

COLOMA TOWNSHIP PARK DISTRICT
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
June 14, 2016

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

Present: Commissioners, Walker, Sigel, Nerhkorn, Bubbers, and Stindt
Absent: None
Also Present: Michael P. Sterba, Director of Parks & Recreation

Commissioner Stindt motioned to approve the regular meeting minutes of May 10, 2016 as presented. Commissioner Bubbers seconded the motion, roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Commissioner Bubbers motioned to approve the May 2016 bills in the following amounts:

Corporate Fund	\$	\$14,494.62
Liability Fund		1,957.46
Recreation Fund		4,588.75
Retirement Fund		3,223.17
Bond Construction Fund #34		26,521.18
Museum Fund		4,776.82
Police fund		3,440.23
Logan Park		3.04
Tee Baseball		5,532.63
Total	\$	64,537.90

Commissioner Walker 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 May and in 2016.

	Coloma TWP	Best	Probation Dept.	Whiteside County Housing	Dept. Human Services	Worker's Comp	Partners/ Employment
Days in June	2.5	0	1	0	0	0	0
Days in 2016	42.5	0	13.25	0	0	0	0

Coloma Township: Richard Holcomb
Probation: Bruce Sanders

The City of Rock Falls electric department has continued to install the underground secondary electric lines for the new street lighting project in Centennial Park. We are getting closer all the time to having the entire park rewired. Also, as the city has been finishing up sections of the underground wiring, we have been bringing the old street lights online so that the park is not dark at night and it will feel more secure. Also the church league is now operational and it is nice to have some of the street lights operating in all of the parking lots.

Also as per the bid awarded at the May park board meeting, the 52 new heads for the street lights in Centennial Park have now been ordered. Delivery date for those fixtures is 8-12 weeks, which puts the delivery somewhere near the end of summer. We still should be able to have those heads on in early fall and the entire project completed probably no later than

September. This will be a great addition to Centennial Park and should last for a great deal of time in the future.

Director Michael P Sterba reported that there was nothing new since the last Park Board Meeting in regards to the Dillon Ball Park Ball Diamond Lights.

Director Michael P Sterba reported that since the May Park Board Meeting, the flag pole has been painted in the Celletti Monument as well as the flowers have been planted. Grass seed has been placed around the monument and the ground should be completely covered sometime this summer. We are still waiting on the stone that has been ordered for the project and we hope to have the monument completely done and possibly dedicated by the July park board meeting.

Director Michael P. Sterba reported that we are slowly moving forward with the Pedestrian Bridge installation in Centennial Park. Recently two trees that were in the way for the future installation have now been removed. As the summer continues to get hotter and drier we will be working towards getting the footings installed. I'll keep the park board informed of any new developments involving the pedestrian foot bridge installation.

Director Michael P. Sterba stated the park board needs to approve the disposal of the obsolete equipment, mainly the 2000 GMC Truck which happens to be the old state truck bought years ago. We have received the new Ford that we ordered this year and now that piece of equipment is definitely on the chopping block. With the board's approval I will put it out for bid and we should have those bids at the July Park board meeting. After a short discussion of the park board Commissioner Bubbers motioned to dispose of the 2000 GMC Truck and to put it out for bid to be due at the August park board meeting. Commissioner Stindt seconded the motion, roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Director Michael P. Sterba reported that the butterfly garden in front of the Little Red Schoolhouse in Centennial Park is doing very well. Thank God the kids have left it alone. We have recently acquired some butterfly larva that will, upon hatching, be placed in the garden for all to enjoy. We have had a few butterfly visitors come to the garden and they have been instructed to tell their friends.

Director Michael P. Sterba recently reported that the Rock Falls High School Honor Society and the Whiteside County Health Department teamed up to ask people to fill out a survey regarding smoking in the parks. Judy Randall of the Whiteside County Health Department set up a table at Sieglinger Park for 2 nights at Tee-Ball and they were very gracious and did not harass any of the people present. They asked people to just fill out a survey on what they thought and they did reward the people with a water bottle for those who took part. Judy Randall will be compiling the results of those surveys and Sterba believes that they are planning to attend our July park board meeting to give the board the results of those surveys. Sterba will keep the park board informed about when they plan on attending the park board meeting.

