

COLOMA TOWNSHIP PARK DISTRICT  
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
July 9, 2019

The regular monthly board meeting was held on Tuesday, July 9, 2019. The regular monthly board meeting was called to order at 6pm in the Park District Office located at 508 East 11<sup>th</sup> Street in Rock Falls, Illinois.

Present: Commissioners Sigel, Bubbers, Stindt, Logan, and Shipman

Absent: None

Also Present: Michael P. Sterba, Interim Director of Parks and Recreation

Commissioner Sigel motioned to approve the minutes of the regular monthly board meeting of June 11th, 2019 and the committee meeting of September 24, 2019 and July 2, 2019 as presented. Commissioner Shipman seconded the motion, roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.

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

Corporate Fund	311,808.14
Liability Fund	28,694.83
Recreation Fund	807.50
Retirement Fund	3,692.42
Bond Construction #37 Fund	25,388.02
Museum Fund	340.52
Bowman Park Development Fund	463.16
Logan Park Fund	40.93
Police Fund	1,271.68
Tee Ball Fund	<u>1,198.09</u>
Total	\$373,705.29

Commissioner Logan seconded the motion, roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Commissioner Stindt motioned to approve the treasurers report as presented for the month of June 2019. Commissioner Shipman seconded the motion, roll call vote, all ayes, motioned carried.

Commissioner Sigel motioned to pay Dawn Sterba \$15 per hour for the book work she's performing for the Coloma Township Park District in the absence of Joan Fritz, the Park District Bookkeeper. Dawn is helping keep the Park District financial aspect moving forward while Joan Fritz tends to an ill family member in Florida. Commissioner Stindt seconded the motion, roll call vote, all ayes, motioned carried.

President Bubbers than recognized Commissioner John T. Sigel for his 35 years on the Coloma Township Park District Board of Commissioners. That 35<sup>th</sup> year is starting tonight at this particular Board Meeting. All wished John well in the future and we hoped that he'll stay on for another 35 years.

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 the total days worked in 2019.

	Coloma TWP	Best	Probation Dept.	Whiteside County Housing	Dept. Human Services	Housing Authority	Partners/ Employment
Days in June	28	0	10.5	0	0	0	0
Days in 2019	56	0	10.5	0	0	0	0

Whiteside County Probation: Bryan

Sterba reported that the George Logan Sr memorial plaque and bench are ready to be installed and are currently at Doty Brother’s facility in Sycamore but will be brought down and installed as soon as possible. Sterba met with Kevin Meinen, who will be installing the slab and we hope that it will be done very soon based on the weather.

Sterba reported that there was nothing new since the last Park Board meeting in regards to the Sieglinger Park repair of the concrete cracks. Sterba has been in contact with Dave Webber of Wendler Engineering and he is trying to corner Lee Murray to come up with a solution to our problem. Sterba will keep the Park Board informed of any new developments in regards to Sieglinger Park concrete repairs.

Sterba stated that he has been in contact with Donnie Cole of Cole’s Tree’s Service to get the project moving again. Donnie and Sterba talked last Wednesday to get a game plan going and to get a time frame schedule so the park board can put this issue to rest. He is currently trying to finalize the removal of cleanup of the trees and brush from the various parks that he still has left. Sterba hopes by the Board meeting he can tell you that he has made significant progress on completing the contract that was awarded to him last fall.

Sterba has been in contact with Adventure Glass out of Indiana. The new paddle boats are scheduled to arrive on Tuesday, July 9th in Centennial Park. I hope to get some media coverage there or soon after so that we can excite the public to come and use our new paddle boats in Centennial Park.

Sterba reported there was nothing new since the last Park Board meeting in regards to the new park Shelter at the south end of Centennial Park. A meeting has been set up for Wednesday July 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm at the location of the new Park Shelter at the south end of Centennial Park. Those present would be members of the Park Board, Interim Director Mike Sterba, Director Tom Rynott, and Scott Brown from Wendler Engineering. We hope to finalize the final location of the new Park Shelter and get on the same page of when the project will begin. A representative from Sjostrom Construction company out of Rockford, will also be present so that we can question him on any developments in regards to the new Shelter.

Sterba met with Kevin Meinen of A and K Construction of Rock Falls last Wednesday and Kevin is in the process of preparing to pour the new slab at the Fire Truck in Centennial Park. Following that project, he will be at Logan Park putting the new roof on the restrooms.

