

Tri-Township Park District  
Park Board Meeting  
July 8, 2009

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Tim Greenfield.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissioners present: Norm Beck, Wayne Brendel, Tim Greenfield, John Owens and Kevin Woodring. Commissioners absent: Bud Adelhardt and Mary Kmetz.

President Greenfield asked who was taping the meeting and was told that they were from Channel 4 TV. Channel 4 was welcomed...

Motion: To approve the minutes from June 10, 2009 meeting. Brendel/Owens 3 Ayes 1 abstain

Motion: To approve the minutes from June 22, 2009 meeting. Owens, Brendel 3 Ayes 1 abstain

Motion: To approve the minutes from July 1, 2009 meeting Owens/Brendel 4 Ayes

Communication - none

People requesting to be on the agenda: No one

He reviewed the work shop held June 15, 2009 by the Executive Committee. The minutes were included. Steve Cooper from the Bank of Edwardsville had attended that meeting.

President Greenfield then gave a review of where the Park District is in regards to the Illinois Child Labor Laws. He was interrupted many times by the audience. He asked if he could finish his review and then open up the floor for discussion. A concerned citizen from the audience asked President Greenfield if the Park District was planning to "do away with sports in the Park". President Greenfield said emphatically "No". The audience quieted down. Then the discussion opened up concerning the child labor laws. There were many questions and emotions were running high concerning the motion listed under Operations Committee concerning the dissolving of the relationship with TBSL and TSC making both leagues independent of the Park District. Tri-Township Park District would only maintain fields. Lining of fields and base arrangement would be athletic groups' responsibility. Emotions were very high as parents believed that sports would be terminated in the Park District. After much heated debate, President Greenfield asked John Owens who had the motion placed on the agenda if he was willing to withdraw the motion. John Owens would work with Norm Beck who is the chair of the athletics. TBSL and TSC in the future will work with the Athletic Committee to get issues resolved. Under those conditions, the motion was withdrawn. At that time, 50 % of the people in attendance left and the TV crew left.

At that point, the meeting proceeded with the agenda. John Owens presented the Secretary/Treasurer's report. He noted that funds are low. Hopefully Madison County Collector will start remitting our tax money soon.

Motion: To accept the Treasurer's Report for June 2009. Brendel/Owens 3 Ayes

Motion: To approve and pay the bills as presented for July 2009 Beck/Brendel 3 Ayes

A handout card with all the activities being held in the Park was included in the Commissioner's packet. All were encouraged to attend these events.

John Owens, chair of the Operations Committee presented minutes from the Operations Committee meeting held June 25, 2009.

There were discussions held on establishing a monthly expenditure allotment of \$5,000 for the Site Supervisor and \$1,000 for the Office Manager. This was tabled as there was no money available at this time.

There was a discussion concerning moving the field and concession lighting costs to TBSL and TSC respectfully. This motion was tabled and will be discussed with the Athletics Committee.

As noted earlier, the motion to make the sports leagues independent was withdrawn.

As the meeting progressed, more people left the meeting. No one remained to give a report for TBSL.

Ernie Walker with TSC reported that Aug. 25 is the start date for games for the Fall Soccer Program. The upper age brackets will be a Co-Ed league with adult referees and umpires. They are still accepting late sign-ups. The draft will be held July 12 and 13. Fields 13 and 14 will not close down at this time. No new building is planned at this time.

Dave Nonn, President of the Troy Titans reported that the goal posts are up and the score board should be in anytime. Their registrations are up and there will be a parents meeting on Aug. 3, 2009. Aug. 1 is their golf scramble at Oak Brooke. Titans anticipate playing football from 10:00 AM till 4:00 PM on Sat. & Sun. Practices will be held on Mon, Tues. and Thur. Their concession stand is almost finished.

There were no comments or questions from the media.

Motion: To adjourn at 8:20 PM. Beck/Owens 5 Ayes.

Submitted by Fran Colter