

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 on November 8, 1989 at 7:00 p.m. with president Russell Wiesemeyer presiding. In addition to the president, Commissioners answering present to the roll call were Converse, Greenfield, Italiano and Taake.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Jim Parker and son Matt, representing the local Cub Scout Pack, came before the Board requesting space in the Park to erect a memorial honoring the men and women of the area who have lost their lives in defense of our country. Mr. Parker gave the Board the demensions and description of the memorial. He said that it would cost approximately \$6000. Money is being raised by the VFW and the Cub Scout Pack. A sidewalk and a stone bench will be placed in front of the memorial. All labor will be donated. Commissioner Taake asked that the memorial be made vandalproof. Motion was made by Commissioner Greenfield, seconded by Commissioner Taake and carried to approve placement of a Veterans Memorial in Tri-Township Park based upon final approval of the monument. Mr. Parker noted that they will be using three flagpoles at the memorial and requested use of the present flagpole now being used in the park. Inasmuch as that flagpole has been donated by Mrs. Willard Maden in memory of her husband, the Board noted that the use of the flagpole in connection with the new memorial would have to be subject to her approval. Upon Commissioner Converse's reminder that a light would have to be shown on the flag at night if it is not raised and lowered every day, Mr. Parker noted that he did not think this would be a problem since there are 160 Scouts in the area who could be assigned the duty.

The Treasurer's Report was read. Motion to accept Treasurer's Report was made by Commissioner Greenfield, seconded by Commissioner Converse and carried. The bills were read. Motion to pay bills was made by Commissioner Grenfield, seconded by Commissioner Converse and carried.

Commissioner Greenfield noted that the Socer Season will be over on November 18. He has notified the players that they can walk into the Park and play on the soccer field but no vehicles will be permitted. The dumpsters can be picked up on November 22 for the final time of the season.

The plans for the Multi-Purpose building will be in the pre-final stage by the December meeting, at which time final changes can be made by the Board. The building committee

will also have financing plans to present to the Board. After final changes have been made the final specifications will be presented to three different architects for bids to be opened at the January meeting. After the contract has been awarded a time schedule for completion will be arranged. Commissioner Greenfield is making some inquiries into a new type athletic floor for the building.

The drainage problem on the northwest corner has been partially corrected. There is still some work to be done.

Bids were opened from three bidders on the 870 Deere tractor - Smith Equipment, Carlinville, Il.; Erb Equipment of Belleville, Il.; and Shiloh Valley Equipment of Shiloh Il. The low bidder was Erb Equipment for a 28 Horsepower 9 speed transmission John Deere 870 tractor with a 72 inch mower. Motion was made by Commissioner Greenfield, seconded by Commissioner Italiano to accept the low bidder Erb Equipment of Belleville in the amount of \$12,749.00. All Commissioners answered affirmative to a roll call vote. Commissioners Taake and Greenfield will make arrangements for delivery and financing on a 5 year lease purchase plan.

Richard Gilomen asked the Board about how long he would have to work for the District before he could expect an increase in pay. He also asked that his hours be kept at 25 to 30 per week. The Board agreed to discuss the matter and give him a reply later. After discussion by the Board motion was made by Commissioner Greenfield, seconded by Commissioner Taake and carried that the District will pay each maintenance employee the same and equal wages of \$6.00 per hour effective January 1, 1990.

The Community Development grant requested by the JTSC which includes funds for improvement to the parking lot has been approved. Alan Dunstan suggested that the Park District should call upon the County Highway Commissioner who will draw the design and the specifications for the parking lot, which can be used for bids.

Commissioner Loyet has purchased the fish and restocked the lake.

Commissioner Wiesemeyer contacted Attorney Cain about discontinuing his charges on a retainer basis and using an hourly basis. Attorney Cain agreed to charge at \$75.00 per hour. The Board agreed to retain Attorney Cain on this basis.

Motion was made by Commissioner Greenfield, seconded by Commissioner Taake and carried that Commissioners are not required to contact each member of the Board when it is necessary to make purchases or expenditures for the park up to an amount not to exceed \$500.00.

The Board agreed that all athletic teams or leagues

using Tri-Township Park District facilities must present to the Park Board a team roster prior to use of the facilities. Motion was made by Commissioner Greenfield, seconded by Commissioner Italiano that all teams having 6 or more players from the Tri-Township Park District may use the ball diamonds and the lights free of charge; however those teams having less than 6 players from the District will be required to pay an hourly fee of \$10.00 per hour for use of park facilities.

Commissioner Wiesemeyer has again reminded Gametime that 6 bleachers have not been returned from the repair facility.

Report was made of two playground injuries which have been turned over to the insurance company.

The Board agreed that a monthly inspection of all facilities will begin in the Spring of 1990.

Jarvis Township has volunteered to donate excess dirt from Township projects to the Park. The Board that it could be stockpiled on the unimproved land.

Commissioner Converse has purchased 1000 daffodil bulbs and 500 tulip bulbs from the City of St. Louis for the Park.

Commissioner Converse reported that the Merrygoround is now in repair and there will be 2 sheets of plywood left which can be used for posting Park Rules.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

TERRY C. TAAKE
Secretary/Treasurer
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