

MINUTES - TRI-TOWNSHIP PARK DISTRICT

The regular monthly meeting of the Tri-Township Park District Board of Commissioners was convened at the Jarvis Township Senior Citizens building at 7:00 P.M. on May 8, 1991 with president Russell Wiesemeyer presiding. Commissioners answering present to the roll call in addition to the president were Converse, Greenfield, Loyet, Italiano, and Taake.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's Report was read and the bills were presented. Motion to accept Treasurer's Report and pay bills was seconded and carried. A discussion followed on the necessity to raise the coverage on the Officer's Surety Bond. Commissioner Wiesemeyer agreed to make inquiry of the Park Attorney.

Carl Strom presented the Certificate of Insurance to the Board from the Fire Department for the 4th of July picnic. He also stated that Rich Eberhardt will provide Certificates of Insurance from the other sponsoring activities by the following Friday.

Joyce Duff, Tri-Township Baseball and Softball Association (TTBSA) appeared before the Board to brief the Board on their activities. She advised that the Girl's Softball team is now an independent softball league which has joined with the Lebanon League. She received an affirmative answer to her inquiry about the completion of the electrical hookup to the Bantam Diamond. She reported that the tentative period of games for the proposed Adult Softball team is from 7/5 through 10/6. They expect to have various age groups and probably play 3 to 4 games per night. The Board stated that the lights are on until 11:00 P.M. Commissioner Greenfield stated that the American Legion team will be using the large diamond. Therefore the pitcher's mound cannot be removed. The adult softball team will have to work around the American Legion team schedule. Commissioner Greenfield has informed Phil Loethen of this change in American League plans and he will talk with Rich Mueller about any coordination of scheduling with the soccer club. Perry Conour stated that he has the Certificate of Insurance for the regular TTBSA program. Additional certificates of insurance will be required for the adult teams and for the Lebanon teams.

Motion was seconded and carried to approve the use of wheel chairs by the handicapped on the walking path.

Commissioner Converse posted the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance 1991-1992 at the City Hall on 4/13/91. A special meeting for the public hearing and adoption of the Budget & Appropriation Ordinance was scheduled for 5/16/91 at 7:30 P.M. at the Jarvis Township Senior Citizen building. Commissioner Wiesemeyer will invite the Park Attorney to be present. In response to Commissioner Italiano's question about the preparation of Ordinances by Attorney, the Board agreed to discuss this with the Attorney at the special meeting.

Commissioner Greenfield reviewed the original Phillips Pipeline Easement which gives them the right to maintain their lines over the entire Hecht farm. Greenfield has been assured that Phillips will meet with the Board before they start work and that they will pay for moving any trees on the 60 foot wide right of way to any place the Board chooses. Greenfield will set up a meeting between Phillips Representatives and the Grounds Committee.

Commissioner Greenfield provided the cost of a 20' X 8' X 8' storage container with one double door in the back at \$2,450. The containers would be used for storage of athletic equipment for the various associations which use the Park athletic facilities. The Board agreed to table consideration of the containers until fall. For information purposes, some research was also done on pricing of mobile and other stages.

Commissioner Converse, Greenfield and Wiesemeyer met with a representative from the Department of Conservation (DOC) about the Senior Citizen building, which is considered by the National Park Service to be illegally situated on land which has been subsidized by a grant from the Federal Government. According to the representative the National Park Service has been requesting justification for the building from the Illinois DOC since 1981. He stated that it must be proven that the building supports outdoor recreation such as providing meeting facilities for recreational/athletic groups using the park. He will provide guidelines to resolve the problem.

Perry Conour reported that a previous pavillion reservation for July 6th had to be moved to July 13th because of a rain date request for the 4th of July Family Picnic. The Board extends it's appreciation for the Marchbank reservation change. Conour also reported that bicycles are still being ridden on the walking path. The Board stated that signs are being posted. Commissioner Greenfield suggested that the speedbumps on the road be sawed out two feet in from the edge of the road on each side to provide room for a bicycle tire to pass through. He also suggested that yellow paint be used to identify the areas for bicycles. Motion was made, seconded and carried to publicize the bicycle provisions on the roadway and the signs prohibiting

bicycles on the walking path with pictures in the newspaper.

Commissioner Greenfield stated that Stutz from Alton was awarded the contract for the parking lot improvements. Greenfield had been told that there would be a pre-construction meeting with the Board. He said that the work which is expected to cost around \$28,000. must be completed by July 4th.

Commissioner Converse reported as follows:

1. Electric has been provided on the Bantam Diamond for the pitching machine.
2. A complaint has been received about having only one gate open.
3. He has been getting some quotes on repair of the tennis courts.
4. Authorization was requested to place about 6 benches at various points along the walking path @ \$70. to \$80. per bench. Motion was made, seconded and carried to proceed.

Commissioner Wiesemeyer suggested that the park employees be provided with 2-way radios. Commissioner Italiano volunteered to check into the possible availability of used 2-way radios from the City due to their purchase of new equipment. Commissioner Taake agreed to get prices on new equipment.

It was noted that the main pavillion has a structure problem. Motion was made, seconded and carried to authorize Commissioner Taake to make arrangements with Architect Mark Niemeyer to evaluate the safety of the building and make recommendations for corrections if necessary.

A letter was read from the County Treasurer requesting verification of advertising the annual financial statement.

Commissioner Taake reported that he is now being notified of periodic auctions of state equipment specifically for taxing districts.

Commissioner Loyet reported that the fertilizer is on order. He has been unable to finalize arrangements with Eagle Scout Stonesifer for the birdhouses.

Motion was made seconded and carried to raise the salary of the bookkeeper to \$150. per month effective with the period ending 5/7/91.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15.