

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

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

Present: Commissioners Stindt, Walker, Sigel, Bubbers, and Nehr Korn
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 October 13, 2015 and the adjourned minutes of October 14, 2015 as presented. Commissioner Nehr Korn seconded the motion, roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Commissioner Bubbers motioned to approve the September bills in the following amounts:

Corporate Fund	\$	28,206.56
Liability Fund		3,060.95
Recreation Fund		4,689.19
Retirement Fund		4198.84
Bond Construction Fund #33		14,331.13
Museum Fund		623.95
Bond and Interest Retirement Fund		261,508.00
Bowman Park Development Fund		141.29
Total	\$	316,759.91

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 October and in 2015.

	Coloma TWP	Best	Probation Dept.	Whiteside County Housing	Dept. Human Services	Worker's Comp	Partners/ Employment
Days in October	15	0	4	2	0	0	0
Days in 2015	109.5	0	125.25	16	0	7.5	0

Coloma Township: Bill Chesmore, Richard Holcomb, Sherri McLaren, Corinna Blagg, David Vargas, Carl Calhoun
Housing: Hein Ayhens and Taime Baker
Probation: Bruce Sanders

Director Michael P. Sterba stated there was nothing new to report on the Centennial Park street lighting project at this time.

Director Michael P. Sterba reported that at the October Park Board Meeting, the Jacob Cantlin Family Memorial Bench had been installed at the Commissioners Garden in Centennial Park. Thus the two plaques and one bench that the Park Board promised to the Cantlin Family have now been completed. The family is planning on having a fall dedication of both their bench as well as the new large monument that was constructed last month sometime around Thanksgiving time. Sterba will keep the Park Board informed of any new developments in regards to the Cantlin Family Dedication.

Director Michael P. Sterba stated there was nothing new to report since the last Park Board meeting in regards to the Dillon Park ball diamond lights.

Director Michael P. Sterba reported that the Jerry Celletti Memorial Monument renovations are now nearing completion. Once completed we will contact the family to set up an official dedication ceremony of the renovated monument. Sterba will keep the Park Board informed of any new developments in regards to the Jerry Celletti Memorial Monument.

Director Michael P. Sterba reported that the process to install the new foot bridge at the South End of Centennial Park is progressing slowly. Wendler Engineering of Dixon has completed the site survey so that the proper elevations of the bridge could be calculated. Some tree trimming has also been done by the Park District Maintenance Crew in order to allow the truck carrying the bridge as well as the crane to be maneuverable during installation. Thus far we are waiting on the final Engineering Drawings to set the two abutments on either side of the lagoon to support the bridge. The bridge itself looks like it will be installed after the ground freezes, possibly in December in order for the area to support the truck carrying the bridge and the crane to install it. Sterba will keep the Park Board informed on any progress made on the installation of the bridge.

Also side panels will be installed on the bridge to meet all ADA requirements. We are working with Sterling Fence to come up with the appropriate panels. We are still working on providing the desired colors for the panels. We are running into some problems. I plan to have a sample panel again present at the Park Board Meeting for the Board's review. After a discussion among the park board members it was decided that the super structure of the bridge would become safety yellow in color and the color of the side panels would be determined later. Sterling Fence Company will provide the side panels cut to order and IFH Group will do the powder coating of the side panels at the appropriate time. The Park District Maintenance Crew will install the side panels on the bridge.

Director Michael P. Sterba reported that the Park Board at the October Board Meeting discussed the possibility of having a special meeting to discuss the future retirement of our full time employees. We still need to do that so that we can all be on the same page in regards on how we are going to handle this issue.

Director Michael P. Sterba reported that tonight the Bids are due to purchase the \$260,000 of Non Referendum General Obligation Park Bonds to be issued on December 1, 2015. Following are the results of that Bid opening.

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
1. Sauk Valley Bank Sterling, Illinois	.84%
2. Triumph Bank Sterling, Illinois	2.00%
3. Community State Rock Falls, Illinois	1.25%
4. US Bank Rock Falls, Illinois	1.18%

Commissioner Bubbbers motioned to approve the low interest rate of Sauk Valley Bank of .84% to purchase the Park District's \$260,000 of Non Referendum General Obligation Park Bonds to be issued on December 1, 2015 with a one year retirement schedule. Commissioner Walker seconded the motion , roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried. The Bond Ordinance will be filed with the Whiteside County Clerk prior to December 1, 2015 as required by law.

