

Tri-Township Park
2003-2004 Budget Meeting
Park Office
June 16, 2003

Approved
7/14/04
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7:00 PM Special public meeting to review proposed 2003-2004 budget called to order.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

In Attendance: Phil Loethen, Terry Ball, Randy Wiesemeyer, Norm Beck, Kevin Woodring, Tim Greenfield and Dave Roady

Phil walked the board members through the budget.

Of note, there is a total of \$50,000 in Float for the month between the end of the fiscal year and the time the tax dollars come in.

Phil also told the commissioners that he has combined all of the various maintenance items (grounds, building, and equipment) into just maintenance (either general or recreational). It was suggested that the line item description be changed on both lines to just maintenance. Phil pointed out that there was \$30,000 in general maintenance and \$12,000 in recreational. This was less than was spent last year, but the new maintenance building and TBSL re-modeling were unscheduled maintenance items.

Phil asked the board to consider putting \$50,000 of contingency dollars back into a swimming pool fund. Phil told the commissioners that the swimming pool money was spent without board approval about 4 years ago.

Phil said that our first land payment on the 40 acres is due July 15, 2005 and asked the board to consider escrowing money on a monthly basis next year to have the payment ready when it is due.

Phil commented that he has set up a special line item for beautification with \$3,000. Randy suggested \$5,000 and Phil said he would change the budget.

Phil pointed out that another change in the budget was to separately identify utilities. Phil said with the increased area to mow and the increase in fuel prices he doubled the oil and gas amount from last year.

Phil suggested that with over \$400,000 in contingency funds the board might want to consideration paying off the 32 acre loan. The balance this fall would be around \$240,000.

Phil said that we would have a special meeting on June 28th to approve the budget, with the changes that were discussed.

Motion: Adjourn the meeting. Norm/Randy 5-0 Ayes

7:15 PM Meeting ended.

Submitted by
Terry Ball, Secretary

Tri-Township Park Board Meeting
Park Board House
June 16, 2004

Approved
6/28/04
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Meeting called to order at 7:18 by Phil

Roll call: Phil Loethen, Randy Wiesemeyer, Terry Ball, Norm Beck, and Kevin Woodring
Absent: Doug Brendel

Also in attendance: Tim Greenfield and Dave Roady.....

Additions to the agenda –

Phil said the chair would like to add skateboard park discussion to the beginning of the meeting.

Motion: Add this to the agenda Norm/Randy 5-0 Ayes

Skateboard Park –

Rich Doak, sales consultant for Midwest Sales Company was in attendance and had brought an example of a skateboard ramp from SOLO products. The board went out to the parking lot to look over the ramp.

Terry said that he would like to get some quotes for various skateboard park configurations to have ready for the July meeting with the City on this topic.

Norm suggested that we have a vendor or two attend the meeting.

Phil said that he met with the owner of the Great Skate. They have invested \$16,000 in skateboard ramps and do not feel it is a good investment. They do not get good turnout.

Both Randy and Norm said their sons have gone to the Great Skate for Skateboarding and did not feel it was what they were after and that it being indoors was not conducive to the sport.

Phil said that he was concerned about competing with the Great Skate for business.

Terry said that he did not see this as competing. There is a substantial difference between roller-skating, and skate boarding.

Phil said he would ask the owner of the Great Skate to attend the next park board meeting to get his thoughts and ideas on the subject.

Approval of Minutes -

Motion: Approve minutes from May 12th, 2004 meeting. Randy/Norm 5-0 Ayes

Motion: Approve minutes from May 12th, 2004 executive session and recognizes that these minutes shall remain sealed unless directed otherwise. Randy/Terry 5-0 Ayes

Citizens on the Agenda –

Kevin Rickman – appreciation plaque. Kevin was not in attendance.

Todd Moore – Appreciation plaques – Todd was not in attendance.

Tim Kiser - #12 pavilion concrete floor – Tim was not in attendance, Phil said that he had received a letter from Tim advising that he was not interested in doing that project.

