

Tri-Township Park District  
Park Board Meeting  
October 17, 2012

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

The pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissioners present: Bud Adelhardt, Tim Flint, Dave Nonn, John Owens, Kevin Woodring

Commissioners Absent: James Newcombe, Roger Tegmeyer

People requesting to be on the agenda:

A. Merle Ottwein – New Lake Project, rescheduled for next month

B. Jessica Dudley, Troy Co-Op

She wasn't sure why she was before the committee, stated that she had been authorized by the board to use of pav.#1 Jan. 2012 for the produce co-op. When she got an email re-guarding the things that they sell at the co-op. The co-op was authorized to sell produce out of pav#1 but she was not authorized to sell meat. The co-op gets the use of the pav.#1 for free and we have found out that other co-ops pay for the use of the facilities. Jessica Dudley stated that no other co-ops pay and wanted to know if they were other co-op's or groups with the same co-op that she's with. She demanded to know what groups had we talk to. Mr. Woodring reminded her that the original agreement with the co-op for produce and there was nothing about bringing any other group into the pavilion, to use electric to run up the power bill. The people can get meat at the grocery store. For these people to bring meat into the park we want proof of insurance and the co-op will have to start paying to rent the pavilion as President Woodring is concerned. Ms. Dudley said community helpings produce co-op that there are groups that pay for rental. Mr. Woodring wanted to know where the meat suppliers come from, one is from Highland, one Greenville. She stated that the meats from the farmers are unique that you can't get at the local grocery. That there are other things that is sold through the co-op that is unique or you

can get at a good price with the co-op. The things that we sell through the co-op that is unique was never a question in the past. Mr. Woodring said that selling meat was never brought up before the board. He also stated that in his opinion the emails that she sent about the office manager where derogatory comments were out of line and that he is ready to entertain a motion that she has 30 days to find some other place to go. She said that if that was the way he wants to this, if that's how he wants to run the park then she doesn't feel he is embracing the whole community and what they want. She stated that it was apparent this has become personal, that her emails that she sent that all the commissioners have her emails and that the commissioners have gotten letters from her, that she isn't here to discuss her personal issues about how this was handled, she is here to get this settled. She is interested in hearing about what the rest of the board has to say not just Kevin Woodring has to say. Bud Adelhardt asked that if she really wanted to get this resolved then she needs to explain why the messages that she sent out about the office manager. Tim Flint explained that the messages are what she sent out where broadcast messages and that they were slanderous. That the messages that she said out about the office manager calling her names: "not filtered through the park Goddess", "It's the stupid "mall cop" office manager at the park". The name calling is totally uncalled for. Ms. Dudley said that is she is talking to someone personal about a situation and if something like that got pasted on the board then she doesn't care that there wasn't anything she wouldn't say to her or about how this was handled. This is not a personal issue this is about her group wanting to do something for the community in the community but if they wanted to make it a personal issue then that was they're call. Mr. Woodring stated that is wasn't personal it was about the rules of the park not being followed. Ms. Dudley said that it is clearly personal. Bud Adelhardt wanted to know that she keeps saying this is for the community, he wanted to know how many of the farmers are from the community? She stated that it wasn't about the farmers it was about what the co-op does for the community. Right now she doesn't know any farmers locally that provide meat she knows that local honey is offered through the co-op. Bud Adelhardt asked if the co-op is open to

the public. She said that it is open to anyone. Mr. Adelhardt said that he has not seen any advertising. Ms. Dudley they don't have a budget for advertising this is word of mouth, that they have the largest co-op group. This is a community of about 10,000 people and about every other week 100-200 people benefit from this, everybody is able to benefit from this. This is a community of a lot great people that have made friends and if you don't want to be a part of that then it's a loss for you. This is something everyone loves this. Mr. Flint said that this is a great opportunity for the community and it isn't the issue that meat can't be brought into the park it's about the board not being notified and that there was extra expense incurred because there is. This became an issue that you made this personal when you sent out these broadcast messages about the office manager. Ms. Dudley wanted to know what he was talking about and who exactly it was sent to. Mr. Flint said the messages where sent to the office and he didn't know who sent it and even if he did he won't tell her if he did. Ms. Dudley said that if she had a personal conversation then that was a personal conversation with someone. Mr. Flint said they were messages not a conversation they were a broadcast messages and she made the remarks personal towards Glenda, office manager. When you were told about vendors paying the park they pay when they compete with the concession stand sales. They didn't feel it was that way with your co-op or with the case of the meat, it should have been brought before the board before that expense was added. The personal emails and address were asked for of the commissioners which has been addressed and fixed. Ms. Dudley feels that this a personal issue and Mr. Flint agrees that it is personal and that the personal issue is from her. Ms. Dudley disagreed that it wasn't her personal issue. Mr. Adelhardt stated that she knew the farmers were going to bring the meat into the park and didn't contact the park with this knowledge, Ms. Dudley she felt that since this was a new product and she didn't see the meat being sold onsite any different than from the items sold on the website. It never crossed her mind that she should notify the board. Mr. Woodring stated that the co-op does a good job of cleaning up the pavilion but the park does pay for the trash pickup for the co-op, the park pays for the maintenance, up-keep, insurance on the

