

Tri-Township Park District  
Park Board Meeting  
November 9, 2011

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

The pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissioners present: Bud Adelhart, Tim Flint, James Newcombe, Dave Nonn, John Owens Roger Tegmeyer, Kevin Woodring.

Absent: None

Minutes were presented on October 12th, 2011 meeting with a motion for approval.

Motion to approve minutes October 12th, 2011

Newcombe/Nonn 7 Ayes

Requesting to be on the agenda: Sherry Brendel: Requesting the using of the Center for a Zumba classes on Wednesday nights at no cost to the center starting on November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011. If an occasion is need for the rental of the upper level of the center then the Zumba class would be required to move to the lower level of they're session.

Motion was made to let the Senior's use the Upper Level on Wednesday night: Newcombe/Nonn 7 Ayes/0 Nays

**Executive Committee** – Secretary/Treasure's report & Bills to be paid for November 2011.

Secretary/Treasure's report: Motion to approve:

Adelhart/Newcombe 7 Ayes/0 Nays

Bills to be paid in November 2011

Motion to approve the paying of November bills:

Flint/Adelhart 7 Ayes/0 Nays

There will be a line item added to the monthly expense report for farm land income/expense for tracking.

Tax Levy for 2011-2012 : The tax levy board of commissioners agreed to have 4.95% for tax levy for the park. Need to vote on the final tax levy in December 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Operations Committee** – The Concession stands are all closed for the season with a final balance for the season. The only thing that's not included with the concession stand totals is employee payroll, electric, water. All of this information will be included in the expenses for next year as well as utilities for this report.

New Map Final – water fountain needs to be added to the map on the walking trail at location of the CXT at the Titans location. There will be 3 maps for location in different locations of the park with the park rules, 1 for the office and 1 for the maintenance shed.

Need to make changes to current contracts for the rental of the Community Center, changes the charges for rental to include charging the cleaning of the facility by the park and if the renter wants to rent the kitchen there will be an additional charge. Increase the rental up to \$350 to rent the hall & extra \$50 to rent the kitchen and the Park will do the cleanup. We need to rewrite the contracts, the check list, with a security deposit to still be \$300.

Motion to raise the rental fee for the community center:

Nonn/Newcombe 7 Ayes/0 Nays

Need to agree on the rental contract for Santa's Village/Nolan's Petting Zoo for the Reindeer to come into for Santa's Village, the cost for the reindeer is \$850.00 for this year. There will be 2 reindeer on the 1<sup>st</sup> night and 1 to be left until Santa leaves.

Motion was made to sign the contract for Nolan's petting zoo for the reindeer & the hot chocolate & refreshments for up to \$1500.00:

Adelhart/Newcombe 7 Ayes/0 Nays

Check from Dale Grapperhaus for the grain farmed from the 40 acres, approximately \$11,000.00 increase after the expenses. There wasn't any

charge for the 1<sup>st</sup> year that Mr. Grapperhaus farmed due to the boulders & mess that was dumped into the fields.

There is a memorial for Darwin Meier to be located on the north side of the lake close to the gazebo with a memorial bench and flower garden/plaque. There has been a sizable donation for both the bench and the plaque.

Motion to purchase memorial plaque and benches for Darwin Meier:  
Nonn/Flint 7 Ayes/0 Nays

Rules will be appearing with 3 maps in different locations in the park. The rule on catch & release will be changing next year so that will not need to be added to the park rules at this time. The park rules were discussed by the commissioners. Each rule was gone over and reworded to make the meaning clear for all readers to be posted in several areas of the park.

**Roads and Grounds Committee** – On the tarring of the roads this year, the roads look to be in pretty good shape they will need to be spotted fixed but would like to see money used on the parking lots and other areas rather than re-doing all the roads at this time.

The new addition to the walking trails to be done at the same time we do the new parking lot, the new parking lot to be located on the corner of Riggins Road & Hecht Dr. going west into the corn field extending over to join with the current park lot between the soccer fields and the Titans playing field. The new CXT will be shutting down within 2 weeks- all other bathrooms are closed now for the winter.

**Athletics Committee** – We had a company come in & check out baseball field #4 to see what it would take to correct some of the problems that we currently have with water standing on it after rain. The in-field would have to be dug out with new dirt mixture brought in to help, the warning track would need to be leveled, grass cut back. They laser'd everything to show what needed to be fixed. We could try to keep doing what we're doing but we are currently making puddles, we could bring in more dirt where dirt is holding the water but it's not

draining properly and that problem will continue. The price to do it properly to get field #4 redone would cost \$15,000.00 to \$20,000.00. This would be really nice to do on our main ball field, we need to look to see if there are grants available to help with this but currently this isn't something that can be done at this time.

Soccer is completed they are way ahead in money they will be coming to the board to replace some goals next year, the maintenance crew did a great job on the fields, Lori did a great job on communication with sports (soccer & baseball), everyone in the park did a great job this year with all the sports programs.

The Titans will be closing down within the next couple of weeks. Dave Nonn and John Owens did talk about putting in a light pole close to the dumpster because it's so dark in that area, we don't want anyone getting hurt.

The updating the camera's over at the skate park area and upgrading the hard drive that has already been approved up to \$2000.00. That will be going in over the next 30 days.

**Written Communications/Thank You cards/Letters:** American Cancer Society to use the Park next June for next year for there walk, Anderson Hospital Auxiliary to have upper level donated again for next year. Riverbend Down Syndrome wants to thank the Board of Commissioners, Mrs. Darwin Meier wants to thank the staff of the Park for making Darwin a part of the family out here and for being so kind to the family.

No comments from media or citizens

Motion to go into close session: 8:55pm for Real Estate Acquisition 5ILCS120(c)(5) purchase or lease of real property.

Owens/Adelhart 7 Ayes/ 0 Nays

9:03pm back into open session

Motion was call to order for open discussion for purchase of the property of "Great Skate". Motion was made to sign the contract to sign the paperwork to start the purchase of the property....

Motion was made by John Owens, there was no 2<sup>nd</sup> made, the motion died for lack of a 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Motion to adjourn at 9:05pm

Adelhart/Nonn 7 Ayes/0 Nays