

COLOMA TOWNSHIP PARK DISTRICT  
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
June 12, 2018

The regular monthly board meeting was held on June 12, 2018. 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, Stindt, Logan, Bubbers

Absent: None

Also Present: Michael P. Sterba, Director of Parks & Recreation, Stacy Shipman-Prospective new Park Board member, Jedediah Johnson – Rock Falls, IL

Commissioner Bubbers motioned to approve the minutes of the regular monthly board meeting of May 8, 2018, and the special adjourned meeting of May 22, 2018 as presented. Commissioner Stindt seconded the motion, roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Commissioner Stindt motioned to approve the May Bills in the following amounts:

Corporate Fund	\$	13,580.59
Liability Fund		27,850.42
Recreation Fund		5,670.87
Retirement Fund		3,545.21
Bond Construction #36 Fund		23,086.50
Museum Fund		17,807.96
Police Fund		3,377.50
Tee Baseball		1,660.23
Logan Park		<u>238.00</u>
Total	\$	<u>96,817.28</u>

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

The Park Board reviewed the Treasurer’s Report for the month. After a short discussion, Commissioner Bubbers motioned to approve the June Treasurer’s Report as presented. Commissioner Logan 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 May and in 2018.

	Coloma TWP	Best	Probation Dept.	Whiteside County Housing	Dept. Human Services	Housing Authority	Partners/ Employment
Days in May	0	0	1	8	0	0	0
Days in 2018	0	0	12	8	0	3	0

Whiteside County Probation: Jessie Quimby

Director Michael P. Sterba reported on the Dillon Park ball diamond lights.

1. Park Board members received copies of photograph from the official dedication ceremony of the new ball diamond lights at Dillon Park held on Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup>. As you can see, 4 of the 5 sponsors were there for the dedication ceremony with only Matt Prescott from Candlelight restaurant being absent. We knew he was not going to be there because he had a wedding to go to in Colorado and he was hoping to send somebody from Candlelight Restaurant to represent him. Unfortunately, either they got busy or the gentleman forgot because he was not there.
2. Park Board members received a letter from Mr. Dillon making the \$5,000 monthly donation for the lights. Mr. Dillon has now reached \$45,000 of the \$100,000 pledge that he has made towards the new ball diamond lights at Dillon Park.

Director Micheal P. Sterba reported there is nothing new since the last Park Board meeting in regards to the John Celletti Memorial Bench. The family will have a dedication ceremony sometime this summer.

Director Michael P. Sterba reported that there was nothing new to report since the last Park Board meeting regarding the Jerry Celletti Memorial Monument at the north end of Centennial Park. Sterba believes the Celletti family is planning on doing the dedication ceremony sometime this summer.

Director Michael P. Sterba reported that Sally Scanlan, president of Rock Falls Little League, has yet to return the agreement between Little League and the Park District regarding the steel roofs at Wallingford Park. As you may recall, the agreement called for the Park District to pay the utilities for the next 5 years at Wallingford and Dillon Park in exchange for the roofs being installed by Rock Falls Little League personnel.

Director Michael P. Sterba reported there was nothing new to report since the last Park Board meeting regarding developing a master plan for the Akiti property on the southwest corner of Centennial Park.

However, we continue to clean up the Akiti property by the use of Coles Complete Tree Service as well as Harvest Time Baptist Church. On Monday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, Harvest Time Church is giving approximately 20-30 youth as part of their youth community service group to help continue to cut brush and to clean up what needs to be done at Akiti. The project is an ongoing process and will take years but we need to start somewhere.

Director Michael P. Sterba reported the new steel roofs have now been completed at Dillon Park thanks to Sterling Commercial Roofing. The roofs look great and with the new ball diamond lights, Dillon Park for the most part is completed. There will also be some small things we need to do, but any of the major projects that I can see for the foreseeable future have been completed.

President John Sigel introduced Stacy Shipman of Rock Falls who is a prospective board member for the vacancy currently on the Park District Board. Mr. Shipman worked at National Manufacturing for 20 years and currently works at Tettens Grain in Galt. The Park Board asked Mr. Shipman several questions about his interest in the Coloma Township Park District. After the question and answer exchange between Mr. Shipman and the Park Board, it was decided that they would take any further action under advisement and discuss how the Park District Board would proceed with filling the vacant seat of Mr. Wayne Walker, who has recently resigned.

Director Michael P. Sterba reported that the Park District Board needs to officially appoint the new Director of Parks & Recreation for the Coloma Township Park District. After a short discussion, Commissioner Bubbers motioned to appoint Jedediah Johnson of Rock Falls to be the next Director of Parks and Recreation. Commissioner Logan Seconded the motion, roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried. Congratulations to Jed!

1. Jedediah Johnson's starting salary will be \$42,500.
2. There will be no probationary period regarding the start of his employment.
3. His employment will begin on Monday, June 25, 2018.
4. Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund coverage will begin on Monday, June 25, 2018.
5. Health insurance coverage will begin Monday, June 25, 2018.
6. Jedediah Johnson will not be permitted to have any outside coaching duties that will conflict with his responsibilities of some nights and some weekends taking care of Park District business.

