MINUTES
Carbondale Park District

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS OF THE CARBONDALE PARK DISTRICT HELD MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2019 AT 5:30 PM AT THE CARBONDALE CIVIC CENTER, 200 S. ILLINOIS AVE., CARBONDALE.

ROLL CALL: Upon Roll Call, the following commissioners were Present: Coleman, Erickson and Hollister. Commissioner Absent: Flowers and Welch. Staff present: Burns, Childers, Green, Lewis, Renfro and Legal Counsel, Mike Twomey. Staff Absent: Keller, Day and Robinson. Guest Present: Some guests were present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: It was then moved by Commissioner Coleman and seconded by Commissioner Hollister to approve the agenda as printed. Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voting aye: Coleman, Erickson and Hollister. Commissioner Absent: Flowers and Welch. Vice-President Erickson ordered the motion passed.

ACTION TAKEN: The Agenda was approved as printed.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CHECK PRESENTATION FOR THE VETERANS OUTING: Vice-President Erickson turned the meeting over to Kathy Renfro, Executive Director for presentation of the Vets Outing Check. Director Renfro asked Mr. Keith McQuarrie, Vets Outing Coordinator to come forward to present the checks to the Marin Auxiliary Corp League and the Marion VA Medical Center. Mr. McQuarrie present a check to Mrs. Sue Whitlock from the Marine Auxiliary Corp League, no one was present from the Marion VA Medical Center.

Commissioner Coleman announced the African American Museum will be hosting a panel discussion on February 21st from 7 to 9 p.m.

ACTION TAKEN: No action required.

CITIZENS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS: None.

REPORTS OF PARK DISTRICT CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Director Renfro reported that the committee had meet and review the user data for the Life Center and Super Splash Park. The also discussed the purchase of 50 new golf carts and the renewal of the contract with Midwest Pool Management for the 2019 Season.

AQUATIC CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Vice-President Erickson reported that the committee had meet and discussed starting on the banner sales at the Super Splash Park. The agreed that the District should continue the contract with Midwest Pool Management. The
committee also discussed some fund raising ideas which include another “Black Tie and Flip Flops” event. A sketch of a sailboat ideas was presented for listing names of all the donors who supported the SSP. It was also announced that a long time park district supporter, Ann Knewitz had passed away and will be honored on February 8th.

**CHILDCARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE:** The reported will be given along with the Childcare Superintendent report.

**GOLF ADVISORY COMMITTEE:** No Meeting.

**GROUNDS, FACILITIES AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE:** Commissioner Hollister reported that the committee had meet reviewed the discussion of the Life Center recommendations that was given to the board. Commissioner Hollister said the committee is asking for direction from the board on their recommendation that was presented to them regarding the Life Center. After discussion Vice-President Erickson said he would like for the board to accept the recommendation and move forward. It was then suggested that

**Note:** MS. Jo-Ann Ginsberg arrived from the Marion VA Medical Center so the board pause for a brief moment to present her with the check from the Vets Outing.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** No Report

**DIRECTOR’S REPORT:** Director Renfro reported she was glad to be back.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORTS:**

**Superintendent of Recreation:** Jane Childers reported that the first Sunset Concert meeting was held on December 6. The Deep Water Aerobics class has begun at the SIU Rec Center. The Jr. Dawgs Basketball program has 150 children participating, which has increase significantly over the past years. The Aquatics department received at $3,800 grant from McDonalds for the Parrish School Swim Lessons that starts on April 1st. The Blue Christmas Concert and Santa in the Park both was very successful events. The Life Center pool was closed December 15-20 due to flooding and cleanup and December 26-28 for maintenance.

**Superintendent of Childcare:** Katy Burns reported that AWECC had 24 children enrolled in December and 26 children enrolled in January. The center was closed December 17-19 due to no heat and December 24-January 21 for the holidays. The holiday program was on December 21st, 14 families attended. AWECC swim lesson started on January 11th.

Kids Korner was open for early dismissal on December 11th and full days on January 2, 3, 4, 21 and 22. The childcare advisory committee meet on January 17th.

**Superintendent of Golf Maintenance:** Mike Green reported that staff provide four carts for the Lights parade and has begun cleaning and organizing the maintenance shop and equipment. Staff has been repainting all the tee blocks and grinding all the reels on the tee,
greens and fairway mowers. They were able to go out and set up and course clean up while the weather was cooperative. Staff also began clearing some of the debris on the disc golf course and doing repairs on the disc golf tee signs.