Commissioner Walker then motioned to insert the low interest rate of Sauk Valley Bank into the Bond Ordinance #11-10-15-A and to approve the Bond Ordinance as presented. Commissioner Bubbbers seconded the motion , roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Director Michael P. Sterba reported that there was nothing new to report since the last Park Board meeting in regards to the IDNR installing the Cat Fish Spawning Structures at Seward's Riverside Park.

Director Michael P. Sterba reported IDNR recently made their Fall Trout Drop in Centennial Park on Tuesday, October the 6th. Opening day of the Fall Trout Season was Saturday, October the 17th at 5:00 am. Centennial Park has been a very popular site in the state of Illinois for opening day of the trout season. And opening day this fall was no exception.

Director Michael P. Sterba reported that the Park District has not received the personal property replacement tax distributions from the Illinois Department of Revenue for the month of October.

Director Michael P. Sterba reported the Rock Falls High School hosted a Zombie Shuffle 5k and Cross Country Run in Centennial Park on Saturday, October 24th. At the last count they had somewhere between 115 -125 kids run dressed as Zombies. Also this year they started the race at 6:00 PM instead of 4:00 in the afternoon, so they could take advantage of the darkness. All proceeds from the run went to benefit local student scholarships and the United Way.

Director Michael P. Sterba reported that the United Way of Whiteside County is celebrating its 70th Anniversary. The daily Gazette had a print out that was published in the newspaper on Friday, October 16, 2015. The Rock Falls Civic Fund has been a member of the United Way of Whiteside County since 1953.

Director Michael P. Sterba reported that the Park District has received another check for \$10 from the TOPS Organization as a memorial for recently passed Cel Wilson. Cel was a Park District Volunteer for the last 30 years.

Director Michael P. Sterba reported that the sign designating Centennial Park is getting very old and in a state of disrepair. Sterba recommends that we over the winter time design a new Park sign to be located near the Celletti Monument at the entrance of Centennial Park. It looks like one possibly two trees need to be taken down on the east side of the road in order to open up enough area and make it more conducive for the public to view the new sign. As far as funding the purchase of the new sign we received \$1,220.00 from Leo Nardini's Memorial Money and Sterba thinks that would be a great item to pay for with his money. After all Leo's Family did truck farm parts of Centennial Park and of course Leo was on the Board for 41 years.

Director Michael P. Sterba presented copies of the check for \$10,000 from the Dillon Foundation. The check represents the annual donation made by the Dillon Foundation towards Bowman Park. Mr. Bowman was a mentor of Pete Dillon.

Director Michael P. Sterba presented copies of a letter from the Illinois Department of Public Health. . Effective immediately the Illinois Department of Public Health will no longer test for nitrates in the water of non-Municipal Water Supplies. This means the water supply at both Logan and Joshua Parks will no longer be tested for free by the State of Illinois. Therefore, the Park District will have to send our water samples to state certified labs to have it tested for nitrates. We have not had any problems with nitrates at Joshua Park, but we have had them before at Logan Park. The reason for this is that Logan Park has some farm land around the site, and thus some of the fertilizers that have been put down have leached into the water supply at Logan Park. However, the Illinois Department of Public Health will still test for bacteria at no cost to the Park District. We will have to pay for the nitrate testing and Sterba will supply those numbers as soon as they become available to us.

Director Michael P. Sterba reported that the Rock Falls Chamber of Commerce will host the Hometown Holidays on Thursday – Sunday, November 19th – 21st. Enclosed please find a flyer stating the various events that will be available. The Park District is currently in the process of decorating Bowman Park for the holiday season.

Director Michael P. Sterba presented copies of a check for \$1,559.17. The check represents the Rock Falls Civic Fund distribution for the fourth quarter.

