

Tri-Township park District

Park Board Meeting

December 8th, 2010

Meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by President Kevin Woodring.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissioners present: Bud Adelhart, Norm Beck, James Newcombe, John Owens, Chris Wasser, Kevin Woodring
Minutes were presented for November 2010 meeting with motion for approval.

Motion: To approve minutes from November 10th, 2010.

Wasser/Newcombe 7 Ayes. 0 Nays

People requesting to be on the agenda: Dan Jackson, Lions Club.

The Homecoming next year will be July 22nd, 23rd, & cleaning up on the 24th
They will want PAV#1 to start setting up for the Home Coming on Monday July 18th through Sunday July 24th. Reserving the Upper & Lower level of the Community Center for the Home Coming starting on Thursday July 21st through Sunday July 24th. Mr. Jackson plans to improve the Home Coming, spicing it up. Bud Adelhart offered to help with the parade, organizing it A& helping to improving it. It was brought up that bring fish back to the Home Coming would be a good idea. Trying some new ideas. He thanks the Park for the continued support of the Home Coming.

Executive Committee- Treasures Report & bills to be paid for December, 2010 presented for approval. Discussion of the trees that was purchased from Fedder's as they were going out of business.

Treasures approved - Nonn/Newcombe 7 Ayes

Bills to be paid in December - Approved Beck/Nonn 7 Ayes

Notes were read from Executive Committee meeting from Dec. 1st, 2010 for the Tax Levy that Park needs to vote on.

Also interviewed part-time personal for the office, interviewed 7 people & hired Lori Jenkins for the part-time help.

The stove for the Community Center.

Tax Levy for the 2011 year. - raising the Tax Levy to 4.9% or about .17 cents.

Motion to pass the Ordinance 2010-1, then to have the discussion on the ordinance. Motion to approve the ordinance 2010-1 to increase the tax rate to 4.9%. Owens/Beck

Discussion on tax rate increase, last year tax levy was \$577,000 & 4.9% increase will take it to \$605,000 increase for the park. Commissioner Newcombe didn't feel that the increase was something that needed to be passed on to the residents of the city, with the city, state, the library, & everyone else bumping taxes. The price of increases with everything else that the park is facing gas, insurance, summer employees, cost of vandalism repairs in the park costs is the need for the increase of the tax levy. The \$20,000 increase that this tax levy will bring to the park, where in the budget can \$20,000 be cut so we don't have to raise the tax levy this year.

Motion on the floor for discussion on the tax levy. Roll call vote

Ayes 3 Nays 4 Motion does not pass.

Commissioners didn't want to consider a tax levy increase of any kind at this time. They want to see more improvements but want to spend less, Dave Nonn wants to see about cutting expenses to see these happen without raising the taxes. James Newcombe said that he agrees not to raise taxes to cut more corners, to not raise taxes this year to raise them next year. Kevin Woodring points out that not raising the taxes this year will mean raising them higher next year 9 to 10%.

Stove for community center, to be purchased from Metro Supply & Equipment Co from Alton & the price of this stove, \$3630.00, is within the amount that the board approved in last month's meeting. Imperial Range 60" IR-10 with 2 additional racks for about additional \$200.....total price will be about \$3800.00. Look at pulling the current stove out & placing an ad in the paper to selling the old stove. We will need to have 2 of our people here to help set the new stove & they will bring the stove with 2 Metro Supply to help bring the stove into the building & set it. But we will need to hook-it up. Warranty will have a local company to service the stove if the stove has to be repaired.

Motion to spend the money to purchase the stove. Nonn/Beck

7 Ayes 0 Nays

Operation Committee - Insurance on the fire to the play ground with \$1000 Price of removing the damaged equipment & the cost of man hours to replace the equipment. The idea to replace the Pirate Ship with another piece of play ground equipment. They used paper waste to start the fire & they also burned the changing table in the CXT bathroom. They want to have signs on every building that says there is security cameras in use in the park. Need to get the additional cost of

putting in additional cameras in the park. Need to check if the funds are available to put in additional cameras.

All the bathrooms in the park have been closed for the winter months. The bathroom across from the maintenance shed is now being locked when the crew leaves for the day. Water fountain on the newest has been damaged several times & will remain off until next summer season when the bathrooms are needed. Santa's Village - is ready to go There is some problems with the wiring on the Christmas lights being eaten by rodents. 3rd year with Santa's Village & this is the 1st year we've had any problem.

Roads and Grounds - Nothing new to report at this time

Athletics - Committee - Baseball raising the cost from \$60 to \$65 for next year per child. With a \$15 per child increase for out of teams. All sign-up dates for baseball at the Center.

Soccer - Core Training Spring League - a 3on3 league. The Core Training will be handling everything & Soccer Club will dealing with the Core Training. They will be handling the sign-ups as well...we will have hands off. Core Training will be handling everything, trainers,coaches,ref's,...they would handle everything & the park would only have to possible to line the fields & that would be all the park would have to do. The concession would be opening during this spring league. Motion to have Core Training & Soccer run this 3on3 spring league.

Newcombe/Nonn

Roll Call Vote: Ayes 7 Nays 0

Adjourn regular meeting to go to close session.

Personnel/Employee Issues - Motion by Wasser/Beck

The motion made covered to increase the pay of the office manager from \$12 to \$13.50 per hour.

Roll Call Ayes 7 Nays 0

Written Communications/Thank you cards/Letters - were read.

Meeting Adjourned - Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15pm Beck/Adelhart