Thank-You notes –

Sunny Side Nursery – donation of flowers to the Wiesemeyer Center.

Friends of the Park –

Tim said that the bandstand was unloaded on Tuesday. It is being worked on. The concrete foundation was being worked on currently.

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Phil said that the concert scheduled for next week would be held at Pavilion #2.

Mary Ann felt the bandstand might be ready for use in August. They are hoping for a kick off concert around Labor Day.

Correspondence –

Thank you note from Jeff Hunt – Eagle Scout project.

Treasurer's Report – Dave Roady

There is \$284,290 in the bank. **ATTACHED**

Motion: Accept Treasurers report. Terry/Kevin 5-0 Ayes

Bills were reviewed. ATTACHED

The bills as presented total \$18,778.67.

Phil said that we have three more bills to add to this list. All three are from Mike DaCruz. There is a bill for \$2,300 for one third of the cost of the basketball court that Mike is currently working on. There is a bill for \$500 for the cutting and removal of sod from Meadow Drive. There is a bill for \$200 for work done on a bathroom.

Motion: Pay all bills totaling \$21,778.67 Randy/Norm 5-0 Ayes

Park Superintendent Report – Tim ATTACHED

Fireproof cabinet – no action

Paint Lee Leonard – working on

Soccer kickboard – not scheduled yet

Water problems by trailers – no action

Trailer Grass complaint – done

Water on field #6 – not scheduled yet

Tim provided the commissioners with bids for tractors. **ATTACHED**

Phil asked the commissioners to review, discuss with Tim, and come prepared to make a motion at the next meeting, as we cannot do this tonight because it was not on the agenda.

Norm said that he has been seeing problems with cars trying to park along Riggan Road for boy's baseball games on field #3. Cars are going into the ditch and need to be lifted, pushed, and or pulled out.

Randy said that cars should not be parked along the road there anyway and that it should be marked as a no parking area.

Tim said that he would look into getting a culvert guard placed along the road to keep the cars out of the ditch until we decide whether we want to mark it as a no parking area.

Motion: Accept Superintendents report. Kevin/Randy 5-0 Ayes

TBSL Report – Terry Ball

Terry said that TBSL season is in full swing. The TBSL has indicated that they would like dirt infields on the new diamonds on the 32 acres.

Terry said that a group of high school aged boys and older have been using the big diamond at night when the TBSL is done. He said that he had given them permission and wanted the other commissioners to know. The boys AAA high school division starts later than the rest of the TBSL teams. As a result, they are not given practice times on the big diamond. Some of the boys began to gather at night and had asked permission to use the lights and the fields after 10:00. They have been very responsible and have been turning the lights out when done and even cleaning up the diamond area. This has grown into thirty or more young men and women gathering each night to play baseball and going well into the early hours of the morning. Terry said he was glad they were utilizing the fields and was very impressed with the ownership they have taken in managing the situation with the lights and cleaning up after themselves.

Phil said he had no issues with them using the field, in fact he thought that was very cool.

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Phil

TSC Report – No one was in attendance.

Financial – Phil

To do list.....

Park Commissioner plaque office

Year in Review for the web page

Gabion Baskets – discuss under Lake Project

Park benches – working on

Update web page with approved coaches – working on

Land acquisition – Dick Cain has reviewed and signed, pending with the Bank of Edwardsville.

Meadow Drive basketball court is moving along.

Wiesemeyer Center Alarm Status – Phil said that he had contacted the alarm company and they had come out and reset the alarm. It will now turn off after 10 minutes on a door violation. It will still continue to run if there is a fire violation.

Road Complaint – Roger Gum spread aggregate on the roads to try and cover the tar that has been bleeding through. Phil has a call into the company that did the oil and chipping.

Lake –

The lake drain was indeed clogged and has been cleared. The main drainpipe is a 15-inch diameter pipe with two 45-degree angles in it. A 4" X 6" X 6' post had jammed into the pipe. It had plugged the pipe and not allow the lake to drain. Phil said that he had attempted to place a cage and or a cover over the intake pipe to keep things from getting into the pipe, but someone had removed it. Getting a permanent cover was a priority.

