

COLOMA TOWNSHIP PARK DISTRICT
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
June 10, 2014

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Coloma Township Park District Board of Commissioners was called to order on Tuesday, June 10, 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
Don Koehler of the Elks Club
Nim and Sally Scanlan of the Rock Falls Little League Organization

Commissioner Bubbers motioned to approve the minutes of the Regular Monthly Board Meeting of May 13, 2014 as presented. Commissioner Walker seconded the motion, roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Commissioner Walker motioned to approve the May bills in the following amounts:

Corporate Fund	\$	13,029.89
Liability Fund		3,312.25
Recreation Fund		9,937.27
Retirement Fund		5,395.65
Bond Construction # 31 Fund		8,687.90
Museum Fund		16,045.80
Dillon Park Development Fund		130.02
Police Fund		3,094.56
Total	\$	59,633.34

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 May and in 2014.

	Coloma TWP	TS Staffing	Probation Dept.	Whiteside County Housing	Dept. Human Services	Experience Works	Partners/ Employment
Days in May	13	0.00	0	1	1.5	0.00	9.75
Days in 2014	81	0.00	13.5	9	10.75	0.00	9.75

Coloma Township: Ann Bence, Candy Dugger, Dan Knorr, Corinna Bell, Sherri McLaren, Richard Holcomb
Housing: Monique Lehman
IDHS: Eric Smith
Outreach: Austin McConnell

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, June 12, 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 reported that he had recently spoken with Gary Murphy of Basket Cases out of Crete, Illinois in regards to them setting a Guinness Book of World Record. As you may recall Sterba invited both Gary Murphy and his partner Joe Duncan to our June 10th board

meeting to congratulate them on their success. However, due to scheduling conflicts the gentlemen could not be here tonight but plan on being here at the July 8th Park Board meeting. Sterba also contacted Bill Wescott the mayor of Rock Falls because he wanted to present a proclamation from the city at that time. They also plan on bringing a souvenir for each of the board members signed by them so that you'll have a token of their world accomplishment. As you may recall they were raising funds throughout for this event and they will be bringing the Park District's share of those funds to the meeting to present to the Board.

Director Michael P. Sterba acknowledged that he has received his employee evaluation from Park Board President John Sigel.

Director Michael P. Sterba reported that 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's office, one in the contractor's office and also 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 reported that The City of Rock Falls has begun the street lighting update in Centennial Park. They are currently installing the new secondary wiring underground beginning at the South end of the park. Things thus far are going very well and they plan on working barring any major weather problems or catastrophes in the city over the next several months to complete the project. When enough of the project is completed we should be considering the ordering of some of the light fixtures so that a good portion of the park could be done by the end of the year. Sterba will keep the Park Board informed on when that time frame comes into play.

Director Michael P. Sterba reported that there was nothing new in regards to the IDNR Youth Recreation Corps Grant Program for the summer of 2014. IDNR is planning on having the grant program which serves youngsters 14-18 years of age but the Governor has refused to release the money due to not having the appropriate budget in place. For right now it looks like the money is a political football and will be moved around to the benefit of those in control. Sterba will keep the Park Board informed on any new developments in regard to the IDNR-Youth Recreation Corps Grant Program.

Director Michael P. Sterba presented copies of the 2014 Employee Wage Policy Summary as it affects the 6 full time people currently employed by the Park District. Sterba would like to have some further discussion in regards to the burden that this may or may not put on some of our full time employees. The Park Board was gracious enough to talk about the 2014 Employee Wage Policy Summary but in the final analysis the decision to revise the wage policy as already approved by the board was denied.

Director Michael P. Sterba presented copies of a letter he sent to the Dixon Elks Club in regards to the Handicap Wheelchair Swing donation. Mr. Don Koehler of Rock Falls could not attend our May Park Board meeting but is here tonight to discuss briefly the donation that the Elks Club would like to make in regards to the purchase of a Handicap Wheelchair Swing for Storybook Village in Centennial Park. Mr. Don Koehler of the Elks Club then made a presentation to the board. Mr. Koehler said that the Elks Club had received an endowment from a former member that they were planning on using to purchase the Handicap Wheelchair Swings for a number of communities in the surrounding area. The Park Board stated that we would be happy to accept one of the Handicap Wheelchair Swings and install it in Storybook Village in Centennial Park for the benefit of the community. Mr. Koehler stated that he would stay in touch with the Park District and let us know if and when we will receive one of the Handicap Wheelchair donations.

Director Michael P. Sterba reported that the Riverchase and Summersplash are scheduled this year on the weekend of Saturday and Sunday June 27th and 28th. They are putting these two

events together to make a major recreation/entertainment event for the City of Rock Falls. The Riverchase again will take place at Seward Riverside Park where the Summersplash will take place at the old Reliant Fastener Site.

