

COLOMA TOWNSHIP PARK DISTRICT  
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
November 9th, 2021

The regular monthly board meeting was held on Tuesday, November 9th, 2021. The regular monthly board meeting was called to order at 6 pm.

Present: Commissioners Sigel, Sondergroth, & Sterba  
Absent: Commissioner Shipman  
Also Present: Thomas J. Rynott, Director of Parks and Recreation

Commissioner Sondergroth motioned to approve the minutes of the regular monthly board meeting for October 12th, 2021 as presented. Commissioner Sterba seconded the motion, roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Commissioner Sterba motioned to approve the October bills in the following amounts:

Corporate Fund	11,063.12
Audit Fund	0.00
Audit Fund - Retirement Fund Portion	0.00
Liability Fund	2,409.00
Recreation Fund	44,030.43
Bond Construction #39 Fund	26,428.51
Museum Fund	519.24
IMRF Fund	446.83
Bond & Interest Retirement Fund	0.00
Bowman Park Fund	194.58
Logan Park Fund	73.63
Tee Baseball Fund	0.00
Police Fund	614.10
Total	\$ 85,779.44

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

President Sigel opened and read aloud sealed bids for the non-referendum bond issue. Community State Bank bid at an interest rate of 0.54% and Sauk Valley Bank delivered a bid of 0.45%.

Commissioner Sterba motioned to approve the sealed bid offer from Sauk Valley Bank, in Sterling, at an interest rate of 0.45%. Commissioner Sondergroth seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Commissioner Sterba motioned to approve non-referendum bond issue ordinance 11/9/21/A as presented. Commissioner Sondergroth seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried. Rynott informed the board that final approval will be taking place at the December board meeting after the completion of the public inspection period.

Rynott asked the Board of Commissioners for a motion to hold over the 2020-21 Tax Levy Ordinance for a 30 day public inspection period.

Commissioner Sondergroth motioned to accept the Tax Levy Ordinance as presented and hold said ordinance over for a 30 day public inspection period. Commissioner Sterba seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Matt Trotter, the City of Rock Falls new Wastewater Superintendent, was made present to discuss the City's proposal to develop a rock based staging area adjacent to Centennial Park's sub pump. Trotter requested permission to develop this area as proposed, indicating that work would begin in the early spring, at no cost to the Park District.

Commissioner Sterba motioned to approve Matt Trotter's proposal. Commissioner Sondergroth seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Rynott updated the Board of Commissioners regarding the status of a recently purchased digital message board entry sign for Centennial Park by saying that work was continuing at an acceptable pace and that thus far the entire area had been graded, footings poured, cinder block core erected and electric lines marked for trenching. Rynott finished by saying that he expected work to be done by the last week of November.

Rynott updated the Board of Commissioners regarding the Park District's Second Annual Holiday Light Display at Centennial Park by saying that a project to retrofit 14 street lamps in Centennial Park with ground fault circuit interrupters that would greatly expand the potential for the event had been completed. Rynott added that the final sponsor locations are still in the process of being assigned and that set up would begin on Tuesday, November 30th.

Rynott updated the Board of Commissioners regarding the status of a playground replacement at Sieglinger Park by saying that recently the final concept had been approved and purchased. Rynott presented copies of the final drawing and pricing information for this new playground. Rynott finished by saying that the equipment had already been paid for, but the balance for installation would be due in the spring upon completion of the project.

Rynott updated the Board of Commissioners regarding the status of multiple ongoing landscaping projects. Rynott started by saying that McCormick's Nursery had made tremendous progress over the previous month, with work at Bowman Park having been completed the first week of November and the Island at Centennial being near completion. Rynott finished by stating that the Burger Brother's work at Seward's Park would be commencing in the coming weeks.

Rynott presented copies of the Park District's seventh Personal Property Replacement Tax distribution in the amount of \$20,703.06.

Rynott presented copies of a thank you letter from the family of Dick Akridge thanking the Board of Commissioners for their contribution to Dick's funeral expenses.

Rynott presented copies of a check in the amount of \$10,000.00 from the Dillon Foundation that is awarded each year for the purposes of developing Bowman Park. Rynott informed the board that a thank you letter and 2022 request letter would be sent to the Dillon Foundation posthaste.

Rynott notified the Board of Commissioners that with the Winter/Spring recreation season quickly approaching, a discussion would need to be had regarding the contents of that season. Rynott proposed a season that would feature the Men's Basketball League, Church Softball League, Church Volleyball League, Youth Skills Programs, Recreational Volleyball, and the annual Easter Egg Hunt.

Commissioner Sterba motioned to approve the 2022 Winter/Spring recreation proposal as presented. Sondergroth seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Rynott presented copies of a letter from David P. Brenner, Superintendent of Parks, notifying the Board of Commissioners of his wish to rescind his previously initiated retirement and return for the year of 2022.

A decision was made to postpone the discussion surrounding David P. Brenner's letter until all board members were in attendance.

Commissioner Sondergroth motioned to change the current health care reimbursement plan of \$500.00 for full time employees to a fixed monthly allowance of \$500.00, where proof of expenses would not be required, effective immediately. Commissioner Sterba seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Rynott was instructed to begin the process of registration for those board members interested in attending the 2022 IAPD conference.

Rynott presented a copy of the maintenance and vandalism report prepared by David Brenner to the park board.

Commissioner Sterba motioned to adjourn the Park Board meeting at 8:00 PM.

Commissioner Sondegroth seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all ayes motion carried.

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 14th, 2021 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

Thomas J. Rynott

Director of Parks & Recreation

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Date

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Michael P. Sterba, Secretary

Coloma Township Park District

Board of Commissioners