The lake is back to normal depth although the secondary drainpipe is still restricted. Phil said that he had called and met with Scott Schmitt of Schmitt Excavating to discuss replacing the drainpipe, installing Gabion baskets, and digging out the lake. Schmitt will replace the secondary drainpipe with existing 36-inch pipe that we already have for \$1,800, however we cannot start until we get approval from the DNR.

Phil said that while he was working on getting the main drain unclogged and discussing various options with Scott Schmitt, Tim had called the DNR. The DNR now has concerns with the park making changes to the dam and lake.

Terry asked why Tim had called the DNR.

Tim said that he was concerned about how fast the water would drain out of the lake with the new pipe given that it was a straight pipe with a much larger diameter. Tim said that in his opinion, the lake drainage issue was a problem resulting from Hurst-Roche not building water retention into the 32-acre project.

Randy said that the water backing up around the lake was a result of the drainpipe being plugged and had nothing to do with the drainage off the 32 acres.

Terry said that our engineering firm, HR, clearly stated that we did not need water retention for the 32 acres. They are engineers. We are not. Tim is not. We paid them a lot of money for their advice. We need to take it. Rain has fallen on that 32 acres and drained into our lake since God first created it. Our leveling it and covering it with grass has probably made it about ten times more likely to absorb the water and or not drain it into the lake. Nothing we have done there has caused a problem with water levels in the lake. Perhaps it was the 14 inches of rain in May, sometimes up to 4 inches in a day or perhaps it was because the drainpipe was clogged.

Phil said that Scott Scmitt has given us a quote of \$12.50 per foot for the Gabion baskets project. This does not include the cost of the basket or the cost of the rock that will be in the basket.

Tim asked if this was per linear foot.

Phil said he didn't know, and would ask.

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Phil

Terry asked how many feet there were approximately on the north bank and how soon we could start on this.

Tim said the lake had 2,000' of shoreline.

Phil said he would have to get estimates on the cost of the baskets and the rip rap.

Phil said that Scott had also given him a quote of \$200,000 to dredge the lake to 10 feet.

Terry said that \$200,000 was 200,000 reasons why we need to remember this is a retention pond and not a lake.

Phil said that the quote really isn't any good. According to the written report from the DNR on our lake, to have "consistent sport fishing". The park would have to completely drain the lake and excavate to a maximum depth of 15 - 20' with an average of 6 - 10', stabilize the shorelines and include a sediment catch basin. Phil said he would ask Scott for a quote on the DNR recommendation.

All-purpose erectors has given us a quote of \$5,000 to replace the baseball diamond electrical.

Motion: Spend up to \$5,000 to replace the baseball electrical panel pending finding a time that will not interfere with planned activities. Norm/Terry 5-0 Ayes

Motion: Approve ordinance 2004-05 Prevailing Wage. Randy/Norm 5-0 Ayes

Motion: Approve ordinance 2004-06 Ethics. Terry/Randy 5-0 Ayes

OSLAD -

Drinking fountains and water lines - to be placed this week.

Illinois Power leaning pole problem - IP has been called. Waiting for them.

Concession stand building - GL Warren - Complete

4th of July hot dog sale - Phil will not be able to attend, but he will organize food.

Madison County park grant contract - waiting for final checks to be cashed

Volunteer appreciation dinner - Phil said that he wanted to have an appreciation dinner for the volunteers. This would include the boards of the TBSL, TSC, and the Titans. Other people that should be invited include the FOP, Fetters, and other park volunteers or people who make significant donations. He said it right and proper to honor and thank these folks. Phil suggested we invite them and their guests to a steak dinner on Oct. 2nd.

Randy and Norm volunteered to chair this event.

Motion: Spend up to \$2,000 for steaks and beer for the appreciation dinner. Terry/Norm 5-0 Ayes

Jeff Hunt Eagle Scout project/Titan's curb effort - Norm said that he will get a hold of people he needs to talk to and will schedule the completion of the project.

