

MINUTES

Carbondale Park District

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS OF THE CARBONDALE PARK DISTRICT HELD MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2020 AT 5:30 PM AT THE CARBONDALE CIVIC CENTER

ROLL CALL: Upon Roll Call, the following commissioners were Present: Trimble, Flowers, Suarez, and Sergeev. Commissioner Absent: Adams. Staff present: Renfro, Childers, Day, Montgomery, Anderson, Burns, Melzer and Legal Counsel, Mike Twomey. Staff Absent: None. Guests Present: Some guests were present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Commissioner Trimble made a motion to amend the printed agenda, to move item 7A to item 5. It was then seconded by Commissioner Suarez to approve the amended agenda. Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted aye: Trimble, Flowers, Suarez, and Sergeev. Commissioner Absent: Adams. It was then moved by Commissioner Sergeev and seconded by Commissioner Suarez to approve the agenda as amended. Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted aye: Trimble, Flowers, Suarez, and Sergeev. President Flowers ordered the motion passed.

ACTION TAKEN: The Agenda was approved with amendment.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS: Commissioner Suarez announced that the annual Martin Luther King award ceremony will be held on Sunday, January 19th at 4:00 pm with the annual breakfast being held on Monday, January 20th. President Flowers welcomes Carbondale Community High students that were in attendance.

CITIZENS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS: None.

REPORTS OF PARK DISTRICT CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Administration and Finance Advisory Committee - - Commissioner Suarez will provide a full report for the February meeting and will also be providing the Treasurers report after the Administration & Finance Committee advise about desired formatting.

Child Care Advisory Committee - - Vice-President Sergeev reports the Committee has not yet met but will meet Tuesday, January 14th at 6:00 pm.

Golf Advisory Committee - - No Meeting, will meet again in May of 2020.

Grounds, Facilities & Recreation Advisory Committee - - Commissioner Trimble reports the committee discussed Life Community Center timeline, Super Splash Park features, and possible deck extension at SSP for hosting birthday parties and other revenue enhancing

opportunities were also discussed. The committee also discussed the addition of crosswalks and handicap parking as it relates to the new proposed inclusive playground at Turley Park.

Treasurer's Report: No Report.

Directors Report: Director Renfro reports the Administrative staff attended a variety of meetings during the month of December: Heads of Government, Jackson County Healthy Communities Coalition, Healthy Living Action Team, Lights Fantastic, Fresh Fitness, Carbondale City Council, the Kiwanis Club and the CPKD Administration and Finance committee. Work on the policy manual continues, the first two chapters will be presented to admin and Finance on January 27, 2020. The Pay Plan and job descriptions will be presented for adoption in February. On December 19, 2019 a tax anticipation warrant in the amount of \$50,000. Was issued by First Southern Bank. This was budgeted in the 2019 budget. The Administrative staff has been in touch with Representative Terri Bryant reading the short fall in the reimbursements for construction of the Super Splash Park. The Parc Grant # 11-03 will not be reopened by the Illinois Department of Natural resources. Ms. Bryant is exploring other funding sources for the disbursement. Evergreen Lake continues to be monitored by the Marion EPA for HAB (Harmful Algal Blooms) the recreational advisory limit is 8 parts per billion. The test run December 18 indicate levels within the advisory limit, 0.59 ppb microcystin. The reservoir has been reopened for use. City of Carbondale also received notification. The Marion EPA will continue to monitor this issue.

Superintendent's Reports:

SUPERINTENDENT OF RECREATION: Superintendent Childers reports on the Aquatic and Recreation revenue during December. She also reported on the December programming and learn to swim classes. We would like to welcome Sarah Zeman as our new Aquatics Coordinator. Life Community Center was closed December 24 and 25, 2019. The building and pool were opened for limited hours, 8:00 am to 12:00 pm, on December 23, 26, 27, 30, and 31, 2019.

SUPERINTENDENT OF CHILDCARE: Superintendent Burns reports that Alice Wright currently has 23 children enrolled 15 full-time and 8 part-time. AWECC had their Christmas program on December 19th, 2019 at Hickory Ridge Golf Course. Alice Wright was also closed from December 23 through January 1st for the holiday season. Over at Kids Korner on December 6th the Spanish Club took a field trip to SIU for the La Posada, the kids were welcomed by the Hispanic Student Council and Hispanic/Latino Resource Center for this annual event. The children feasted on tamales, pan dulce, and were also able to bust open their pinatas that they made in the club. The annual Food Program report was also completed in December. We said good-bye to one of our favorite teachers, Alexis, who we wish the best in Florida. Kids Korner was also closed from December 23 through January 1st for the holidays.