building that the co-op uses at no expense. Ms. Dudley stated that allied waste provided them a dumpster to them at no cost when they were at the Jarvis Township building. When allied waste was contacted by the park they were going to charge the park \$100 for the cardboard dumpster to be added to the dumpsters that the park already pays for. Ms. Dudley said she didn't understand why allied waste would charge the park when they didn't charge the co-op before. As to the electric bill she stated that the co-op would only be using the lights during the winter months, as to the coolers that one vendor needed who does have a generator but she felt that it was too noisy, so she made the decision to plug in the cooler for an hour. If all this is a matter of cost then I don't know, it's apparent that it doesn't really matter what I say because this decision was already made prior to me being here. Mr. Nonn ask to get something clear: he wanted to know how long the co-op had been using the pavilion for the co-op delivery. Ms. Dudley state she came to the board in Jan 2012 for authorization for the use of pav.#1. Mr. Nonn ask at what point did she bring beef sales and dairy into the deliveries? Ms. Dudley said that the local farmers have limited amounts of beef, pork chickens, honey and yogurt. The yogurt is now being sold on the websites, so it will be like any other item that is offered.

Bus Adelhardt ask where the meat/products are processed, the gentlemen from cock and Bull Farms, explained that the processing chicken comes from USDA plant from Arcola, the beef Grandfork Meats, pork is done out of a USDA plant from Trenton, IL.

Gary Beckerett his pork is mainly processed at Trenton plant but that he has used several other plants. As for the generator and electric bill, he has one but he doesn't like using it because of the noise and he wanted to know if the park can really estimate the cost of this one freezer. Mr. Flint told Mr. Beckerett that is wasn't the cost but Mr. Beckerett said he felt that it was. Mr. Nonn felt that this was a breakdown on communication and he felt that this all needed to be handled at this meeting level. Ms. Dudley stated that she tried to get this resolved by the delivery date, she questioned why she had to bring this before the board when she had been before the board to get approval in Jan. Mr. Woodring stated that she had gotten approval for produce only. Mr.

Adelhardt made the motion that this be tabled until this can be talk all this over. Mr. Flint ask if the co-op would be allowed to continue until a decision was made. Mr. Woodring stated that the meat vendors must provide certifications of insurance to the park office. Insurance is need to make sure that the park is covered and the tax payers of this community is covered. Mr. Nonn made the motion that the co-op be allowed to continue until the board has made a decision and the meat vendors must provide certificate of insurance. The board needs to discuss this and come to terms that everyone is happy with. He would like some more information about this before he makes a decision. Ms. Dudley asked what information Mr. Nonn is asking for. Mr. Nonn would like to know about what the co-op sells, he doesn't know much about the operations. She stated that she will get the license information if that's whats need. The gentleman from the Cock and Bull farm he did have his brokers license, certificate of insurance with him.

Mr. Roady ask that the vendors provide sales tax verification. Ms. Dudley said that they are a non-profit, it was pointed out to Ms. Dudley by a member of the audience that the farmers are not non-for profit. This issue will be tables until next month giving the board time to go over the information and the co-op to operate as normal. Ms. Dudley ask if normal is meat or no meat. Mr. Nonn stated that they could operate selling meat until next month's meeting. Mr. Woodring stated that as long as they provide USDA Ag license and certificate of insurance, and sales tax on file from the farmer before then, a decision will be made at the next meeting.

Motion to allow the co-op to operate as normal until next meeting provided they have USDA Ag license, certificate of insurance and sales stax info on file with the park office.

Nonn/Adelhardt 5 Ayes/0 Nays

Minutes were presented on September 12, 2012 meeting with a motion for approval.

