

COLOMA TOWNSHIP PARK DISTRICT
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
July 8, 2014

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Coloma Township Park District Board of Commissioners was called to order on Tuesday, July 8, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the Park District Office located at 508 East 11th 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
Mayor of Rock Falls, Bill Wescott
Gary Murphy and Joe Duncan of Basket Cases Disc Golf Club of Crete, Illinois
Jake Smith-AmeriCorps student from Sauk Valley Community College

Commissioner Walker motioned to approve the minutes of the Regular Monthly Board Meeting of June 10, 2014 as presented. Commissioner Bubbers seconded the motion, roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.

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

Corporate Fund	\$	237,570.92
Liability Fund		1,893.86
Recreation Fund		7,126.23
Retirement Fund		4,765.07
Bond Construction # 31 Fund		6,510.98
Museum Fund		15,015.02
Bowman Park Development Fund		130.14
Police Fund		3,041.60
Total	\$	276,053.82

Commissioner Nehr Korn 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 July and in 2014.

	Coloma TWP	Best	Probation Dept.	Whiteside County Housing	Dept. Human Services	Experience Works	Partners/ Employment
Days in June	25	18	7	1	1.5	0.00	9.75
Days in 2014	106	18	20.5	9	10.75	0.00	9.75

Coloma Township: Ann Bence, Dan Knorr, Corinna Bell, Richard Holcomb, Billy Smoot
Housing: Monique Lehman
Best: Zach Maronde, Jacob Magana
Probation: Eric Pettorini

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, July 10, 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 stated that both Gary Murphy and Joe Duncan of Basket Cases of Crete, Illinois are here tonight to talk to the park board about the world record that they recently set in disc golf in Nims Park. President John Sigel then recognized the two men who

presented a small souvenir to all of the park board members and the Mayor of Rock Falls in recognition of us allowing them to have the opportunity to set the world record at Nims Park. The entire group of men went outside to take some pictures for the local media. Prior to the picture taking Mayor Bill Wescott presented a proclamation congratulating both Gary Murphy and Joe Duncan on their Guinness Book of World Records experience. Pictures were then taken of the event and will be passed on to our local media for publication. Both Gary Murphy and Joe Duncan also presented a check to the Coloma Township Park District for \$331.60 which represents the proceeds that were made during the Guinness Book of World Records event at Nims Park. Proceeds from the event were split evenly among the Park District and Basket Cases Disc Golf Club to be used to help promote future disc golf events and facilities in the future.

Director Michael P. Sterba reported that there was nothing new in regards to the Dillon Park restroom facility at this time. The project is scheduled to begin no sooner than August 15th and must be completed by November 15th. Sterba will keep the park board informed of any new developments in regard to the Dillon Park restroom facility.

Director Michael P. Sterba reported the city of Rock Falls is progressing well on installing the new underground secondary wiring system in Centennial Park. They began the project at the tennis courts and are moving south coming around the South end up to the boathouse facility. When they are done with that area Sterba will talk to the park board about possibly ordering the first set of street lights. If things go well barring any major weather problems the project will proceed significantly over the next few months. Sterba will keep the park board informed on progress being made on the Centennial street lighting project.

Director Michael P. Sterba reported that the park district was fortunate enough to receive an IDNR Youth Recreation Corps Grant Program that actually began on Monday June 16th. Again the program started later than the state wished, but the governor would not release the money due to the fact that he did not have the appropriate budget in place. The park district received four slots; we're using two of them in the recreation department and two in the maintenance department for a total dollar amount of \$10,800.00. The dollars must be spent by the last day of August.

Director Michael P. Sterba reported that there was nothing new on the Elks Club donation of the ADA Handicapped wheel chair swing. I'll keep the park board about if and when the park district receives the donation.

Director Michael P. Sterba reported that the River Chase and Summer Splash took place this year on the weekend of Saturday and Sunday June 27th and 28th. These two events were put together to make a major recreation/entertainment event. The River Chase took place at Seward Riverside Park where the Summer Splash was held at the old Reliant Fastener Site. From the looks of things both of these events went well, the weather cooperated and all is well in Rock Falls, Illinois.

Director Michael P. Sterba reported that The Coloma Township Park District 2014/2015 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance has been filed with the Whiteside County Clerk as required by law.

Director Michael P. Sterba reported that he has made contact with two contractors in regards to the tennis courts' crack repair and seal coating and found out some interesting information from them both. Sterba gave the park board a detailed update on the progress of this project and what we might do to remedy the high cost of the current bids. The contractors also gave some suggestions on how we might approach this project in the future which may include an overlay of the current asphalt due to the fact that the facility is now approaching 40 years of age. Additional research will be done on the tennis courts this fall with additional recommendations on how to approach this project coming later in the year.

