1	0	7.5	0
Days in 2015	61	0	106.31	8	0	7.5	0

Coloma Township: William Chesmore, Sherri McLaren, Corinna Blagg
Housing: Hein Ayhens
Probation: David Cantu

Director Michael P. Sterba reported that the Rock Falls Recreation Trail Committee-Proposed Walking/Bike Path/Hennepin Canal recently held a committee meeting at City Hall. At that meeting, the trail was officially separated into six sections so that parts of it could be easily distinguished in the future. Each section has its pros and cons in regards to the development and or use as a viable trail. Each section also has a cost estimate depending on its length as well as its obstacles. Sterba will keep the Park Board informed of any new developments in regards to the six sections outlined as part of the Rock Falls Trail Committee.

Director Michael P. Sterba reported there was nothing new since the last Park Board Meeting in regards to the RB&W Greenspace Review Committee. However, it looks like the riverfront project is on hold right now due to the City's OSLAD Grant being frozen by the Governor.

Director Michael P. Sterba reported that as we all know the Dillon Restroom Facility is now complete and fully operational. The few items that were on our punch list when we did the walk through have now been taken care of by the individual contractors. Overall the project

looks very good and we have had some very positive comments about the renovations made at Dillon Park. Now all we need to do is make the final payments that are due on the project itself. We will be receiving the final lean waivers from the contractor here in the very near future to finalize the project. But before we can finalize the cost of the project the Park Board needs to make a decision on how they want to handle the metal roof on the facility. As you may recall, the metal roof was completed 9 working days after the completion of the entire project that was scheduled. We did carry over some of the other parts of the project until this spring, but the roof was not one of those items. As you may recall, the sheeting and the material that goes under the metal roof were installed last fall. However, it took quite some time to get the metal roof totally installed. The penalty for not completing a particular item on time is \$100 per day which is negotiable by the Park Board. Remember if we do hold back any of the money for the project it has to go through Swedberg the general contractor before it can be applied to the roofing contractor. We need a decision tonight from the Park Board on how they want to proceed with applying the late penalty or not. The Park Board also has the power to apply any portion of that late penalty if they feel that is the appropriate way to go.

After a discussion among the Park Board it was decided to instruct Director Michael Sterba to contact Swedberg Construction and explain the roofing problem to them. They are then to pass that issue onto Sterling Commercial Roofing for a response. The Park Board will not apply the \$900 late fee at this time, pending a reply from Sterling Commercial Roofing. This is Sterling Commercial Roofing's opportunity to plead their case with the Park Board. Sterba will contact Swedberg before the August Park Board meeting and hopefully have a response for the board at that time.

Commissioner Bubbers motioned to hold back \$1,000 from Swedberg Construction for the issue in regards to the roof recently installed by Sterling Commercial Roofing. The Park Board wants an explanation from Sterling Commercial Roofing before they take any action on penalizing Sterling Commercial Roofing. Commissioner Walker seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Director Michael P. Sterba reported that there was nothing new on the Centennial Park street lighting project at this time. Only the south end of the park has been wired by the City of Rock Falls with the primary electric. The front half of the park still needs to be done which has not been started. Sterba suspects that the primary electric will be completed in Centennial Park sometime before the end of the year.

Director Michael P. Sterba reported that Mark Martin and the Park District maintenance crew have recently installed a new ADA Handicap Wheelchair Swing that was donated by the Elks Club. The new swing was installed in Storybook Village and a dedication ceremony was held on Wednesday, June 24th. The picture that appeared in the paper was not the most promising of the pictures that were taken that day, but Sterba has included a more appropriate shot for the Park Board's review. This shot was sent over to the Gazette to be run in the scrapbook section of the newspaper probably in the very near future.

Enclosed also please find copies of a cost estimate for the purchase of a new handicap swing to possibly be installed at Kiwanis Park by the police station. As you may recall at the last park board meeting we received a request from a lady who lives in that area that has a handicap daughter that likes to swing at the park. Unfortunately the four year old girl has a back problem and cannot sit in a normal swing. Sterba has discussed the possible donation of this swing with the Elks Club and they have offered to pay half the cost of the swing if the Park Board would pay the other half. Sterba has not discussed this with the family as of yet, because he wanted to get some guidance from the Park Board. As you can see the swing is very expensive, but very well made.

Director Michael P. Sterba reported that the Jerry Bellini Memorial bench and plaque have now been installed at Wallingford Park outside of the major diamond in right field. The family is very pleased with the bench and plaque.

Director Michael P. Sterba reported that there was nothing new since the last Park Board meeting in regards to the Dillon Park ball diamond lights.

Director Michael P. Sterba reported that the Tennis Court renovations in Centennial Park started a little earlier than originally planned due to the contractor having an opening in her schedule. However, after 10-S Court Solutions out of Lake Forest got started, we received a great deal of the rains that caused some flooding in Centennial Park as well as around our community. Therefore, Alex of 10-S Court Solutions requested that they be allowed to go away and come back when the water level was more appropriate. The reason for this is that all of their materials are water soluble and they were afraid that some of the water could possibly come up through the bottom of the tennis courts and possibly bubble our new surface. We did not want this so Sterba gave her permission to come back in the very near future to finish the courts when the weather conditions were more favorable. Thus far we've been able to work around the tennis court renovations with our Youth Tennis program. We're still having tennis lessons on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday as part of our summer recreation program.