Director Michael P. Sterba reported that the Park District has been approached to provide some new lines on our newly refurbished tennis courts in Centennial Park for Pickle Ball play. Pickle Ball is a new and upcoming sport that is becoming very popular throughout the country. It is basically tennis for older people where they don't have to run as fast or as far. In order to have a Pickle Ball Court, you can use your existing tennis courts and just put a contrasting line

color on the courts thus repurposing your tennis courts into two different facilities. The Sterling Park District at Westwood just did two of their indoor courts and Dixon has five outdoor courts that are currently accessible for Pickle Ball. Pickle Ball uses a paddle similar to Ping Pong but is larger and heavier and the ball is like a giant whiffle ball, but also larger and heavier. I have been in contact with our tennis court renovation people and she stated that they do pickle ball courts all the time in the suburban areas along with refurbishing tennis courts. She said to reline a court costs approximately \$200 on outside courts due to materials they are required to use for durability. Sterba recommends that we do 2 or 3 courts sometime next spring.

Director Michael P. Sterba reported that the Park District recently held a memorial bench and plaque dedication for Mr. Bud Stigall. The bench was placed near the Caboose. The family had a great turnout for the dedication and was most appreciative of what the Park District was able to provide them.

Director Michael P. Sterba presented copies of a picture of Patrick Stramka, who is the owner operator of Sauk Valley Martial Arts. The Park District has contracted with Patrick Stramka to provide martial arts services. Sterba got a kick out of the picture they used especially since it is not very politically correct. The picture at the top of the page shows one of the instructors about ready to strike a young girl with a stick which in today's world is a very inappropriate means of protection.

Director Michael P. Sterba presented copies of a letter from the Whiteside County Collector describing a deposit of \$16,333.00 into the Park District Corporate Fund. These funds represent the Park District's 5th Tax Distribution for 2015. The letter also states what portion of the tax distribution each fund will receive. The Park District bookkeeper will spread those funds over the appropriate accounts.

Director Michael P. Sterba presented copies of a \$200 check from the Rock Falls High Class of 1955. The check represents a donation made by the Class because they were very happy with the service that was paid to them over the years by the Park District. The Class of 1955 generally uses the Heidi Shelter the second or third week of September each year.

Director Michael P. Sterba presented copies of the Rock Falls Optimist Club 2016 Calendar for the Park Boards pleasure.

Director Michael P. Sterba presented copies of the 2016 Proposed Tax Levy Ordinance for the Park Board's Review. The Tax Levy Ordinance needs to be held over for 30 days for public inspection. Final approval will take place at the December Board Meeting. After discussion among the Board Members, Commissioner Walker motioned to approve the 2016 Proposed Tax Levy Ordinance as presented and to hold it over for 30 days for public inspection. At that time a public hearing will be held prior to the final action on the tax levy ordinance. The ordinance will then be filed with the Whiteside county Clerk as required by law. Commissioner Bubbers seconded the motion, roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Director Michael P. Sterba has recently been contacted by Judith Myers of Jasper, Georgia. Mrs. Myers owns the Rock Falls Dairy Queen as well as the Miniature Golf Course sitting just east of the property. She has informed Sterba that she would like to sell both the Golf Course and the building that the Dairy Queen is on. Total property size is four different lots. However, the Dairy Queen Franchise does not go with the building. Mrs. Myers wants \$350,000 for the four lots and the building which measures 26'X50'. All of the equipment inside the Dairy Queen building will not stay except for the walk in cooler. Mrs. Myers wants to sell the property because she is relocating the Rock Falls Dairy Queen to another piece of property in 2017. She would like to sell the property before the end of the year, due to the property that she is relocating to needs to be sold by the owner for tax purposes. She would also like to lease back the Dairy Queen Building and equipment for one year, so that she could run the facility for the 2016 season. Sterba believes she hopes to have her new building up and running by the 2017 season. She of course wants to sell the Golf Course and Building as is. The individual who leased the golf course last year is not interested in doing it again this season. She would like our response as soon as possible, if we are at all interested.

Director Michael P. Sterba presented his monthly Directors report to the Board.

IPRA also sent us their monthly Meeting Minutes for our review.

The Park District has received a 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, December 8, 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