Superintendent of Park Maintenance: Ed Robinson was absent but his report was included in packet.

Superintendent of Golf Operations: Mike Day was absent but his report was included in packet.

After all reports were given it was then moved by Commissioner Hollister and seconded by Commissioner Coleman to accept the reports as presented and the recommendations by the Grounds, Facilities and Recreation Advisory Committee regarding the LIFE Community Center and placed them on file. Upon roll call voted the following Commissioners voting aye: Coleman, Erickson and Hollister. Commissioner Absent: Flowers and Welch. Vice-President Erickson ordered the motion passed.

ACTION TAKEN: The Board approved the reports as presented and the recommendation from the Grounds, Facilities and Recreation Committee.

CONSENT AGENDA: It was moved by Commissioner Coleman and seconded by Commissioner Hollister to approve the consent agenda items as presented. Upon roll call voted the following Commissioners voting aye: Coleman, Erickson and Hollister. Commissioner Absent: Flowers and Welch. Vice-President Erickson ordered the motion passed.

ACTION TAKEN: The consent agenda was approved as presented.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

DISCUSSION/APPROVAL OF STAFF TO SEEK BIDS FOR THE 2019 TAX ANTICIPATION WARRANTS IN THE AMOUNT OF $600,000: Director Renfro presented this agenda item. Staff is seeking approval to seek TAW bids for $600,000 to obtain in $50,000 increments as needed. After a brief discussion it was then moved by Commissioner Hollister and seconded by Commissioner Coleman to approve staff requests to see TAW bids in the amount of $600,000. Upon roll call voted the following Commissioners voting aye: Coleman, Erickson and Hollister. Commissioner Absent: Flowers and Welch. Vice-President Erickson ordered the motion passed.

ACTION TAKEN: The Board approved the staff request to seeks TAW bids in the amount of $600,000.
DISCUSSION/APPROVAL TO SEEK A BANK LOAN FOR THE PURCHASE OF 50 GOLF CARTS IN THE AMOUNT OF $150,973: Director Renfro explained that staff is seeking approval from the board to request a proposal for the financing of a bank loan for the purpose of obtaining 50 golf carts in the amount of $150,973. Staff will be increasing fees to project additional revenue to cover this expense. They are requesting a 7 year payment agreement. After discussion it was moved by Commissioner Coleman and seconded by Commissioner Hollister to approve staff request to seek a bank loan for 50 golf carts in the amount of $150,973. Upon roll call voted the following Commissioners voting aye: Coleman, Erickson and Hollister. Commissioner Absent: Flowers and Welch. Vice-President Erickson ordered the motion passed.

ACTION TAKEN: The board approval staff request to seek a bank loan in the amount of $150,973.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS: Video Gaming License

BOARD COMMENTS: None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: It was moved by Commissioner Hollister and seconded by Commissioner Coleman to request that the Board recess the meeting to go into Executive Session in accordance with 5 ILCS 120/2 (C) (1) regarding the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodge against an employee to determine its validity. 5 ILCS 120/2 (C ) (3) The selection of a person to fill a public office, as defined in this Act, including a vacancy in a public office, when the body is given power to appoint under law or ordinance, or the discipline, performance or removal of the occupant of a public office, when the body is given power to remove the occupant under law or ordinance. Upon roll call voted the following Commissioners voting aye: Coleman, Erickson and Hollister. Commissioner Absent: Flowers and Welch. Vice-President Erickson ordered the motion passed. The meeting recess at 6:05 p.m.

MOTION TO RECOVENE TO OPEN SESSION: it was moved by Commissioner Hollister and seconded by Commissioner Coleman to return to open session. It was then moved by Commissioner Hollister and seconded by Commissioner Coleman to extend the Executive Director's contract for an additional year, the contract runs through September 10, 2021. Upon roll call voted the following Commissioners voting aye: Coleman, Erickson and Hollister. Commissioner Absent: Flowers and Welch. Vice-President Erickson ordered the motion passed.

It was then moved by Commissioner Coleman and seconded by Commissioner Hollister to approve the independent contract with Leanor Lewis. Upon roll call voted the following Commissioners voting aye: Coleman, Erickson and Hollister. Commissioner Absent: Flowers and Welch. Vice-President Erickson ordered the motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business it was moved by Commissioner Hollister and seconded by Commissioner Coleman to adjourn the meeting. Upon roll call, the following
commissioners voted aye: Coleman, Erickson and Hollister. Commissioners Absent: Flowers and Welch. Vice-President Erickson ordered the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.