MINUTES
Carbondale Park District

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS OF THE CARBONDALE PARK DISTRICT HELD MONDAY, MARCH 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: Flowers, Erickson, Hollister. Commissioner Absent: Coleman. Staff present: Renfro, Childers, Day, Robinson and Legal Counsel, Mike Twomey. Staff Absent: Burns and Green. Guest Present: Some guests were present.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: President Flowers requested agenda item (8C) be moved to (8A), it was then moved by Commissioner Erickson and seconded by Commissioner Hollister to approve the agenda with said change. Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voting aye: Erickson, Flowers and Hollister. Commissioner Absent: Coleman. President Flowers ordered the motion passed.

ACTION TAKEN: The Agenda was approved with said change.

CITIZENS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS: None.

REPORTS OF PARK DISTRICT CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE-- Vice President Erickson reported that the committee met on February 19 and discussed current usage of all facilities.

AQUATIC CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE-- Vice President Erickson reported the committee met on March 4. The committee recommends retaining Midwest Pool to run the Super Splash Park for the 2019 swim season.

CHILDcare ADVISORY COMMITTEE-- Commissioner Coleman absent, Committee met on February 21.

GOLF ADVISORY COMMITTEE-- This report to be given along with the Golf Superintendent’s report. No recent meetings were held.

GROUNDs, FACILITIES & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE-- Met on February 4, This report to be given along with the Park Operations Superintendents report.

TREASURER’S REPORT-- NONE
DIRECTORS REPORT-- Director Renfro reports that the 2018 audit was completed in February, findings will be reported at a future board meeting. Tax Anticipation Warrants and financing for 50 golf cars where bid in February, results will be discussed later in the agenda. Director Renfro presented at SIUC sharing information with the Recreation students in the 405 facilities class. Interviews were conducted for the Administrative Assistant within the Administration Department, I am pleased to announce that Natalie Melzer has accepted the position and began work on March 4. Staff is working with SIUC Forestry Students to develop an Environmental Ed program at Evergreen Park. The target audience being families residing at Evergreen Terrace. Several events are being planned for the Spring of 2019, the program would begin in the Fall. Lastly, plans are underway for the 2019 John Allen Symposium. This event celebrates recreation professionals that who have graduated from SIUC. Mark your Calendars for April 11, 2019 the event will be at Touch of Nature. The Carbondale Park District will host an evening social the night before, April 10 from 5:30-9:00 at Giant City Lodge.

Superintendents Reports:

GOLF OPERATIONS SUPERINTENDENT-- Mike Day reports the kitchen at Hickory Ridge will open March 20 from the hours of 11:00 to 4:00, February generated 13 rounds of golf, Season pass numbers are on a steady incline, and the Saluki Invitational is set for March 23,24,25 which hosts 12-15 golf teams (70-80 golfers).

GOLF MAINTANANCE SUPERINTENDENT-- Superintendent absent but his report was included in the packet.

PARK MAINTANANCE SUPERINTENDENT-- Park Operations Superintendent Ed Robinson reports Universal Glass replaced the broken window at Kids Korner. A tree was removed from Hickory Lodge along with rewiring security light circuits to illuminate lights around the back porch area, and hardwood floors shined. Life Center Maintenance included checking the Boiler to insure steady operation and work completed on heater blowers in the men and women’s locker room.
Several days were spent at the Super Splash Park pumping groundwater, servicing sump pumps, and working on the electrical. Also had the electrician back out to look at the pool light circuits, his recommendation is to turn the pool lights on for a week to see if it will trip the circuit or not. At Evergreen the light poles that were ordered for Jaycee Field have been delivered, Egyptian Electric Co-op engineer will be in contact with Ed to arrange a time to install and aim the lights. Over at the shop they have replaced a schematic board in one of the space heaters, they do have another heater with a bad board but can wait till the Fall to replace. District Mechanic Dave has been inspecting and servicing the vehicles and equipment for the upcoming season, including changing the oil and oil filters on all Park District vans used by the daycares and rec programs.

CHILDCARE SUPERINTENDENT: Superintendent was absent but her report is included in the packet for AWECC and Kids Korner.

RECREATION SUPERINTENDENT: Jane Childers reported on February programming, revenue and number of swimmers, her IPARKS Training Webinar, and the Masters Learn to
Swim Program. Two dates have also been set for the 2019 Sunset Concert Series the will take place on June 20 and July 18 at Turley Park.

