

Tri-Township Park District

Troy, Illinois 62294

MINUTES - TRI-TOWNSHIP PARK DISTRICT

The regular monthly meeting of the Tri-Township Park District Board of Commissioners was convened at the Sr. Citizen Building at 7:30 P.M. on April 17, 1989 with president Russell Wiesemeyer presiding. Commissioners answering present to the roll call in addition to the president were Gaertner, Italiano and Loyet.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Following on to the contents of the minutes Commissioner Wiesemeyer stated that Flagg Surveyors had failed to make a drawing of their survey. However they will provide a drawing as requested. He also stated that he had personally handcarried the application for tax exemption on the 7.3 acres to the Court House. Mr. Meyer has suggested that, since the ground is very rough, beans be planted on the 7.3 acres now and in the fall wheat should be planted with grass seed sown in with it. This process will make the ground smoother for rehabilitation next year. Motion was made by Commissioner Italiano, seconded by Commissioner Gaertner and carried to permit Mr. Meyer to farm the ground this year for the last time. Mr. Kirsch will rebid the work on the south road to Collinsville road and various parking areas on the main road. Commissioner Italiano said the City will put the north road in in condition for use. It was suggested that the Park have Mr. Kirsch go ahead with the oiling and chipping and be reimbursed by the City. Motion was made by Commissioner Italiano, seconded by Commissioner Gaertner and carried to authorize Commissioner Wiesemeyer to get a bid from Mr. Kirsch on oiling and chipping the south road to Collinsville Road and various locations beside the main roads for parking.

Commissioner Greenfield did not attend the Grant Hearing on the Application for assistance on the Park Lighting Project. The portfolio was returned inviting resubmission of application for the August or September grants.

Commissioner Wiesemeyer stated that no word has been received from the Department of Conservation on the land exchange involved with the Sr. Citizen Building. Commissioner Wiesemeyer explained the DOC position on use of land procured through land grant assistance for anything other than recreation facilities available to the general public.

Commissioner Gaertner suggested that grass killer be applied to the grass growing through the blacktop on the west side of the ball diamond.

Bob Lemp from Gametime visited the Park to advise the Board on various recreational equipment. He suggested that

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marine plywood be used for resurfacing the Merry-ro-rounds. Commissioner Italiano will determine how much plywood will be needed and the cost of marine plywood and report at the next meeting. Mr. Lemp stated that it usually takes 4 to 6 weeks from date of order for delivery on new equipment. However he will try for 3 to 4 weeks on the equipment ordered on 4/14/89. They will do the best they can on returning the bleachers which were sent to a repair location.

At a special meeting on 4/10/89 the Board unanimously approved the Lions Club request to use the Park for the 1989 Homecoming.

Jerry Moss and Maurice Rakers were present to discuss lighting needed before the Homecoming. Rakers gave a report on the work accomplished by Rakers Electric on the Ball Diamond lights and the scoreboard. In response to Moss's request to hear from the Board on their needs for lighting, Commissioner Wiesemeyer replied that since the request for financial assistance from the DOC on the total Lighting Package has been denied, the Board has decided to go ahead with the lighting on a piece meal basis as general funding is available. There is a need for some lighting near the pavillion before the Homecoming. Commissioner Wiesemeyer deferred any further discussion until the return of Commissioner Greenfield. He asked that Moss and Rakers wait to hear from Greenfield on the exact location of the first phase of the lighting project. Commissioner Italiano volunteered to clear the project with Bud Klaustermeier.

Lucille Schmalz administered the Oath of Office to those candidates for the Board of Commissioners elected at the April 4th election - James Laughlin, Robert Converse and Russell Wiesemeyer. Terry Taake, who was not present for the meeting will be given the Oath on 4/18/89.

The April 4th vote was canvassed on 4/10/89. Wiesemeyer, Gaertner, and Italiano were in attendance. The canvass was given to the Times-Tribune.

Motion was made by Commissioner Italiano, seconded by Commissioner Gaertner and carried to increase the salary of the bookkeeper from \$85.00 to \$100.00 per month immediately.

The Treasurer's Report was read and the bills were presented. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and pay the bills was made by Commissioner Italiano, seconded by Commissioner Loyet and carried.

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The Lion's Club has requested permission from the Board to charge \$1.00 per car for parking in the Park during the Homecoming. Commissioner Wiesemeyer suggested that Attorney Cain be asked to verify the legality of such a practice. Motion was made by Commissioner Italiano, seconded by Commissioner Gaertner and carried to authorize Commissioner Wiesemeyer to grant permission to the Lion's Club to charge \$1.00 per car for parking inside the Park during Homecoming days if Attorney Cain determines that a charge for such is legal.

Commissioner Wiesemeyer noted that the cracks on the tennis courts are worse than they were before repair. He contacted John's Blacktop, who advised that filling these cracks will have to be done annually - the job will last no longer than one year.

Motion was made by Commissioner Italiano, seconded by Commissioner Gaertner and carried to budget for \$97,000 based upon tentative assessed valuation for 1989 of \$65,570,633. @ .15¢ per hundred (the same as for 1988) noting that last year's assessed valuation was \$59,609,667.

Leroy Kruep asked permission from the Board to practice golf strokes in the Park. The Board rejected the request as being too dangerous and having insufficient space.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:10 P.M.

HAROLD C. GAERTNER
Secretary/Treasurer
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