Director Michael P. Sterba reported that the Park Board needs to approve the 2014/2015 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance as presented. The ordinance has been held over for the last 30 days for public inspection. Final action by the Park Board needs to take place after a public hearing is held as required by law. Commissioner Bubbers motioned to enter into a public hearing in regards to the 2014/2015 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance. Commissioner Stindt seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All ayes. motioned carried. President John Sigel then asked for any positive or negative comments in regards to the 2014/2015 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance. Hearing none, President Sigel then asked for the public hearing to be closed. Commissioner Bubbers motioned to close the public hearing in regards to the 2014/2015 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance. Commissioner Nehrkorn seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion carried. After a short discussion among the Park Board Commissioner Walker motioned to approve the 2014/2015 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance as presented and to file it with the Whiteside County Clerk as required by law. Commissioner Stindt seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Director Michael P. Sterba presented copies of a letter from IMRF containing the 2015 rate for the Coloma Township Park District.

Director Michael P. Sterba reported that Don Koehler of the Elks Club is here tonight to discuss a possible donation to the Park District of an ADA Handicap Wheelchair Swing to be installed in Story Book Village. Don Koehler presented materials regarding the ADA Handicap Wheelchair Swing for Centennial Park. After a discussion among the Park Board, Commissioner Bubbers motioned to allow the Elks Club to purchase a Handicap Wheelchair Swing to be installed in Storybook Village in Centennial Park. The Park District agrees to install the swing if the Elks Club provides the apparatus. Commissioner Walker seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Director Michael P. Sterba reported that the bids for the tennis courts crack repair and seal coating are due tonight. The project is scheduled to take place somewhere around the last week in July and be completed before the end of the first week of August. The following are the results of the bid opening.

Bidder	Bids
1. US Tennis Court Construction Company Lockwood, Illinois	\$42,600

After a lengthy discussion among the Park Board members Commissioner Walker motioned to throw out the Tennis Court bid due to the fact that it was much higher than our project estimate. Sterba was also requested to contact the bidder as well as the other prospective contractors to find out why the cost is so far above original estimates. Commissioner Nehrkorn seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

President John Sigel then called on Sally and Nim Scanlan representing the Rock Falls Little League Organization. Nim Scanlan made a presentation in regards to the installation of a new water well at Wallingford Park to service the two underground sprinkler systems for the baseball diamonds. Nim said that he had informally talked with the mayor and the mayor had no objections but that he would need approval from the Park Board and the county before he could proceed. Nim made the presentation stating the Tom Cushman a local licensed plumber would be in charge of the project and that much of the work would be done by him and other volunteers from Little League. The project will be done according to code and all of the costs involved in starting the well will be absorbed by the Rock Falls Little League Organization at no cost to the Park District. After a lengthy discussion among the Park Board and Sally and Nim Scanlan, Commissioner Stindt motioned to allow the Rock Falls Little League Organization to install a stand point water well at Wallingford Park next to the existing concession area. The well will be installed to code under the supervision of Mr. Tom Cushman a local licensed plumber. The well will also need approval from the City of Rock Falls and the Whiteside County Health

Department before the project can begin. Commissioner Bubbers seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Director Michael P. Sterba reported there was nothing new to report since the last Park Board meeting in regards to the Sam Akiti property located at the Southwest corner of Centennial Park. Sterba will keep the Park Board informed of any new developments in case that Mr. Akiti contacts the Park District in the near future.

Director Michael P. Sterba presented copies of a check for \$7,456.60 from the Illinois Department of Revenue. This check represents the Park District's Personal Property Replacement Tax Distribution for the month of April.

Director Michael P. Sterba presented copies of a letter addressed to Mayor Bill Wescott in regards to the City of Rock Falls applying for an OSLAD Grant. The letter states the support of the Park District for the city's grant application.

Director Michael P. Sterba reported that the NWIAPR will host their quarterly meeting on Thursday June 26th at the Rochelle Park District. Anyone interested in attending please let Sterba know so he can make the appropriate reservations.

Director Michael P. Sterba presented a letter from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources stating that the City of Rock Falls has applied for a permit for the riverfront shoreline protection. In regards to the permit any and all comments are to be sent to Springfield by June 17th.

Director Michael P. Sterba presented copies of a check from Mr. Kenny Boesen for the Boesen Family Memorial Bench in the Commissioners Garden. Kenny Boesen is the grandson of Jacob Cantlin the father of the Park District.

Director Michael P. Sterba presented a first draft copy of a proposed Wall of Honor to be installed at Optimist Park. This wall is being proposed by the Rock Falls Optimist Club due to the fact that they like to honor their members as they pass away. Currently there is no additional room for anymore benches or other apparatus at the park. This Wall of Honor would take care of roughly 15 members in the future if and when it is built. Of course the wall of honor would have to be approved by the Park Board prior to any agreements with the Rock Falls Optimist Club. Again Sterba said this is in the very preliminary stages and we wanted to see if this gets the approval of both the Park Board and Rock Falls Optimist Club. The cost estimate is also included with the drawing.

Director Michael P. Sterba presented documents pertaining to "Call One" telephone service. A quote is enclosed of which Sterba explained at the Board Meeting. The Park Board reviewed the documents for the Call One Telephone Service and had some questions and concerns about the service period. Sterba will do some additional research and bring that information back to the July Park Board Meeting.

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. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 8, 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