Director Michael P. Sterba reported that the 2015/2016 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance has been filed with the Whiteside County Clerk as required by law.

Director Michael P. Sterba presented copies of a check for \$7,813.09 from the Illinois Department of Revenue. The check represents the Park District Personal Property Tax Replacement Distribution for the month of June.

Director Michael P. Sterba reported that the Rock Falls Riverchase overall went very well. The weather cooperated and allowed the races to be completed by late Sunday afternoon. The crowds were decent and all that attended had boatloads of fun.

Director Michael P. Sterba presented copies of a check for \$5,000 from the Celletti family to help rebuild the memorial monument in front of Centennial Park. Commissioner Sigel and myself met with John Celletti and his wife and discussed the possibilities of what we were planning on doing in which they were very much in approval. Since that meeting with the Celletti's Sterba had the Park District maintenance crew remove all of the landscaping around the monument so that it could be evaluated for renovation. If you get a chance to look at it you'll see that a great deal of work needs to be done. Sterba has also secured one cost estimate from Howard Geske masonry to remove all of the existing base brick, repair the inside block wall, and re-brick the entire monument. Copies of that cost estimate are enclosed for the Park Board's review. Just recently Sterba was also able to secure a second cost estimate so that we at least have an educated guess as to what the approximate cost of this project will be. Sterba presented both cost estimates to the board for their review.

The following are the results of the cost estimates as presented:

Bidder	Cost Estimate
1. Howard Geske Rock Falls, IL	\$5,825.00
2. Lauts Masonry and General Construction Sterling, IL	\$3,732.70

After a short discussion among the Park Board members Commissioner Bubbers motioned to have Lauts Masonry and Construction renovate the Celletti Monument in Centennial Park including all labor and materials for \$3,732.70. Commissioner Walker seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Director Michael P. Sterba presented copies of a letter from the Whiteside County Court Services stating that the Cordell Kiersey vandalism case has finally been concluded. As you all know this vandalism occurred to the School House and the tennis courts over two years ago, but our legal system is very slow to react. However, the judge did order \$3,000 in restitution to the Park District in which Mr. Kiersey has paid \$400. Enclosed please find copies of those checks for the Park Board's review. Even though the vandalism was a great deal more than \$3,000 the law states that restitution can only be ordered for the amount of money that the victim is out of pocket expense. Since the Park District insurance paid above and beyond the balance of \$3,000 we could only receive \$3,000 in restitution. Unfortunately, the insurance company gets stuck for

the remainder of the balance, but the way the law is written they can go and sue the individual in civil court to recover their money. Mr. Kiersey has been ordered to pay the Park District \$50 a month in restitution towards that vandalism charge.

Director Michael P. Sterba presented copies of a letter from the Whiteside County Collector. The letter states that the Whiteside County Collector deposited \$333,824.39 into the General Fund of the Park District. These funds represent the Park District's 1st Tax Distribution for 2015. The letter also states this fund will receive what portion of the tax distribution and the Park District bookkeeper will spread those funds over the appropriate accounts.

Director Michael P. Sterba reported that The Bridge the Community 10K & 5K Run/Walk will be held on Saturday, September 12th. As you all recall from last year the event does enter Centennial Park near the Little Red School House and then goes right back out so they are only using a portion of Centennial Park but they wanted to make sure that it was still satisfactory to the Park District.

Director Michael P. Sterba presented copies of the IPARKS 2014 Annual Report for the Park Board's review. IPARKS is the Park District insurance company.

Director Michael P. Sterba presented copies of a check for \$250 from Moore Tires which represents the 2015 Summer Recreation Program Brochure sponsorship.

Director Michael P. Sterba presented copies of a letter from the United Way of San Diego. The letter is part of their 2015 Campaign Anti-Terrorism Compliance Measures. The reason we do sign the document is because Dawn Nardini who works for Ashford University out of Clinton donates her United Way dollars to the Park District in honor of her Father-In Law Leo Nardini. Her dollars come through the United Way of San Diego because Ashford University's national headquarters is located in San Diego.

Director Michael P. Sterba presented copies of the 2014/2015 Treasurer's Report of Receipts of Disbursements for the Park Board's review. A public notice will be put in the Daily Gazette letting the public know that the report is available for public inspection in our office at any time.

Director Michael P. Sterba reported that the Rock Falls Fire Department found a fire violation at the North Maintenance Building. Apparently the exit light did not properly come on when the fixture loses power. We are in the process of repairing that violation.

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

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 11, 2015 at 6:00 PM at the Park District Office located at 508 E. 11th Street Rock Falls, Illinois 61071.

Adjournment at 8:30 PM

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

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