Motion to approve minutes September 12, 2012:

Adelhardt/Flint 5 Ayes/0 Nays

**Executive Committee** – Secretary/Treasurer’s report & Bills to be paid for October 2012.

Secretary/Treasurer’s report: Motion to approve:  
Nonn/Adelhardt 5 Ayes/ 0 Nays

Bills to be paid in September 2012

Motion to approve the paying of September bills:  
Flint/Nonn 5 Ayes/0 Nays

284 Riggin Road Property update: Bennie Parr gave the board the new name of the skating rink: “SPIN City Skate Center” with an opening date of Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Parr had a list of equipment that the skating rink would need to have to open for business. The commissioners went of the list of new and used equipment, and sound equipment with him trying to use one of the park computers for the sound system to same money there. The game machines at the center doesn’t work he will have a guy come into to price selling them or trading them off for new machines. Motion was made for the skating rink to have up to \$20,000.00 to spend on equipment and would want a detailed list on everything that goes out.  
Nonn/Flint 5 Ayes/0 Nays

**Operations Committee** –

New pavilion was received a little over 2 weeks ago Dave Nonn will be doing the drilling to put in the footing for the pavilion. Mark Miller site supervisor thinks that the tree that is growing close to the pavilion needs to be removed, that when the footings are drilled down they will be drilling into the tree root and it will kill the tree. He feels that it would be better to remove the tree now rather than to kill the root when drilling, to have the tree die at a later date and possibly fall on the pavilion.

James Newcombe arrived for the meeting at 7:40pm.

**Roads and Grounds** – Mr. Nonn stated that he had no updates/report

**Athletics** – Soccer season has ended. The Fire Jr Soccer Club will be using fields 7 & 8 for practices as part of the trade-off of them doing training sessions early summer with the kids, coaches & referees. Soccer will be doing work on the fields to get them ready for next meeting.

**Maintenance Supervisor/Office Manager -**

**Written Communications/Thank You cards/Letters:**

Maintenance-The fencing for the skate park area installation will be starting at any time. All the lights are working in the park, the ones that we are responsible for, the walking trails and the ones on the roads. Some of the lights on the tennis courts need to be checked out by an electrician. About the issue of the 2 piggy's that we have in the petting zoo, the older piggy, Penny, as per the vet she is getting old, it is difficult for her to get around in the petting zoo, that he felt it would be better for her to be removed to a place where her diet will be more controlled (where she can't be feed things that are not on her diet), where she can live out her life in a more country setting. The other piggy, Jessie, we are having some issues where she is starting to bite at people/kids and we don't want to see anyone getting hurt. Jessie never bites hard and hasn't hurt anyone at this point but we simply don't want to take that chance. We have too many small children that enjoy playing with our animals. In the spring we will look at getting 2 small baby piggy's to replace these animals. There are a several places that will take aging and other animals that can't be placed in the public. We will contact a place we have on file that handles these kinds of animals and we will make the arrangements for both Penny and Jessie to retire.

Motion was made to retire both Penny and Jessie:

Owens/ Adelhardt 6 Ayes/0 Nays

There has been a concern with people driving across ball field #9 from the gas station on the north-west side of the park. The maintenance crew will keep a watch on the is as we don't want that area of grass to become worn down and damaged.

Office Manager – Boy Scout Troup #226 request the use of the upper level of the community Center for Dec. 9, 2012 for a Christmas Party. Motion was made to approve Boy Scout Troup #226 the use of the Community Center for a Christmas Party Dec. 9, 2012:

Adelhardt/Newcombe 5 Ayes/0 Nays

Reading of Thank you note from St. Paul Lutheran Church for all the help that the maintenance area did for them.

Each commissioners will have a park email with a link that will send any emails to the commissioners home personal email, there will be no personal information of any commissioners on the website.

Request again from the Rotary Club for a speaker from the park board. James Newcombe volunteered to contact Barbara Bean to set-up a date to speak at a future meeting.

**Comments from Community** - Mary Kmetz stated that they have 3 people that are selling in the park they do not live in our city or pay any kind of rent to do that over there, if she herself is a tax payer wanted to rent pavilion #1 I have to pay for it. They don't pay taxes in this town, I do. I don't think they should be allowed to do that without compensation or paying rent. We have never allowed people to sell in the park, because if you do someone canrd say I want to sell my car over here in this parking lot you can't say anything you've set a president that these people can do why can't I, I pay taxes they don't. I didn't like that woman's comment's, she just didn't understand what had to be done.

**Media Comments/Questions** – None

Motion to adjourn at 8:10pm

Newcombe/Nonn 6 Ayes/0 Nays