Director Michael P. Sterba reported that there has been a solution to the negotiations on the purchase of the Sam Akiti property located at the southwest corner of Centennial Park. Director Sterba gave the details on the purchase of the property so that the board would have the information to make a proper decision. After a lengthy discussion by the Park Board members,

Commissioner Bubbers motioned to purchase the Sam Akiti property located at the southwest corner of Centennial Park for a total cost of \$14,000 and would pay off the three grass mowing leans that the city of Rock Falls have placed on the property (The park board has negotiated with the city on the removal of the grass mowing leans and the city has agreed that the Park District would only have to pay 50% of the cost of the three leans. The total cost of the three leans currently on the property total \$2,972.63. The Park District's 50% share of that would be \$1,486.32 thus the total cost of the four acre site to the Park District would be \$15,486.32.) Commissioner Stindt seconded the motion roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Director Michael P. Sterba reported that the NWIAPR was hosted on Thursday, June 26th at the Rochelle Park District. The program for the day was a presentation on inflatables and lightning detection systems from Dan Szczap from Commercial Recreation Specialists. The meeting was held at the Rochelle Park District's pool which is quite a nice community facility.

Director Michael P. Sterba reported that there have been some revisions on the Rock Falls Optimist Club's Wall of Honor to be installed at Optimist Park. Enclosed please find copies of the proposed memorial for Optimist Park. Obviously the park board needs to approve any and all memorials that will be installed in one of our park sites.

Director Michael P. Sterba reported that at the June park board meeting he presented some information about Call One Telephone Service for the Park District. The Park Board had a number of questions that needed to be answered before we would change our telephone service. Sterba has the answers for some of those questions and hopefully that will satisfy any concerns that the park board may have. After a short discussion among the Park Board members, Commissioner Nehrkorn motioned to approve the "Call One Telephone Service" quote for the telephone operations of the Park District for the next year. The Park District will keep the four telephones at the concession areas within the Park District as well as the one at the Larson Shelter. Commissioner Bubbers seconded the motion, roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Director Michael P. Sterba reported that the Park District has not yet received a personal property replacement tax distribution from the Illinois Department of Revenue for the months of May or June.

Director Michael P. Sterba presented some preliminary information in regards to the park district providing a safety netting system for Dillon Park, obviously the netting system would be installed along the first base line to prevent foul balls from going into the properties of the local home owners. The safety netting is being presented as a jumping off point on the possibility of installing a system of this nature to prevent foul balls from leaving the playing area. The Park Board tabled any action on this issue pending further research and discussion.

Director Michael P. Sterba presented copies of a check for \$1,500.00 for the Eileen Moroney Memorial Bench and Plaque. These two items will be installed at Seward Riverside Park at the west end of the circle drive.

Director Michael P. Sterba presented copies of a check for \$10,000 from the Dillon Foundation. The check represents the third installment out of five that will be used for the construction of the new Dillon Park restroom facility.

Also, the contracts for the construction of the Dillon Restroom Facility have been signed and distributed to the appropriate offices. A copy is being held in Wendler Engineering office, one in the contractor's office, and one at the Coloma Township Park District office. The project will not begin prior to August 15th and must be completed by November 15th.

Director Michael P. Sterba presented copies of a thank you letter from the Rock Falls High School Prom Committee. The park district provides a free shelter rental as one of the prizes for the Rock Falls Prom.

Director Michael P. Sterba presented copies of a letter from the Whiteside County Collector. The letter states that the County direct deposited \$266,034.66 into the Park District's General Corporate Fund as the 1st Tax Distribution for 2014.

Director Michael P. Sterba presented copies of a thank you card from the Sondgeroth Family. Cindy Sondgeroth's mother recently passed away. Cindy is the Park District's Tot Time instructor at the Little Red School House.

Director Michael P. Sterba reported that he received a call from Jim Duis of Sterling, Illinois who is interested in putting a webcam for eagles up at either the lower dam or Seward Riverside Park. He is currently in the process of writing a grant to see if he might receive funding from one of the environmental groups. Sterba will keep the Park Board informed of any progress being made in the installation of the webcam at either one of these sites. Obviously Jim wants to capture the eagles' behavior for the benefit of the general public.

Director Michael P. Sterba presented some information from Musco Lighting in regards to the relighting of Dillon Park in the future. Sterba stated that due to the new construction that will be going on this fall at Dillon Park it might be feasible for the Park District to look at placing the plastic pvc pipe in the ground so that when the ball diamond lights are replaced they won't be tearing up some of the new concrete that will be installed. The Park Board agreed with this reasoning and told Sterba to pursue the cost estimate for the placing of the pvc conduit in the ground and to report back at the August Park Board Meeting.

Director Michael P. Sterba also reported that he received a letter from Trish Joyce the Whiteside County States Attorney in regards to the Cordell Kiersey court date for vandalism in Centennial and Sieglinger Park.

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, August 12, 2014 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