Director Michael P. Sterba reported that the Rock Falls Chamber of Commerce has scheduled their annual Summer Splash on Friday and Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> and June 23<sup>rd</sup> at the RB & W Park on the Riverfront.

Director Michael P. Sterba reported that the Park Board needs to approve the 2017/2018 Budget and Appropriations Ordinance as presented. But first, before any final action can be taken, a public hearing should be held according to law. After the final approval of the ordinance, the document will be filed with Whiteside County Clerk as required by law. Commissioner Stindt motioned for the Park Board to open a public hearing for the 2017/2018 Budget and Appropriations Ordinance. Commissioner Bubbers seconded the motion, roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried. President Sigel then asked for any comments, pro or con, in regards to the 2017/2018 Budget and Appropriations Ordinance. Hearing none, he asked for the public hearing to close. Commissioner Logan motioned to close the public hearing. Commissioner Stindt seconded the motion, roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried. At the conclusion of the public hearing, Commissioner Logan motioned to approve the 2017/2018 Budget and Appropriations Ordinance as presented and to file it 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 presented copies of a check for \$8662.68 from the Illinois Department of Revenue. The check represents the Park District's personal property replacement tax distribution for the month of April.

Director Michael P. Sterba presented copies of the 2018 summer recreation program brochure for the Park Board's review.

Director Michael P. Sterba presented copies of the check for \$250.00 from Moore Tires. The check represents the Winter/Spring Recreation Program Brochure sponsorship.

Director Michael P. Sterba presented copies of a thank you letter from Camp Courageous as well as the Bubbers Family thanking the Park District for their memorial contributions in honor of Ryan Bubbers.

Director Michael P. Sterba reported that as we all know, George Logan Sr. has recently passed away. He was a great man and the Logan Family has been very generous to the Park District over the years. We need to send something on behalf of the Park District in George's name. In his obituary, he has mentioned that memorial donations should be made to Rock River Hospice and Home, which is located in Sterling across from the YMCA. Commissioner Bubbers motioned to send a \$50.00 donation to the Rock River Hospice and Home in Sterling, Illinois in honor of George Logan Sr. Commissioner Stindt seconded the motion, roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried,

Director Michael P. Sterba presented some information regarding the birthplace of Walt Disney in a neighborhood called Hermosa on the North side of Chicago. Sterba said that he knows

that this does not have a lot to do with the Park District but he thought it was something that was an interesting tidbit for the Park Board to know.

Director Michael P. Sterba reported that Logan Park recently experienced a problem with the dusk to dawn light that hangs on the restroom building. That light was recently replaced with a new LED fixture that lights up the area at night to hopefully prevent vandalism.

Director Michael P. Sterba presented copies of a check for \$277.23 from AT&T. The check represents a refund for the Park District phone service due to the Park District installing our own telephone system.

Director Michael P. Sterba presented copies of a check for \$200.00. The check represents the Kelley Williamson Company/Mobil Sponsorship for the recent tennis tournament held at Centennial Park.

Director Michael P. Sterba presented pictures of the concrete cracks that appeared over the winter at and around the concession stand at Sieglinger Park. As you know, the concrete was recently installed last August and early September by Murray Construction Company of Rock Falls. I met with Dave Webber of Wendler Engineering of Dixon as well as Don Murray from Murray Construction Company to discuss possible solutions to the problem. A representative of Wendler Engineering is here tonight to discuss those possible solutions.

Director Michael P. Sterba reported that Scott Brown from Wendler Engineering is here tonight to present information on construction of the new park shelter scheduled to go in the South end of Centennial Park hopefully sometime this fall. Scott Brown presented a set of drawings as well as bid specifications for the new shelter at Centennial Park. After a lengthy discussion among the Park Board, Commissioner Stindt motioned to put the new Centennial Park shelter out for bid with the bids due on Tuesday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00pm. Wendler Engineering will take care of all the advertisements, all the bid specs, as well as handling any technical questions regarding the project. Commissioner Logan seconded the motion, roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Director Michael P. Sterba reported that the Park District has received several documents pertaining to the enterprise zone in both Whiteside and Carroll Counties. The counties involved in these enterprise zones have agreed to support each other whenever there is an expansion. Therefore, Whiteside County has asked all the government bodies that are involved in the enterprise zone to approve the tax abatement policy and to send them back to the Whiteside County. Whiteside County administrative office. After discussion among the Park Board, Commissioner Bubbers motioned to approve the enclosed tax abatement documents regarding the Whiteside County/Carroll County expansion of the enterprise zone as presented. Commissioner Stindt seconded the motion, roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.

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 Bubbers motioned to adjourn the Park Board meeting.

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

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 10, 2018 at the Park District office at 508 E. 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Rock Falls, Illinois.

Adjourned at 8:00 PM

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Minutes Submitted by

Michael P. Sterba

Director of Parks & Recreation

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Date

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Donald E. Stindt, Secretary

Coloma Township Park District

Board of Commissioners