

MINUTES - TRI-TOWNSHIP PARK DISTRICT

The regular meeting of the Tri-Township Park District Board of Commissioners was convened at 7:15 P.M. on March 30, 1976 at the Pavillion meeting room. All Commissioners reported present to the roll call except Commissioner Wiesemeyer, who joined the meeting later. Also present were Larry Schlaefer and Richard Eberhardt of the JAYCEES and Leonard Seuss and Robert Converse representing the Khoury League.

Commissioner Gindler, who presided over the meeting in the absence of the President, called for the minutes of the last meeting, which were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read. Motion to accept same was made by Commissioner Langenwalter and seconded by Commissioner Leonard and carried. Commissioner Leonard presented the bills in the amount of \$408.06. Motion to pay bills was made by Commissioner Arth, seconded by Commissioner Langenwalter and carried.

Larry Schlaefer and Richard Eberhardt were present to report to the Board of Commissioners their progress on confirmation of the specifications for preparing the large ball diamond for softball. They reported that they had contacted the Khoury League, with whom their specifications were agreed upon as follows:

1. Measurements of 310 feet center field and 300 feet down the base lines.
2. Chain link fencing surrounding the diamond with two 5 foot gates in the corner of the first base line. Chat would be placed under the fence to keep down trimming requirements.
3. The diamond could be used for baseball or softball.
4. The diamond would be wide enough for football.
5. Bleachers would also house a refreshment area.

After a lengthy discussion between the Khoury League Representatives, the Commissioners and the JAYCEE representatives concerning the distance measurements, it was moved by Commissioner Arth that the minimum distance tolerable, to accommodate the original purpose of the diamond, would be 325 feet center field and 310 feet down the base lines. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Leonard and carried. Larry Schlaefer felt that the JAYCEE organization could not financially afford to committ additional fencing and lighting. However, he agreed to refigure the requirements and notify the Board by letter on the outcome. Commissioner Wiesemeyer, who joined the meeting at 8:15 P.M., also cautioned that the gates would also have to be wider to accommodate the mower. Leonard Seuss volunteered Khoury League help if the project is approved.

Leonard Seuss, who is now president of the Khoury League, came before the Board to discuss the subject of Khoury League assistance with the refuse removal; an arrangement which had been made by the former president. Various methods for accomplishing the job were discussed. It was determined that an analysis would be obtained on the cost of having the Sanitation company empty the barrels at their original site or having a maintenance man bring the barrels to a given site.

Robert Converse gave a memorial donation to the Park from friends of Opal Cerstenecker (deceased). Robert Converse also donated a large Austrian Pine tree to the Park for the area around the softball diamond.

It was noted that the portable latrine rental would begin on the first of April.

It was also suggested that Park hours be posted in the Tribune as "Daily to 10:00 P.M.".

Motion was made by Commissioner Arth to dispense with the services of Wendell Durr as legal advisor as of March 31, 1976. Subsequent to a discussion, motion was seconded by Commissioner Leonard and put to a roll call vote. All Commissioners voted affirmative. The secretary will notify Mr. Durr by letter.

Commissioner Wieseemeyer said that he was impressed by the showing made by City Attorney Robert Cadigan and since the Board had been considering a new attorney, took the liberty to inquire if Mr. Cadigan would be receptive. He indicated that he would. Following discussion of the matter, it was moved by Commissioner Arth, seconded by Commissioner Langenwaller and carried to petition Mr. Cadigan, by letter, to represent the Park for fiscal year 1976-1977 for a fee of \$700.00.

Commissioner Langenwaller cautioned that election of officers will soon be at hand and that it would be advisable to send for the kit to assure timeliness of arrival.

Commissioner Arth brought up the subject of the public use of the pavillion and the practice of requiring a \$10.00 deposit. It was agreed that the same conditions that were used for 1975 would prevail for 1976.

Commissioner Wieseemeyer renewed the subject of the George Schmalz memorial. He passed around a letter from Mrs. Schmalz regarding the type memorial she had in mind. Commissioner Arth and Commissioner Langenwaller agreed to inquire about sizes, types and features of memorial structures.

Commissioner Wieseemeyer suggested that action be taken to get under way on the development of the comfort stations. He agreed to send for information on same.

It was noted that the appropriation ordinance should be accomplished at the next meeting.

Commissioner Leonard reported that the electric company would not repair damaged street lights until the Park is officially opened.

The grass cutting issue was discussed. Mr. Semanisin made it known thru Commissioner Wieseemeyer, that he will require \$75.00 per cutting. His fee for cleaning the pavillion will remain at \$10.00

with an additional \$5.00 if help is needed to move the tables. Motion was made by Commissioner Leonard, seconded by Commissioner Arth and carried to hire Mr. Semanisin for the 1976 season. He will be so notified by letter from the Secretary.

Commissioner Leonard read a letter from State Representative Vadalabene to Paul Riebold relative to Park District request for matching funds for the Tennis Court Project for the 1977 budget. Riebold suggested that one of the Commissioners write to Mr. Vadalabene stressing the subject of a more equitable distribution of BOR moneys between land acquisition and project development. Commissioner Wiesemeyer agreed to do so.

Wiesemeyer

Commissioner again contacted Mary Kane about the necessary action on the part of the Park District concerning the Madison County Community Development Grant for permanent roadways. She suggested that no action be taken until FY 77, as well as FY 76 monies are available. Commissioner Langenwalter presumed that it was possible that FY 76 monies could be forfeited if no obligations were made before the end of FY 1976. Commissioner Wiesemeyer agreed to make certain of this before the next meeting.

Commissioner Leonard reported that he had a communication from Traveler's Insurance concerning Workman's Compensation.

Commissioner Leonard relayed that the Lion's Club requests permission to put plaques on all equipment in the park which they have donated, identifying them as such. Motion was made by Commissioner Gindler, seconded by Commissioner Langenwalter and carried to authorize this action.

Commissioner Leonard also reported that the Lion's Club has set aside \$15,000.00 to assist the District in establishing the matching funds necessary to request matching fund assistance from the BOR in FY 1977 for the Tennis Court project.

Motion was made by Commissioner Leonard, seconded by Commissioner Langenwalter to increase the monthly fee for Mrs. Patton, assistant to the Secretary Treasurer, from \$35.00 to \$50.00. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn the business meeting at 10:30 P.M. was made by Commissioner Arth, seconded by Commissioner Gindler and carried.

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