

COLOMA TOWNSHIP PARK DISTRICT
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
July 11, 2017

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Coloma Township Park District Board of Commissioners was held on July 11, 2017. The regular monthly board meeting was called to order at 6pm in the Park District Office located at 508 East 11th Street in Rock Falls, Illinois.

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

Commissioner Bubbers motioned to approve the minutes of the regular monthly board meeting of June 13, 2017 as presented. Commissioner Stindt seconded the motion, roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.

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

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| Corporate Fund | \$ | \$261,661.57 |
| Liability Fund | | 1,266.10 |
| Recreation Fund | | 9,703.96 |
| Retirement Fund | | 4,394.89 |
| Bond Construction #36 Fund | | 19,186.24 |
| Museum Fund | | 14,624.72 |
| Police Fund | | 3,589.80 |
| Tee Baseball Fund | | 1,102.39 |
| Logan Fund | | 70.43 |
| Total | \$ | 315,600.10 |

Commissioner Stindt 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 has worked for us the past month. Also included are total days worked in June and in 2017.

| | Coloma TWP | Best | Probation Dept. | Whiteside County Housing | Dept. Human Services | Housing Authority | Partners/ Employment |
|--------------|------------|------|-----------------|--------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Days in June | 4 | 0 | 1 | 4.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Days in 2017 | 19 | 0 | 20 | 10.5 | 0 | 3 | 0 |

Coloma Township: Richard Holcomb
Probation: Jacob Rivera

Director Michael P. Sterba reported there was nothing new since the last Park Board Meeting in regards to the Dillon Park ball diamond lights, and the Dillon Foundation Grant.

Director Michael P. Sterba reported there was nothing new to report since the last park board meeting in regards to the Jerry Celletti Monument at the north end of Centennial Park. The bronze plaque is currently being laid out by Matthews International Corporation, and we should be receiving a proof of that layout very soon.

Director Michael P. Sterba reported that the Jack McCleary Memorial located at the south end of Centennial Park, is, for all practical purposes, complete. The limestone cap has been secured, the monument has been completely power washed, and the new plants have been installed for everyone's enjoyment. The only thing that needs to be done is to have the entire monument sealed prior to the end of Fall.

Director Michael P. Sterba reported that both the bridge foundation pad as well as the finished cap has now been installed on both the East and West sides of the lagoon. The cap is the final pour that sets the elevations for the bridge itself. We are now in the process of back filling the area and making preparations for the actual installation of the bridge. Once the bridge is set in place, we will need to build the approaches on both sides, but for all practical purposes, the major part of the project will be complete. Thank God, it has been a long time coming.

Director Michael P. Sterba reported that Nim Scanlan from the Rock Falls Little League has been consistently working on installing the new roofs at Wallingford Park. However, he has lost his main worker, Adam, who has now left for new employment. We have replaced Adam, and the project will continue. Sterba will keep the Park Board informed on any new developments on the roofing project at Wallingford Park.

Director Michael P. Sterba reported that all of the contract documents for the new Sieglinger Park – ADA updates, developed by Wendler Engineering of Dixon, have now been signed by the appropriate parties. We will be having a pre-construction meeting with Murray Construction, the engineers, and ourselves, here in the near future. Again, the project is not due to begin until either the last week of July or the first week of August.

Director Michael P. Sterba reported that there was nothing to report since the last Park Board meeting in regards to the Logan Park Backstop proposal.

Director Michael P. Sterba reported that he had recently been in contact with Boss Roofing of Rock Falls to inquire on when they are going to complete the Centennial Park Tennis Court Shelter Roof. They promised me that the roof should be completed prior to the Park Board Meeting, so I hope that when we talk about this, the project will already be finished. Time will tell.

Director Michael P. Sterba reported that Mr. Rodriguez, the gentleman who lives at the south end of Centennial Park, has recently passed away. Sterba has not been in touch with his daughter, Edith Casteneda, but she is the young lady that he has been conversing with in the past. Sterba believes that in the near future, we will be able to work out something satisfactory to both sides in regards to the property that Mr. Rodriguez currently has fenced in. As you all know, about 21 feet of property to the south belongs to the Park District in the Akiti Purchase. Sterba is going to give the family a chance to mourn their father before Sterba makes contact with Edith to see if we can't get this resolved. Also, with regards to the fence proposal, she or the family will need to give their permission to allow us to close off that entire access along the south end of the Akiti Property with chain linked fence. Sterba will keep the Park Board informed about any new developments in regards to the fence project.

Director Michael P. Sterba reported that the 2017/2018 Budget & Appropriation Ordinance has been filed with the Whiteside County Clerk, as required by law.

