

COLOMA TOWNSHIP PARK DISTRICT  
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
October 12th, 2021

The regular monthly board meeting was held on Tuesday, October 12th, 2021. The regular monthly board meeting was called to order at 6 pm.

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

Commissioner Stindt motioned to approve the minutes of the regular monthly board meeting for September 14th, 2021 as presented. Commissioner Sondergroth seconded the motion, roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.

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

Corporate Fund	9,010.17
Audit Fund	0.00
Audit Fund - Retirement Fund Portion	0.00
Liability Fund	2,665.00
Recreation Fund	16,086.23
Bond Construction #39 Fund	24,729.16
Museum Fund	371.52
IMRF Fund	446.83
Bond & Interest Retirement Fund	0.00
Bowman Park Fund	178.20
Logan Park Fund	74.73
Tee Baseball Fund	0.00
Police Fund	3,112.22
Total	\$ 56,674.06

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

Commissioner Stindt motioned to go into public hearing, Commissioner Sterba seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried. No comments were received. Commissioner Sondergroth motioned to come out of public hearing, Commissioner Stindt seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Rynott proposed sending out the non-referendum bond for December 1, 2021 for bid. Commissioner Sterba motioned to approve Rynott’s proposal, Commissioner Stidt seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried. Bids will be approved at the November 9th, 2021 board meeting.

Rynott updated the Board of Commissioners regarding the purchase of a digital entry sign for Centennial Park by saying that the Park District had communicated their final approval of purchase for an 8 MM resolution digital entry sign for Centennial Park through Turnroth Signs and Watchfire Inc. Rynott continued by saying that he had recently met with Rick Turnroth to designate the exact placement and orientation of the sign, and that a 50% down payment would be due prior to the start of the project, with the remaining balance being owed upon the sign’s completion.

Rynott updated the Board of Commissioners regarding the purchase of a new playground for Sieglinger Park. Rynott presented copies of a quote from Cunningham Recreation for a customized version of the Morris Lake play system, offered by Game Time. Rynott provided context by saying that the quote included requested customization choices of a roller slide and black plastic playground bordering. Rynott notified the board that a purchase would need to be made by no later than November 1st in order to qualify for Game Time’s funding matching grant program.

After some discussion Rynott told the Board of Commissioners that he would investigate the height and color-palettes of the Park District's current playground systems in order to ensure that Sieglinger's new playground set would be consistent with the District's standards.

Rynott updated the Board of Commissioners regarding preparations for this coming December's Annual Holiday Light Display in Centennial Park. Rynott explained that major progress had taken place along two fronts in the weeks preceding the October board meeting. First, Rynott said, the Park District had received grant funds from the City of Rock Falls Tourism Department in the amount of \$2,500.00. Rynott explained that this grant would be used to cover several of the event's expenses. Second, continued Rynott, the conversion and retrofitting of twelve street lamps in Centennial Park has been approved and work would be beginning shortly. Rynott finished by saying he would continue to keep the Board of Commissioners updated as to the status of this event.

After some discussion Rynott communicated to the Board of Commissioners that he would find two new locations, one near the Sterba Bridge and the other near Storybook Village, for street lamp GFI retrofitting.

Rynott updated the Board of Commissioners regarding the status of ongoing landscaping projects by saying that work to finalize the Seward's Park Riverfront Project had been approved and that the Burger Brother's work would be finalized in the coming month. Rynott continued by saying that McCormick's Nursery has continued to make progress at both Centennial Park and Bowman Park.

Rynott updated the Board of Commissioners regarding fall recreational programming by saying that the Fall Men's Softball League has entered its final two weeks of play and that the Rock Falls Men's Basketball League would be starting on Sunday, October 24th, at Rock Falls Middle School.

Rynott presented copies of the Park District's fourth Real Estate Tax Distribution for the year of 2021 in the amount of \$179,732.24.

Rynott informed the Board of Commissioners that the State of Illinois's Fall Trout Season is scheduled to open on Saturday, October 16th and that the Park District had received its batch of over 2,000 trout on Tuesday, October 5th. Rynott continued by saying that No-Fishing signs would be posted until the start of Trout Season, and that the gates to Centennial Park would be opened at 5:00 AM the morning of to accommodate the influx of fisherman.

Rynott presented copies of email correspondence between himself and Matthew Hicks, who was seeking approval for his annually recurring Sauk Valley Ski Show event at Seward's Park, to take place on Saturday, July 16th.

Commissioner Sondergroth motioned to approve Matthew Hick's event request. Commissioner Sterba seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Rynott encouraged the board to engage in a discussion regarding the upcoming Illinois Association of Park District's Annual Conference. Rynott explained that 2022's conference would be taking place in Chicago on the third weekend of January.

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.

Board of Commissioners Vice President Donald E. Stindt presented a letter of resignation to President John Sigel, effective immediately. Board members thanked Stindt for his years of service and wished him well.

Commissioner Stindt 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, November 9th, 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