

## MINUTES - TRI-TOWNSHIP PARK DISTRICT

The regular monthly meeting of the Tri-Township Park District Board of Commissioners was convened at 7:30 P.M. on 4/12/95 at the Community Center with president Russell Wiesemeyer presiding. Commissioners answering present to the roll call in addition to the president were Eberhardt, Italiano, Greenfield and Taake. Supt. Converse was also present as was newly elected Commissioner Gary Jarman.

Becky Blum, YMCA Council of Collinsville requested use of park property for an 11 week summer day camp in the park for 6 to 12 year olds from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. Monday through Friday - also offering extended care service from 7:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. A letter of request was previously sent to the Superintendent. The "Y" carries it's own adequate insurance coverage and Tri-Township Park District will be named as additionally insured for the period. Motion was seconded and carried to approve use of the Park for the YMCA 11 week summer day camp 1995. All Commissioners answered affirmatively to a roll call vote. Registration will be held in the park on 5/7/95 by the YMCA. Ms. Blum will work with the Supt. to avoid conflicts with other reservations. Commissioner Taake cautioned against large numbers of registrants overburdening the availability of shelter in the event of a storm or rain. Ms. Blum replied that preparations have been made for such occasions. The YMCA is currently using the basement of the Community Center for Karate, Tumbling and Line Dancing Classes.

The Treasurer's Report was read and the bills were presented. Motion was seconded and carried to approve Treasurer's Report and pay bills.

Commissioner Italiano reported that all bills have been paid for the Keith Parrish accident per Larry Menendez. Italiano also reported that the maximum period of coverage that will be provided by the IAPD Insurance on baseball is 8 months. Another carrier and higher premiums would be required for 12 months coverage.

To request by Larry Menendez to use the small tractor for baseball diamond maintenance, Commissioner Greenfield replied that authority given to him last year is still in effect.

The Supt. is concerned that the accountability for individuals holding keys to park buildings is not acceptable. Pursuant to discussion, motion was seconded and carried to have all locks adjusted for keys that cannot be duplicated. Park Board Members will be provided keys to all buildings and organizations using the park will be given keys only to their own buildings. Motion was also seconded and carried to authorize Sam's Locksmith to provide a lock system for the

new office building.

Commissioner Taake noted that there are problems with the Community Center Security System, which have not been effectively controlled by the present System Vendor. Pursuant to discussion, motion was seconded and carried to get some prices on another system for presentation at the next meeting. Commissioner Italiano and the Supt. agreed to follow through.

Commissioner Eberhardt expressed concern over damage being done to the Baseball Diamond by the Soccer Teams suggesting that bids be obtained for lighting the soccer field. Commissioner Greenfield replied that the suggestion has already been explored several years ago and \$26,000. was the cheapest cost that could be obtained at that time - that the cost is simply prohibitive for taxpayer dollars. Various suggestions were discussed, such as tougher grass (e.g. highway roadside grass), slit seeding the problem areas and covering with straw for a 2 week growth period and more intensive maintenance of the field.

The Supt. reported that the homeowners on the property adjacent to the park on the north side are unhappy with the continuous light from the tennis courts. Some bulbs have been vandalized. He suggested that timers be used which could be turned on by players when in use. The timers would automatically shut off after an hour unless reactivated. It was noted that the Tennis Court lights do provide a safety measure for people who use the walking trail after dark. The consensus of the Board was that shields should be purchased to protect the bulbs from vandalism and the proposal was tabled.

Motion was seconded and carried to purchase 3 registrations for the IAPD Conference in Springfield on the 9th and 10th of May at \$45.00 each.

Commissioner Greenfield stated that he is making application to the Conservation Department for a grant to clean the lake and to Community Development for an ADA Grant of \$50,000. for the Community Center and \$45,000. for other Park facilities.

Motion was seconded and carried to send a letter of thanks to the Troy Woman's Club for their monetary donation of \$2,317. for the purchase of playground equipment.

Permission has been given to the Maryland Heights, Mo. Bicycle Club to start and terminate a 50 mile bicycle ride at the Park on 4/23/95.

The Supt. reported that he is reseeding the 8 acres and doing some spot seeding. Commissioner Loyet donated a pecan tree.

Diane Eilering has incurred a paint bill for the soccer concession for which the Supt. advised her to present it to the Board.

A political function is being held for Frank Watson, State Senator, at Ramon's Restaurant. The Supt. and Commissioner Jarman volunteered to attend.

Commissioner Greenfield stated that there is a need for a temporary grass cutter @ \$5.00 per hour for a period of 30 days. Commissioner Wiesemeyer will contact Art Capelle, who previously asked to be considered for employment.

Commissioner Greenfield distributed copies of the 1995-1996 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for review by the Commissioners. Motion to approve the 1995-1996 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance Number 1 as presented, was seconded. All members answered affirmatively to a roll call vote.

The Supt. provided a sample of a resurfacing material for the Tennis Court which will be demonstrated on Saturday April 15th.

Other notes from the Superintendent's report:

1. Advertised for bids on the mobile home in the Times Tribune. Bid opening Saturday April 29, 1995.
2. Triad Boys Tennis Team has been authorized to use the Tennis Courts for 5 Home Games.
3. The Triad Baseball Team has been authorized to play a few games under the lights during times not utilized by the Baseball League.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:45.



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