

COLOMA TOWNSHIP PARK DISTRICT
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
March 10, 2015

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Coloma Township Park District Board of Commissioners was called to order on Tuesday, March 10, 2015 at 6pm in the Park District Office located at 508 East 11th Street in Rock Falls, Illinois

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

Commissioner Walker motioned to approve the minutes of the Regular Monthly Board Meeting of February 17, 2015 as presented. Commissioner Bubbers seconded the motion, roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.

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

Corporate Fund	\$	8,270.71
Liability Fund		2,149.86
Recreation Fund		3,358.32
Retirement Fund		3,037.92
Bond Construction # 32 Fund		2,489.40
Museum Fund		54.24
Police Fund		404.25
Total	\$	19,764.70

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 February and in 2015.

	Coloma TWP	Best	Probation Dept.	Whiteside County Housing	Dept. Human Services	Experience Works	Partners/ Employment
Days in February	11.5	0	6	1	0	0.00	0
Days in 2015	23	0	9	2	0	0.00	0

Coloma Township: Sherri McLaren, Corinna Bell, Candy Dugger, Steve Ward and Richard Holcomb
Housing: Monique Lehman
Probation: Jeremiah Kramer and Jim Wessels

Director Michael P. Sterba reported the next meeting of the Rock Falls Recreation Trail Committee – Proposed Walking/Bike Path/Hennepin Canal Committee will take place on Thursday, March 12 at 12:00 pm at City Hall. Sterba plans on attending to get the update on what’s happening in regards to the Rock Falls Recreation Trail Committee.

Director Michael P. Sterba reported there was nothing new since the last Park Board Meeting in regards to the RB&W Greenspace Review Committee.

Director Michael P. Sterba reported that there was nothing new since the last Park Board meeting in regards to the Dillon Park restroom facility. The facility as it now stands is almost complete barring a few items that need to be completed when the weather improves. The facility is for the most part done. When the weather improves a final walkthrough with the engineer and the contractor will be required prior to any final acceptance of the facility on behalf of the Park Board.

Director Michael P. Sterba reported there was nothing new since the last Park Board meeting in regards to the Centennial Park street lighting project.

Director Michael P. Sterba reported that there was nothing new since the last Park Board meeting in regards to the ADA Wheelchair Handicap Swing. We plan to install the new swing in Storybook Village sometime in early spring.

Director Michael P. Sterba reported that there was nothing new since the last Park Board meeting in regards to the ADA Wheelchair Handicap Swing. Installation of the swing is scheduled for early spring as soon as the weather permits.

Director Michael P. Sterba reported that there was nothing new since the last Park Board meeting in regards to the Sam Akiti property.

Director Michael P. Sterba reported that the next Park District election will occur on Tuesday, April 7, 2015. Commissioner Bubbers and Stindt are up for six year full terms and Commissioner Nehr Korn is up for a two year unexpired term of Leo Nardini. All three of these candidates have filed their petitions and will be on the ballot in April. No one else has filed for the Park District election.

Director Michael P. Sterba reported that there was nothing new to report since the last Park Board meeting on the Jerry Bellini Memorial. As you all know the new memorial bench will be installed at Wallingford Park outside the Major diamond in the spring of 2015.

Director Michael P. Sterba reported that we are still slowly progressing on getting the bust of Jacob Cantlin that was sculptured in clay approved. A couple of small things needed to be done on his face to make it as realistic as possible. When we do finally have the approval of the family and all concerned, Matthews International will complete the plaque. The plaque will take approximately two weeks to be completed after the final approval is made. We still have plenty of time prior to the dedication ceremony that will probably take place sometime in late April or early May.

Director Michael P. Sterba reported that 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 that he has informed the contractor 10-S Court Solutions about the results of the tennis court renovation bids. Alex, the lady who owns the company is from Lake Forest and is aware of the bid specs that the Board approved. She said we will schedule the renovations of the tennis courts as soon as the weather permits.

Director Michael P. Sterba reported that the Rock Falls Chamber of Commerce annual dinner was held on Thursday, February 26th at the Rock Falls Days Inn. Commissioner Walker and Sterba attended the dinner and everything went well and there was a pretty good crowd representing our community.

Director Michael P. Sterba reported that he has mailed the Rock Falls Little League 2014 utility bill for Wallingford and Dillon Parks to Sally Scanlan, the President of the Rock Falls Little League. The Board has approved that Little League will be responsible for 50% of the utilities at both Wallingford and Dillon Parks for the 2014 season. As far as the 2015 season that remains yet to be seen.

Director Michael P. Sterba has received a proposal from both Metro Enforcement, which is our current security provider, and Security Professionals of Illinois, which is out of Rockford. Both proposals have stated that their hourly fee would be \$19.25 an hour. We need to decide how we want to proceed with the 2015 Summer park security.

After a lengthy discussion among the Park Board, Commissioner Bubbers motioned to approve Security Professionals of Rockford, Illinois for \$19.25 an hour to provide the Park District with park security for the summer of 2015 as presented in their proposal. Commissioner Nehr Korn seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Director Michael P. Sterba reported that we are currently in the process of replacing the carpeting and the countertop in the Park District office. Of course the countertop once replaced will meet all ADA Handicap accessibility requirements.

Director Michael P. Sterba reported that we're in the middle of planning some events for the Park District's 90th Anniversary Celebration. We expect the kick off to be the dedication of the Cantlin Memorial at the Larson Shelter in Centennial Park which should occur somewhere around late April or early May depending on the weather. Also, we've been in touch with the Gazette about possibly doing some sort of a 12 page leaflet that people can pull out of the paper. The leaflet will contain several editorial articles about the Park District and the history of the District as well as some of our future plans. We plan to rally around this theme throughout the entire year creating enthusiasm and excitement for the Park District. We are open to ideas that any of the Park Board members may have about how to celebrate this special occasion.

Director Michael P. Sterba reported that the Park District has not received the Personal Property Tax Distribution from the Illinois Department of Revenue for the month of February.

Director Michael P. Sterba reported that the Whiteside County United Way will host a Recognition Luncheon on Wednesday, March 11th at the Bethel Church in Sterling. At that luncheon they announce the amount of dollars raised for this year's campaign. This goal is very important to the Park District in that we receive approximately \$6,300 a year in funding from the United Way to help support our summer recreation programs.

Director Michael P. Sterba presented copies of a check for \$1,559.17 which represents the Park District's 1st Quarter Distribution from the Rock Falls Civic Fund. The Civic Fund is a sub agency of the Whiteside County United Way.

Director Michael P. Sterba presented copies of a letter from Dana Nelson the Whiteside County Clerk. The letter is thanking the Park District for allowing the county to use the Little Red School House as an official polling place. As you can see by the letter it is difficult to find a polling place that meets ADA requirements.

Director Michael P. Sterba presented copies of a check for \$3,000 from the George Logan family. The check represents the Logan family annual donation to Logan Park for maintenance and development.

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 Walker seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 14, 2015 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