Director Michael P. Sterba presented a check for \$7,604.31 from the Illinois Department of Revenue. The check represents the Park District's personal property replacement allocations for the months of May/June.

Director Michael P. Sterba reported that the Rock Falls Chamber of Commerce sponsored the annual Summer Splash & 2nd Annual Bass Pro Shop Big Cat Quest on Saturday and Sunday, June 24th and 25th in downtown Rock Falls. The weather was pretty good, and it appears that they had a pretty good turnout for the event.

Director Michael P. Sterba reported that Sterling Chevrolet recently sponsored the Cal Ripken Baseball Camp at Wallingford Park on Tuesday, June 20th. We had about 170 youngsters participate in the camp from both the Tee Baseball League and the Rock Falls Little League program. Also, there were a number of youngsters from outside the area that the camp was open to make sure that we had enough participants to make the Cal Ripken organization and Sterling Chevrolet happy.

Director Michael P. Sterba that recently, we had a young man by the name of Eli Penne win the Pitch, Hit & Run competition on the local level as well as the sectional level and team level at Wrigley Field. Unfortunately, we just learned that he was not able to move on to the national competition in Miami during the Major League Baseball All-Star Game. The reason for this is they only took the top 3 participants in each age group to the nationals. Eli happened to be in the top 30 in the nation. Fortunately, Eli is only 8 years old and his parents were very appreciative of what we were able to do for him, and stated that he will compete for as long as he can into the future. Eli, as well as a number of other youngsters, is the reason why we have these special events that can give some of our locals national exposure to the competition.

Director Michael P. Sterba presented copies of a check for \$250.00 from U.S. Bank. The check represents the sponsorship for the Park District Summer 2017 Recreation Brochure.

Director Michael P. Sterba reported that recently, an IPARKS representative came and inspected all of the Park District facilities, as they do as an annual event. Enclosed please find the recommendations they made to improve the safety within our park system.

Director Michael P. Sterba reported that the Geneseo Park District sponsored the bimonthly NWIAPR Meeting on Thursday, July 13, in Geneseo, Illinois. The program featured for the day a tour of their brand new swimming pool facility that just opened this season.

Director Michael P. Sterba presented copies of the first tax distribution from the Whiteside County Collector. The county has deposited our first tax distribution of \$301,217.88 into the Park District's General Fund. The Park District bookkeeper then disperses those funds into the twelve different Park District Funds, respectively.

Director Michael P. Sterba presented a letter from IAPD featuring the Illinois Supreme Court Ruling that stated that Park Districts have the right to close their parks overnight for security purposes.

Director Michael P. Sterba presented copies of a lengthy letter from Roger and Evelyn Petitgoue stating how much they appreciated the use of Nims Park, which they recently used for a family reunion.

Director Michael P. Sterba reported that there has been a great deal of time and effort put into the possible replacement of the ball diamond lights at Wallingford Park. The lights were installed in the Spring of 1976 and are currently 41 years old. President, John Sigel gave an update on the progress being made in soliciting funds to replace those light fixtures. After the completion of John Sigel's report, the Park Board had a lengthy discussion in regards to the replacement of the light fixtures. At the completion of that discussion Commissioner Bubbers motioned to approve the replacement of the Wallingford Park ball diamond lights on the major diamond based on the fact that we have a local business man who is going to donate the funds to complete the project. Commissioner Stindt seconded the motion, roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Director Michael P. Sterba presented a letter from the Rock Falls Fire Department stating that the Park District had a violation at our Park Maintenance Building. The violation included the exit sign light was not operational. The fire department stated that we must repair the exit sign, and they will be back in the future to check it out.

Director Michael P. Sterba presented a copy of the United Way allocations for 2018. The Rock Falls Civic Fund will receive the funding from the United Way directly and spread it among the three agencies of the Civic Fund. The Park District overall receives over \$6,500 plus some partnership money from the Rock Falls Youth Council in regards to helping with some of our special events.

Director Michael P. Sterba Presented copies of a check from Clinton United Way for \$24.00. The check represents a United Way contribution from Dawn Nardini who works at Ashford University, located in Clinton Iowa. Dawn Nardini has been very generous in providing United Way dollars from her employer to the Park District in honor of her father-in-law, Leo Nardini.

Director Michael P. Sterba presented copies of a magazine article featuring the Schreiner brothers, as well as Jeff, Gail's son, who have recently retired from Schreiner's Gas Station. The Schreiner boys have been good friends of several of our commissioners over the years and we wish them well.

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

IPRA also submitted their monthly Meeting Minutes for our review.

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

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

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 8th, 2017 at 6:00 pm at the Park District Office located at 508 East 11th Street in 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