MINUTES
Carbondale Park District

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS OF THE CARBONDALE PARK DISTRICT HELD MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2020 AT 5:30 PM VIA ZOOM ONLINE MEETING.

ROLL CALL: Upon Roll Call, the following Commissioners were present: Adams, Trimble, Flowers, Suarez, and Sergeev. Commissioners Absent: None. Staff present; Renfro, Montgomery, Anderson, Webster, Ashley, Melzer, and Legal Counsel, Mike Twomey. Staff Absent: Superintendent Burns excused. Guests Present: Lee Fronabarger of the Districts Grounds Facilities & Recreation Committee, Ron Clark staff member at the Super Splash Park, John Washburn from the Districts Golf Advisory Committee, and Aaron Gold of Speer Financial.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: President Flowers asks to amend the current agenda allowing unfinished business to move to item V directly behind citizens comments and questions, therefore moving District reports to item VII. It was then moved by Commissioner Trimble and seconded by Commissioner Suarez to approve the agenda as amended. Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted aye: Adams, Trimble, Flowers, Suarez, and Sergeev. Commissioners Absent: None. President Flowers ordered the motion passed.

ACTION TAKEN: The Agenda was approved as amended.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS: Commissioner Adams shares with the Board that the Friends of Carbondale Dog Parks sidewalk installation has been postponed till spring and hope to break ground this fall.

CITIZENS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

DISCUSSION/APPROVAL CARBONDALE PARK DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLANNING: Board and Staff were joined by John Washburn who facilitated the Districts Board/Staff Retreat on September 22nd. Dr. Washburn gives a report of the progress, topics, Mission Statement, Vision, and goals that were discussed at the retreat. Commissioners agree that community meetings need to be scheduled to obtain crucial community input. Dr. Washburn asks the Board and Staff to pick their top five goals in each section provided in the synopsis. It was then moved by Commissioner Suarez and seconded by Commissioner Trimble to approve the report as presented. Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted aye: Adams, Trimble, Flowers, Suarez, and Sergeev. Commissioners Absent: None. President Flowers ordered the motion passed.

ACTION TAKEN: Strategic Planning Synopsis Report approved.

DISCUSSION/APPROVAL 2020 GO BONDS: Staff recommends approval of the 2020 GO Bonds, Director Renfro introduces Aaron Gold, representative of Speer Financial who gives the Board an overview of the bid results and overview of the 2020 GO Bonds. After Commissioners questions were asked and answered, it was then moved by Commissioner Suarez and seconded by Commissioner Adams to accept the bid from First Southern Bank at 1.15%. Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted aye: Adams, Trimble, Flowers, Suarez, and Sergeev. Commissioners Absent: None. President Flowers ordered the motion passed.

ACTION TAKEN: Bid for the 2020 GO Bonds awarded to First Southern Bank at 1.15%.

DISCUSSION/APPROVAL IDNR Marberry Arboretum Grant: Director Renfro gives a summary of the grant terms and adds that staff recommends the approval of the grant. After all questions were asked and answered it was moved by Commissioner Trimble and seconded by Commissioner Adams to approve the IDNR Marberry Arboretum grant contract. Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted aye: Adams, Trimble, Flowers, Suarez, and Sergeev. Commissioners Absent: None. President Flowers ordered the motion passed.

ACTION TAKEN: IDNR grant for Marberry Arboretum was approved.

DISCUSSION/APPROVAL REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE OF THE JULEE ILLNER MEMORIAL POOL LOCATED IN THE LIFE COMMUNITY CENTER: Director Renfro explains to the Board that staff remains concerned about the condition of the pool. Staff has communicated these concerns to the Illinois Department of Public Health who ultimately recommended draining the pool. Superintendent Montgomery adds that all drains are rotting and leaking, there are holes in all the lines, sand filter needs replaced, new roof, and new piping throughout the building which leads him to believe that the renovations would be a major expense. Commissioner Trimble adds that the Grounds Committee voted to recommend staff investigate a dome enclosure installation to make the Splash Park a 9-month facility. After much discussion Commissioners would like to see cost identification for the dome enclosure as well as the needed renovations at the Life Community Center for comparison at the November 9th Board meeting.

ACTION TAKEN: Staff will investigate and identify associated costs for both dome enclosure installation at the Super Splash Park and renovation/repair costs associated with the Life Community Center for comparison at the November 9th Board meeting.

DISCUSSION/APPROVAL OF GOALS IN ADDRESSING THE QUESTION OF EXPLORATION OF MERGER: Discussions began on the topic of exploration of a merger with the City of Carbondale. Commissioners discuss the need for the "merger" to be defined by the Park District, City of Carbondale, but most importantly the community. The perception by each group could be completely different. Hence the need for these public meetings we talk so frequently about, once we know what it means to each group, it may make the path forward much clearer. President Flowers also mentions the need to work together constructively with the City adding that he emailed Mayor Henry after the August 31st joint meeting to discuss steps to move forward but has not yet received a response. After long discussion, Commissioners decide this item will be further discussed at the November 9th Board meeting.

ACTION TAKEN: Item will be further discussed during the November 9th Board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

CONSENT AGENDA: It was moved by Commissioner Suarez and seconded by Commissioner Trimble to approve the consent agenda as presented. Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted aye: Adams, Trimble, Flowers, Suarez, and Sergeev. Commissioner Absent: None. President Flowers ordered the motion passed.

ACTION TAKEN: Consent agenda was approved as presented.

REPORTS OF PARK DISTRICT CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS: President Flowers suggests that all reports be covered at the November 9th Board meeting, Superintendents will present September & October Departmental reports at that time.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:

1. **Strategic Planning**
2. **Asaturian-Eaton & Associates Contract**
3. **Policy Manual**

BOARD COMMENTS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Suarez and seconded by Commissioner Adams to adjourn the meeting. Upon roll call, the following Commissioners voted aye: Adams, Suarez, Trimble, Sergeev, and Flowers. Commissioners Absent: None. President Flowers ordered the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:28 P.M.