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The regular meeting of the Township Park District was convened at 7:30 P.M. September 16, 1975 at the Pavilion Meeting Room with President Russell Kusemeyer presiding. Roll call was read, all Commissioners reported present. Mr. William Thompson joined the meeting at 9:00 P.M.

Commissioner Kusemeyer immediately embarked on a discussion of possibilities for bringing the swimming pool project into a more realistic standing in the community. He noted that the small amounts now being channeled into the pool fund would place procurement into the far distant future. However, the tax ratio consumed by this community for recreational purposes now stands at 7¢ per \$100.00, which is less than half the maximum, which is being channeled into recreational facilities for most communities. In order to increase the tax ratio, the issue would have to be voted upon. However Commissioner Kusemeyer suggested that, since the election is forthcoming in April of 1976, it would be feasible to bring the swimming pool issue to the people through leaders of the various organizations and eventually at a mass meeting. The simple facts on present financial capabilities would be discussed. The fact that a 13¢ to 15¢ recreational tax could bring into the park working capital an additional, possibly \$50,000 in a 5 year period. In addition, this type of working capital would make the Park District eligible to request matching funds from the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation (B.O.R.). Thus a swimming pool could become a reality in a 3 to 5 year period. Motion was made by Commissioner Kusemeyer to direct Attorney Duer

to prepare necessary preliminary election papers for presentation of the question on increasing the tax rates, thus qualifying the Iron Township Park District to make application for Federal Funds, to the taxpayers of the Iron Township Park District. Commissioner Gindler seconded the motion, which was put to a roll call vote for final decision. All Commissioners voted unanimously in favor.

Following closely in the same vein of fund distribution, those funds which have been used each year in comparatively large amounts for the upkeep of temporary park roads, could be channeled into the Swimming pool project if funds can be obtained from the Madison County Community Development Assistance Program for permanent blacktop roads in the park. Mr. Paul Reibold has advised Commissioner Husimyer of the existence of a \$30,000 excess in this fund, for which the community is in the line of eligibility, if sufficient justification can be established upon application. Commissioner Husimyer has measured the surface which equates to $1\frac{1}{10}$ miles of roadway - 24 feet wide and he will confer with Mr. Thompson on the development of specifications and justification.

Mr. Mac Garland was present, representing American Legion Post 708, to discuss the enclosing of the Pavilion to prevent vandalism. Two alternatives were discussed. 1. The use of mesh wiring on the pavilion openings with frames swinging up and out. 2. The use of cyclone fencing with gates at the openings. The Commissioners agreed to work on a cost comparison of the two propositions and contact Mr. Mac Garland, who volunteered Legion

assistance for whatever approach is agreed upon.
 Mr. Thompson joined the meeting and the discussion returned to the acquisition of Federal Funds. Mr. Thompson discussed the method of operation used by the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation in Missouri. He pointed out that Revenue Sharing could not be used in conjunction with BOA funds. Commissioner Kusemeyer also stressed that a covered swimming pool would not be considered by the BOA. Commissioner Kusemeyer asked Mr. Thompson for a projection on the cost of the pool, to which he gave a loose estimate of \$200,000, adding that he would have a more firm figure by the next meeting. He hastened to add that construction costs were escalating on an average of 10% per year. Mr. Thompson agreed to further discussion on a public awareness program of the exact financial standing of the District. Mr. Thompson agreed to prepare the application for the Madison County Community Development Funds on the forthcoming weekend. He also suggested that confirmation of receipt by the Department of Conservation at Springfield be obtained on the application for matching funds relative to the Gunnis Court Project.

The treasurer's report was read. Commissioner Lindler moved for acceptance, seconded by Commissioner Langenwalter and carried. Motion was made by Commissioner Langenwalter to transfer \$3500.00 from the passbook Swim Pool Fund at United Savings and Loan, to a 4 year certificate at 7 1/2 % interest. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Leonard and carried. Following bills were presented:

Illinois Power	3.04
Leland Leonard (Remit for Supplies)	121.42
City of Troy	4.95
Troy Building Supply	111.81
General Patton	35.00
Total	276.22

Motion by Commissioner Gindler to pay bills was seconded by Commissioner Beth and carried. Motion was made by Commissioner Langenwalter to transfer \$4500.00 of the General Fund checking account to Savings Account # 42385 at the Troy Security Bank. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Leonard and carried.

Commissioner Husemeyer made record of the impending lawsuit against the District brought by Cheryl K. Turner, 147 Blackhawk, Collinsville, Ill., 260 lb female, 19 years of age, who claims injury to fingers and ankle, sustained from a fall from the swings set south of the lake, which broke while she was swinging at 6:15 P.M. on August 31, 1975. She was treated at Belleville Memorial Hospital and released. Legal investigation was conducted by a Belleville firm. Commissioner Husemeyer turned over the details to Attorney Durr on the following Tuesday.

The legal situation with the Hosts Interpreter was briefly touched upon with Commissioner Husemeyer agreeing to contact Attorney Durr on findings.

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Gindler was seconded by Commissioner Langenwalter and carried at 10:10 P.M.