Randy asked about the boulders. He said that Jeff has \$360 left over from the project.

Norm said that he would get some price quotes on boulders.

Zach Lynn Eagle Scout project - deck and ramp around office - scheduled to start later this week.

Ryan Fultz Eagle Scout project - numbered signs for the ball fields. Ryan can number and we will hang as we decide what field has what number.

No vandalism in the park and no water leaks.

Athletics - Norm

Norm said that he has been trying to contact John Suess, regarding select soccer in the park.

Phil

Phil said that there is select baseball being played at softball central, and there was comments made that the park did not want select baseball. Phil told the group that our #1 priority was to the TBSL and TSC, and if we could have select teams playing in the park without affecting these organizations we should do so.

Norm said that he had never heard that and did not know why anybody would think that the park would not support select sports.

Titans building resolution – waiting on their attorney for approval.

Norm said that we had two hits on the background checks. One was for a person that wasn't even coaching. The other was an offense dating back to 95/96 and the TBSL had investigated and discussed with the individual and strongly recommended allowing this individual to coach.

Motion: Accept current list of coaches/volunteers **ATTACHED**. Terry/Norm 5-0 Ayes

Insurance - Kevin

Nothing to report on insurance.

Phil asked Kevin if he had completed the insurance inspection status that is currently due.

Kevin said that he had not seen it.

Phil said that it had been in the mailbox at the park office for several weeks and that Phil had sent Kevin an email asking him to look into it.

Kevin took the paperwork with him.

Phil asked Kevin purchased fishing signs for around the lake.

Kevin said that he had not and asked if he should follow with Image Works.

Tim said that is whom we have been purchasing all signs from.

Grounds –

No report.

Special Events – Doug (absent)

Motion: Approve to approve free use of #1 and #2 pavilions for Sunday June 27 for Hemophiliac Charity event – Jenny Massey. Norm/Randy 5-0 Ayes

Motion: Approve free use of the #8 pavilion for Sat. August 28th for Triad Hockey Club – Diana Hanafin. Randy/Terry 5-0 Ayes

Motion: Approve use of #8 pavilion for Sat., Aug 14 for Illinois Trekkers non-competitive health walk. 150 participants from 8AM to 3PM – Leonard Wojysiak. Terry/Norm 5-0 Ayes

Motion: Approve free usage of Meadow Drive park on the first four Sundays in August for a backyard BBQ. Norm/Randy 5-0 Ayes

Personnel & Safety - Terry

Terry said that he Phil attended the MEPRD meeting earlier this week. Terry said that Phil had presented the MEPRD board with a map of the Tri-Township park district. The map showed how the I55/70 intersected the park district. Phil pointed out the location of the park and that an extensive trail system was within a short distance of the interstate. Phil told MEPRD that last year he took part in a focus group for the MEPRD, and the number one priority from that focus group was a walkway across this new I55/70.

Phil also reminded the MEPRD that they had unanimously voted to support the proposed bike/walkway across the bridge, and the MEPRD had voted to send a letter to IDOT to that effect.

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Phil

Terry told the MEPRD that he attended an IDOT meeting with Park Commissioner Randy Wiesemeyer. Besides Terry and Randy, the meeting was attended by IDOT personnel, Mayor Tom Caraker, a City of Troy attorney, and Mark Stayer (Director of Engineering from Madison County Transit). Mr. Stayer spoke and said that he doesn't work for the MEPRD, but Jerry Cain and the MEPRD were opposed to the walkway.

Jerry Cain said that MEPRD was for walkways and trail expansion. He also explained that he had to continue to work with Mayor Tom Caraker and was hopeful that the park district and the city could come to a mutual agreement on the walkway. He said that prior to the IDOT meeting, he had received a call from Tom Caraker who let him know that the city was opposed to a walkway on the bridge.

