

Tri-Township Park District
Park Board Meeting
Community Center
Sept. 10, 2008
7:00 pm

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissions present: Wayne Brendel, Jim Derby, Tim Greenfield, Mary Kmetz, John Owens, and Kevin Woodring.

Absent: Norm Beck

Motion: To approve the minutes from August 13, 2008 meeting. Brendel/Kmetz 5 Ayes

Motion: To approve the minutes from September 4, 2008 special meeting.
Owens/Brendel 5 Ayes

Communications: Mary Kmetz expressed thanks for the plant received following her surgery.

TBSL: Jim Derby reported that Scott Howard was leaving TBSL as President. New elections would be held on Sept. 21 for replacement. There was a 9-11 remembrance at field #4 on Sept. 10. Police, fire and VFW representatives were present and Tim Greenfield read Jack Buck's speech.

TSC President Ernie Walker attended the Board meeting. The fall season is under way. They are looking at replacing the current concession stand at Pavilion #11. President Greenfield suggested that the design and building of the new concession could be a high school project. Ernie will check with Triad.

President Tim Greenfield discussed the lake project. He is currently working on the bid package. The lake draining project will begin in late September 2008. He has been in contact with IDOT concerning the overpass project at Route 162 and I-55/70 scheduled to begin in 2010. There is the possibility that IDOT will need a large amount of dirt to construct the new overpass. It will be considered to sell dirt off of the 41 acres to IDOT and have IDOT build the Park District a larger lake.

The Friends of the Park will soon be re-instated.

The Fall Fest was a big event this year and held in the Park at Pavilions #8 and #9 on September 6. We hosted the Torches across America on Friday, Sept. 5, the Carpenter's Hall on Sept 6, and had a wedding at the gazebo on Sept. 6 with reception in the Community Center. Plus there were soccer games being played on Sept 6. It was great to see so many people enjoying the Park this weekend.

Vice President Wayne Brendel had nothing to report for Personnel.

Secretary/Treasurer Mary Kmetz presented the Treasurer's report for August 2008.

Motion: To accept the Treasurer's report for August 2008. Brendel/Derby 5 Ayes

Commissioner Kmetz presented the bills to be approved and paid for September 2008.

Motion: To approve the bills as presented for payment for September 2008.

Brendel/Woodring 5 Ayes

Commissioner Kevin Woodring had nothing to report from the insurance/safety committee.

There was no report on the grounds/beautification committee.

Commissioner John Owens reported that the Titan utilities project is progressing. The electric and water have been completed and the sewer is still in progress.

The new generator has been order and due in shortly. It was purchased from Ace Hardware located in Troy.

The new restroom has been installed and electric has been installed at Pavilion #3 and #4. All the utilities have been installed for the restroom and Dale will work on the concrete and landscaping.

Citizen Sherry Brendel addressed the board concerning speeding in the Park. She is concerned that we need to slow the traffic down in the Park. Currently there is a great deal of traffic due to the on-going construction project on Route 162. The road traffic has been counted and reported that 17,000 vehicles go through the Park on a weekly basis. Possible solutions to the speeding problem are installing new speed bumps and purchase/lease of radar equipment to issue tickets to speeders. The Board will speak to Chief Rizzi for possible solutions.

There were no questions from the media representative Amanda Walker from the Times Tribune.

Motion: Adjournment at 7:25 pm.

Submitted by Fran Colter