Sterba stated that the Park Board has now had the opportunity to interview the respective candidates for the Director of Parks and Recreation position. The final decision of the board needs to be made. Sterba believe that decision is ready to be made tonight. After a short discussion among the Park Board, commissioner Shipman motioned to hire Thomas Rynott out of Moline IL. to become the new director of Parks and Recreation for the Coloma Township Park District effective July 22nd, 2019. Tom worked for the Rock Island Parks and Rec Department prior to coming to be our new director. Commissioner Sigel seconded the motion, roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Sterba reported that the 2019/2020 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance has been filed with the Whiteside County Clerk as required by law.

Sterba reported that the Rock Falls Chamber of Commerce held their annual Summer Splash on Saturday and Sunday June 21st and June 22nd in the downtown area across from the Holiday Inn. They received some rain on Friday, but Saturday was a very nice day, and all seemed to go well. Another positive event for the city of Rock Falls.

Sterba reported that the annual Riverchase Event took place on Saturday & Sunday; June 29th & 30th at Seward Riverside Park. Unfortunately, the weather was brutally hot and the turn out wasn't as good as it has been in the past. However, both the boat races as well as the spectators enjoyed the event and I'm sure they're planning on having it next year.

Sterba presented a letter from the Whiteside County United Way. That letter contains the suggested allocation for the calendar year of 2020 for the Rock Falls Civic Fund. The Park District summer program is included in the Rock Falls Civic Fund and will receive a slight decrease in funding for next year.

Sterba reported that he attended the visitation ceremony recently for Bob Prescott. Sterba represented the Park District and was able to talk to Jim and Matt and other family members. Sterba thanked them for their generosity towards the Park District and wished them all well.

Sterba presented copies of a check for \$200 from Kelley Williamson Company of Rockford IL. The sponsorship fee is for the 1st Ave Mobile Tennis Tournament that was recently held at Centennial Park.

Sterba presented a letter from the Whiteside County Collector. Included in the letter is a statement of the Park District first tax distribution 2019. The County Collector has direct deposited \$350,542.65 into the Park District general fund. The Park District Bookkeeper will then distribute those funds to the nine other funds that receive taxes from the county. Also included in that distribution is \$3,197.63 for two entries from the Whiteside County Housing Authority which makes a payment in lieu of taxes because they are a federal government property located in the city of Rock Falls. The payment in lieu taxes allows the taxing bodies that service them to receive some compensation for their residents

Sterba presented a letter written to Selmi's Greenhouse in Rock Falls. The letter is thanking the Selmi's family for making the donation of flowers to the Little Red Schoolhouse. We sent them a letter for tax purposes worth roughly \$300 as a tax deduction for them.

Sterba presented copies of a check for \$263.93 from the GM Stein and Stealth Security Settlement Fund. This was a check paid to the Park District as a settlement for a class action suit. Apparently, it had something to do with the Telephone Consumer Protection Act.

Sterba reported that the Whiteside County United Way will have its kickoff event on Thursday, September 5th at the Wahl Clipper Corporation. They are trying to have the kickoff sometime in the afternoon around shift change so that they can get more of their employees to participate in United Way activities.

Sterba presented a flier from the Rock Falls High School Athletic Department asking for people or organizations to take an advertisement in their sports program.

Sterba presented copies of a check for \$1200 from Rock Falls Rotary Club. The check represents payment for the new roof to be put on the restrooms at Rotary Park.

Sterba reported that Dave Brenner, the Superintendent of Parks for the Park District, will be having shoulder surgery on October 9, 2019. We do not know how long Dave will be off of work but I'm sure it will be an extended period of time. The Park Board needs to consider how they want to handle that time period when Dave is not available to the Park District.

Sterba reported that there will be a Water Ski show held at Seward Riverside park on Saturday July 20<sup>th</sup>. The Ski show is the second year that this event is being held at Riverside Park. This year there will be two shows, one at noon and the second one I believe is supposed to be

sometime late afternoon. I will keep the Park Board informed of any new developments in regards to the Water Ski show.

Sterba also reported that there have been some vandalism at Nims Park, Larson Shelter, and at the Caboose. Details of that vandalism are listed on his report for tonight.

Interim 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 Stindt 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 13, 2019 at the Park District office at 508 E. 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Rock Falls, Illinois.

Adjourned at 8:30 PM

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Minutes Submitted by

Michael P. Sterba

Interim Director of Parks & Recreation

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Date

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Donald E. Stindt, Secretary

Coloma Township Park District

Board of Commissioners