Phil commented that the current bridge already has pedestrian and bike traffic. The new bridge will probably have pedestrian and bike traffic. IDOT has a 6' bikeway in the current bridge design. The city/mayor says that that are opposed to the bridge because of safety issues. Phil said this is a State Illinois IDOT project, and that he is sure that if the State had any safety issues they would not be offering to build a walkway on the bridge.

Terry said that it was obvious that politics were at play here. While the MEPRD say they support the walkway, they do not want to ruffle the feathers of the mayor. So, while MEPRD had voted to support the walkway, Jerry Cain had sent a MCT employee to the IDOT meeting to say exactly the opposite of what the MEPRD had voted to approve.

Phil said that one of the MEPRD commissioners said that the man that attended the MEPRD meeting did not speak for the MEPRD. He also reported that Jerry Cain said the City owns the property behind Country Village and the MEPRD has to get along with the City, because they want to develop that trail.

Phil told the MEPRD that IDOT would build a walkway on the bridge for \$20,000. After the bridge is built they estimate the cost to be \$35,000. IDOT doesn't care what local government agency pays for it. Phil told the MEPRD that the park district can afford to do so, however the MEPRD's purpose is to connecting parks and trails and this is right up their alley, and it should be their responsibility.

Phil told the commissioners that when he was at the MEPRD meeting he asked Mike Buehlhorn if he was going to contact IDOT and straighten it out with them concerning the MEPRD position. He said he would. Phil told the commissioners that in the March MEPRD minutes the motion was to write IDOT in support of the pedestrian bikeway on the bridge.

Terry added that at the IDOT meeting the mayor and the city attorney both attended and the city attorney told Terry that if the park goes ahead with the walkway the city will demand a waiver from the park releasing the city from all liability from accidents on a State bridge.

Terry reported that Jerry Cain, then told us that we should apply for an MEPRD grant for a walkway on the bridge.

Motion: Phil will write a letter to MEPRD noting that they voted unanimously in March to support the walkway across the bridge and that they instructed us at their meeting this week to request Grant monies to pay the \$20,000 fee presented from IDOT. This will be our "official" request for support from MEPRD.
Norm/Terry 5-0 Ayes

Beautification – Randy

Randy noted that the Lee Leonard building is in the process of being painted.

10:00 PM Motion: Adjourn to executive session. Norm/Terry 5-0 Ayes

10:45 PM Return from executive session.

Motion: Allow free use of pavilions or Wiesemeyer Center – up to 2 per year for salaried personnel and up to one per year for full time hourly. Kevin/Norm 5-0 Ayes

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Phil

Phil said that after receiving a resignation from Commissioner Todd Moore, we had received four letters from citizens expressing interest in filling the vacancy. These letters were received from Roger Tegmeyer, Manuel Sanford, Joe Eader, and Jim Derby. ATTACHED. Phil read each of the letters.

Randy said that he was impressed by the engineering backgrounds presented by both Joe and Jim. They both appear to have professional and technical experience in areas that we need help in.

Norm said that he just met Manuel in the last year and cannot say that he knows him that well. He said that from what he can see the two candidates to consider are Joe Eader and Jim Derby.

Kevin said that we should give credit to candidates who took the time to fill out the paperwork for the election and actually ran for office in the last election.

Randy said that this would only be Roger Tegmeyer and that he could not support Roger because he is constantly talking around town about how much he dislikes and disagrees with park president Phil Loethen. Randy said that he could not support a candidate who has proven that he would be unwilling to work with the park president.

Terry made the comment that he too has heard many negative comments and personal attacks from Roger concerning the park board president. Even though Roger is an experienced taxpayer and Lions Club member, his attitude would not be constructive.

Motion: Appoint Joe Eader to replace Todd Moore as Park Commissioner. Norm/Randy 5-0 Ayes

Phil told the board that Doug Brendel has also resigned citing personal reasons. Phil asked the board to come prepared to possibly select another replacement candidate at the next park board meeting.

11:05PM Motion to adjourn meeting. Norm/Randy 5-0 Ayes

Respectfully submitted by

Terry Ball, Secretary