**ACTION TAKEN:** The board accepted the reports to be placed on file.

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**DISCUSSION/APPROVAL OF REFUNDING GENERAL OBLIGATIONS BOND:** Dave Phillips of Speers Financial, Inc. along with colleague Aaron Gold came to further explain the resale of bonds for a lower interest rate. Phillips recommends the board chose an annual option as opposed to the semi-annual option. Although the interest rates may be minimally higher with an annual option. Phillips answered any and all questions posed by the board and the refunding will be discussed in the upcoming Administration and Finance Meeting on March 18.

**ACTION TAKEN:** Board will continue discussion at the next Administration and Finance Committee meeting on March 18.

**DISCUSSION/APPROVAL OF STAFF TO APPROVE BIDS FOR THE 2019 TAX ANTICIPATION WARRANTS IN THE AMOUNT OF 600,000:** The staff recommends the bid from First Southern bank with an interest rate of 4.2% be accepted and approved. It was then motioned by Commissioner Erickson and seconded by Commissioner Hollister to approve the bid from First Southern Bank. Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted aye: Flowers, Erickson, Hollister. President Flowers ordered the motion passed.

**DISCUSSION/APPROVAL MIDWEST POOL MANAGEMENT CONTRACT:** Director Renfro explains that Midwest Pool Management has operated the Super Splash Park since it opened. Director Renfro believes providing the proper training for the lifeguard/pool employees over the course of the next year could insure the staff is well prepared to self-manage the pool by 2020. Renfro asks the board to approve the Midwest contract for this year (2019) so that there would be time to prepare the employees for this change. It was then moved by Commissioner Hollister and seconded by Commissioner Erickson to approve the Midwest Pool Management Contract for another year. Upon Roll call vote, the following Commissioners voted aye: Hollister, Erickson, and Flowers. Commissioners Absent: Coleman. President Flowers ordered the motion passed.

**DISCUSSION/APPROVAL NEWLY APPOINTED COMMISSIONER:** President Flowers ask's the board to approve Carmen Suarez as a newly appointed Commissioner, she has served previously on the board and has a lot of experience. It was then moved by Commissioner Erickson and seconded by Commissioner Hollister to Approve Suarez as the Newly Appointed
Commissioner. Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted aye: Flowers, Erickson, and Hollister Commissioners absent: Coleman.

**DISCUSSION/APPROVAL SUNSET CONCERT CITY FAIR DAYS FOR 2019:** After a brief discussion it was moved by Commissioner Hollister and seconded by Commissioner Erickson to approve the Sunset Concert City Fair Days for 2019. Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted aye: Flowers, Hollister, and Erickson. Commissioners absent: Coleman. President Flowers ordered the motion passed.

**ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:** Video Gaming License

**BOARD COMMENTS:** President Flowers thanked Ed Robinson for 38 years of service before his retirement at the end of the month. President Flowers read Commendatory Resolution: **RESOLVED,** by the Carbondale Park District Board of Commissioners that:

**WHEREAS,** Ed Robinson began his distinguished career with the Park District as a Maintenance Worker, then became the Superintendent of Construction, and then the Superintendent of Park Operations.

**WHEREAS,** over a 37-year career with the Park District, Ed distinguished himself with his deep knowledge and abilities related to Park District matters. His expertise and commitment to the District and its staff has been invaluable to the District during his tenure.

**WHEREAS,** the Park District Board of Commissioners wish to thank Ed for his many contributions to the Park District and the Carbondale community.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Commissioners hereby expresses its gratitude to Ed for his service to the Board of Commissioners, for his exceptional work ethic, for his expertise in construction and creative approach to maintenance, and for all that he has contributed to the Board of Commissioners and to the Carbondale Park District.

**FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Board of Commissioners wishes Ed continued success in all his endeavors and expresses our hope for his continued health, happiness, and prosperity.

**FURTHER RESOLVED,** that a copy of this resolution be presented to Ed Robinson as a token of our respect.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** It was moved by Commissioner Erickson and seconded by Commissioner Hollister 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: Flowers, Erickson and Hollister. Commissioner Absent: Coleman. President Flowers ordered the motion passed. The meeting recessed at 6:45 p.m.