SUPERINTENDENT OF PARK MAINTENANCE: Superintendent Montgomery reports that Mowing of the parks and trash pickup are being completed routinely. Floors in both daycare centers have been buffed and waxed. At the Life Community Center two holes were patched on the sand filter and a pump motor was replaced in the boiler system for the pool. Light bulbs

and ballasts were also replaced in parts of the building. At Evergreen the Lake closing signs were removed December 20th due to favorable water testing results. Santa Clause in the Park was set up in the parks December 2, 3, and 4. Crews set up the judging stage at the pavilion square for the Lights Fantastic Parade. At the Super Splash Park a sump pump was replaced in the groundwater well, to help keep the water level down to a minimum.

SUPERINTENDENT OF GOLF MAINTENANCE: Superintendent Anderson reports the week of December 16th staff performed the annual blow out of the irrigation lines and sprinkler heads. This season we used a local rental source for the compressor at a reduced cost. Above average weather has led to basic housekeeping of the course to keep the greens free of debris, limbs, and trash. Work continues on the maintenance equipment fleet through the winter months, as well as several tires and batteries being replaced. Several structural posts are in need of repair at the course, we have purchased supplies to repair these posts and hope to complete repair by the end of January. On January 8th the SIUC ABE Soil & Water Conservation Class visited HRGC Maintenance for their class. Superintendent Anderson spoke to the class about water & soil management.

SUPERINTENDENT OF GOLF OPERATIONS: Superintendent Day reported on rounds in the month of December and 2018 comparisons. Staff has been preparing the annual season pass letter to be mailed out before the 2020 season gets under way.

CONSENT AGENDA: It was then moved by Commissioner Trimble and seconded by Commissioner Suarez to approve the consent agenda as printed. Upon roll call vote, the following Commissioner voted aye: Trimble, Flowers, Sergeev and Suarez. Commissioners Absent: Adams. President Flowers ordered the motion passed.

ACTION TAKEN: The consent agenda was approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

DISCUSSION/APPROVAL KIWANIS PLAYGROUND PROJECT: The Kiwanis Club of Carbondale was represented by Stephanie Brown of Southern Illinois Autism Society and Michael Haake of the Kiwanis who presented an overview of the new inclusive playground project for Turley Park. Commissioner Suarez speaks of the remarkable partnership taking place on this project. Director Renfro adds that the Grounds Facility & Recreation Committee approved the project at their last meeting. After all questions were asked and answered, it was then moved by Commissioner Trimble and seconded by Commissioner Suarez to Approve the Kiwanis Playground Project to be located at Turley Park in Carbondale. Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted aye: Trimble, Flowers, Suarez, and Sergeev. President Flowers ordered the motion passed.

ACTION TAKEN: The Kiwanis Playground Project was approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

DISCUSSION/APPROVAL TAX ANTICIPATION WARRANT BID: Director Renfro states that staff recommends the bid from First Southern Bank as the low bidder at an interest rate of 3.95%. After some discussion it was then moved by Commissioner Suarez and seconded by Commissioner Trimble to approve the bid from First Southern Bank, upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted aye: Trimble, Flowers, Suarez, and Sergeev. Commissioners Absent: Adams. President Flowers ordered the motion passed.

ACTION TAKEN: Tax Anticipation Warrant bid awarded to First Southern Bank at an interest rate of 3.95%.

DISCUSSION/APPROVAL STRATEGIC PLAN: Commissioner Suarez stresses the importance of a facilitator in this process and to pinpoint exactly what type of data needs to be gathered. After much discussion, Commissioners thought it best to discuss further at the February 10th, 2020 meeting.

ACTION TAKEN: Strategic Plan will be discussed further at the February 10th, 2020 Board Meeting.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:

1. Policy Manual Chapters 5-7.

BOARD COMMENTS: Commissioner Sergeev requests a breakdown of expenses since the onset of the City of Carbondale & Carbondale Park District merger discussion. President Flowers asks some high school audience members what they would like to see in Carbondale that is lacking for their age range. J'Shanti Green of Carbondale Community High School says they love to skate, any kind of skating rink or skate park, another student Demarie Perry says she would like to see a gathering place for teens like a "teen town", student Lane Robinson adds that a skate park is what he would love, but adds that the gathering place they spoke of could have things like pool tables and ping pong tables for some of the activities. President Flowers thanked them for their suggestions and expressed his appreciation for their attendance at the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: It was then moved by Commissioner Suarez and seconded by Commissioner Trimble that the board recess to go into executive session. Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted aye: Trimble, Flowers, Suarez, and Sergeev. President Flowers ordered the motion passed at 6:45pm.

MOTION TO RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION: It was then moved by Commissioner Suarez and seconded by Commissioner Trimble to reconvene in open session at 7:26.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business it was moved by Commissioner Suarez and seconded by Commissioner Sergeev to adjourn the meeting. Upon roll call, the following commissioners voted aye: Suarez, Trimble, Sergeev, and Flowers. Commissioners Absent: Adams. President Flowers ordered the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:28 pm.