Director Michael P. Sterba recently attended a Trails Committee meeting for the City of Rock Falls and enclosed is some information that was provided on the upcoming plans.

Director Michael P. Sterba reported the tentative 2016-2017 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance that was presented at the May park board meeting has been held over for the last 30 days for public inspection. The park board is scheduled to approve that appropriation ordinance tonight after the conclusion of a public hearing. Commissioner Bubbers motioned to open a public hearing in regards to the 2016-2017 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance. Commissioner Stindt seconded the motion, roll call vote, all ayes, motioned carried. President Sigel then asked for any comments, pro or con in regards to the 2016-2017 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance. Hearing none, President Sigel then asked for the public hearing to be closed. Commissioner Nerhkorn motioned to close the public hearing. Commissioner Stindt then seconded the motion, roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.

After a short discussion among the park board, Commissioner Walker motioned to approve the 2016-2017 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance as presented and to file it with Whiteside County Clerk as required by law. Commissioner Bubbers seconded the vote, roll call vote, all ayes, motioned carried.

Director Michael P. Sterba reported that the park district has not received a Personal Property Tax Distribution for the month of April.

Director Michael P. Sterba presented copies of the Rock Falls Chamber of Commerce upcoming events flyer. The flyer includes particulars involving the activities for the Summer Splash Event on Saturday and Sunday, June 25th and 26th.

Director Michael P. Sterba presented copies of a thank you letter from the Celletti Family thanking the park board for the recent donation to John's Memorial.

Director Michael P. Sterba presented copies of a letter from the city of Rock Falls pertaining to zoning changes that they would like to make at the Glenn Garden Subdivision in Rock Falls. The Glenn's Garden subdivision formerly known as the George Hallman property is the west side of 1st Avenue out across from the Rock Falls Days Inn. The meeting for the public hearing was held on Thursday June 9th at 5:30 at City Council Chambers. As of now no zoning changes have been requested for the property on the East side of Route 40 but I am sure that will be coming at a later date.

Director Michael P. Sterba presented copies of the Summer 2016 Recreation Program Brochure for the park board's review.

Director Michael P. Sterba presented copies of a check for \$250 from U.S. Bank. The check represents sponsorship fees for the park district Summer Recreation Program Brochure.

Director Michael P. Sterba presented copies of a check for \$607.62 from the United Way of San Diego County California. The check represents the donation of Dawn Nardini to United Way through Ashford University.

Director Michael P. Sterba presented copies of a check for \$20 from the Whiteside County Court Services. The check represents restitution from Cordell Keirse for vandalism done to the Little Red Schoolhouse.

Director Michael P. Sterba presented the complete list of governments in Whiteside County that will lose Personal Property Replacement Tax Dollars due to an error in distribution by the State of Illinois. The article that this was included in was a Daily Gazette article of April 21st. The article also included a number of other counties but we only acquired the Whiteside County information that we needed for the park board's review.

Director Michael P. Sterba presented copies of IPARKS Summer Update Newsletter. IPARKS usually runs a number of articles pertaining to park districts throughout the state that have generally liability issues attached to them for the park board's review.

Director Michael P. Sterba also reported that from the May board meeting, the board asked about volunteers working at various parks, specifically Wallingford park. Sterba did check with Jim Wickert and he said he preferred that everybody work as a volunteer as opposed to receiving any kind of compensation because he can make any decisions on liability issues as far as medical payments or whatever. If they are hurt as an employee or receiving any kind of compensation, that falls under workman's comp law which makes it a great deal more difficult for the park district. That's why Sterba assumes the board would probably want everyone to remain as a volunteer as per our insurance agent.

Director Michael P. Sterba presented his monthly Directors report to the Board.

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

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

Commissioner Bubbers had mentioned that he had seen someone flying a drone in one of our parks recently. After a discussion among the park and a review of the park districts ordinance Commissioner Bubbers motioned to include drones in the park district no fly zone, a park district ordinance that prohibits drones from flying anywhere in any of the Coloma

Township Park District's sites. Commissioner Stindt seconded the motion, roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.

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

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 12, 2016 at 6:00PM at the Park District Office located at 508 E. 11th Street Rock Falls, Illinois 61071.

Adjourned at 8:00 PM

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

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