

COLLINSVILLE AREA RECREATION DISTRICT

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

May 31, 2012

The Special Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Collinsville Area Recreation District was called to order by President Mary Ann Bitzer at 6:00 PM, May 31, 2012 at the district office, 10 Gateway Drive, Collinsville, Illinois. Following the Pledge of Allegiance the role was called with the following commissioners answering present: Joan Burke, David Tanzyus, Spike Bryant and Mary Ann Bitzer. Commissioner Andrew Carruthers was absent.

Staff present included Administrative Assistant Susan Zaber.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mark Achenbach addressed the Board regarding the CARD 2000 tax referendum, which he stated was for Miner's. He stated it was a Yes/No tax referendum to increase taxes by .05 cents, and although it wasn't listed on the referendum the purpose was for Miner's. He stated CARD asked the tax payers to raise the rate by .05 cents in order to fund the operation of Miner's, and the tax payers voted no. When asked by Mary Ann Bitzer about the vote, he stated the vote was 2,807 against the tax and 883 in favor. He stated the point was he would hope the Board would remember that when CARD took over Miner's there was an election where the people told the Board they weren't interested in funding Miner's. Mary Ann stated it was her understanding the people were not interested in raising taxes. Mark Achenbach read a quote printed in a newspaper article in 2000. Mary Ann stated the Board did not say they were going to fund Miner's completely, and that funding was to be in conjunction with the city, the foundation, and CARD. Mark stated, thus far, CARD had spent \$1,555,000 on Miner's and the only other entity that had spent money on Miner's was the City of Collinsville, which as far as he knew was \$300,000. He stated at the next meeting he looked to the Board to make a motion, have a discussion, and vote on giving Miner's back to the Miner's Institute Foundation. He stated if the Foundation stated no for CARD to go to the City of Collinsville, and if the City of Collinsville stated no to put Miner's up for auction.

A motion was made by Burke, seconded by Bryant that the Commissioners go into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees.

The board adjourned to CLOSED SESSION at 6:06 PM.

The Special Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Collinsville Area Recreation District was called to order in OPEN SESSION by President Mary Ann Bitzer at 8:31 PM, May 31, 2012 at the district office, 10 Gateway Drive, Collinsville, Illinois. Upon role being called the following commissioners answered present: Spike Bryant, Joan Burke, David Tanzyus, and Mary Ann Bitzer. Commissioner Andrew Carruthers was absent.

No further business coming before the Commissioners, a motion was made by Burke, seconded by Bryant, that the meeting be adjourned. Upon roll being called, those voting AYE were: Bryant, Burke, Tanzyus, and Bitzer. None voted Nay. Motion passed.

The meeting stood adjourned at 8:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Date

Susan Zaber, Recording Secretary