

## 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 Center at 7:00 P.M. on June 10, 1992 with president Russell Wiesemeyer presiding. Commissioners answering present to the roll call in addition to the president were Greenfield, Pettus and Taake. Superintendent Converse was also present.

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.

Letter was received from Attorney Cain stating that the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance 1992-1993 has been filed with the County Clerk. Copy of validated Budget and Appropriation Ordinance was attached.

Commissioner Wiesemeyer reported that the negotiating Committee for land acquisition met with Merle Ottwein on Friday following the May Meeting. After considerable discussion on appraised value, cost of other acreage recently marketed and accessibility of the land in question, the Committee offered to buy the land at \$7,000. per acre. Ottwein stated that the sellers wished to retain two or three lots on the second layer from Highway 169. Therefore the acreage which can be purchased has been reduced to thirty one plus a fractional acre. Although Ottwein stated that he would get back to the Committee within ten days to two weeks on acceptability of the offer, no word has been received to date. Commissioner Greenfield stated that the Soccer and Baseball Clubs would probably assist in development of the land for their use. Superintendent Converse stated that the land under consideration is probably responsible for one to one and a half inches of silt being deposited in the lake per year according to the Soil Conservation Department. The Conservation Department suggested that it would be beneficial to the District if the owner of the land could be persuaded to plant no til crops on the soil or place it in the land bank for a few years.

Commissioner Wiesemeyer reported that a thank you note was received from the Paul Riebold family. Also that word has been received from Jarvis Township that the cost of the chipper, for which the District has agreed to share the cost, will total approximately \$11,000., District portion an estimated \$4,000. Several communications have been received from the County Treasurer relative to the Direct Deposit program for property tax receipts. The final communication stated that due to greater enthusiasm for the program than

expected, the first receipts may not go through the Direct Deposit Program.

Motion was made, seconded and carried to engage the New Athens Float Co. to decorate a float for the District for \$375. and to order candy for distribution from the float in the amount of \$25.. Superintendent Converse will make the arrangements upon receipt of photographs from which to select the style.

Jaycee representatives Terry and Connie Ulrich, Dave Fults, Chris Sims, Dwayne Hughes and Keith Frey appeared before the Board to discuss the circus. The Board stated that a practice will be made of inviting sponsoring organizations to the Board meeting immediately following any event held in the park to discuss means of improvement (if any) on coordination between sponsoring activities and the District. The Jaycees stated that they would like to meet with one or more Board members the day immediately following their events to inspect the grounds for damages. The Board stated that bare spots in the grassy areas and also rippling effects on the terrain caused by circus vehicle parking was noted. The Board also stated that the District will pay for equipment to roll the rippled terrain and for reseeding of the bare spots. However, after future circus events, the Board requested that stake holes be filled in and bare areas be raked down and reseeded. The Board was receptive to the Jaycees proposal to put exercise stations at various locations around the walking trail. The Jaycees proposed to lay out their plan for sites and return to the Board for final approval. The Board stated that they expect to expand the trail to approximately 2 1/2 miles in the future.

Commissioner Greenfield stated that the mobile stage needs wire brushing, painting and a new corrugated roof. Motion was made, seconded and carried to employ Mr. Homer Greenfield to make the necessary repairs to the stage for the amount of \$200. with the District paying for materials needed.

Barry Storm joined the meeting to request approval to move the tournament play dates from Sunday to Monday from 1 to 4 P.M. for three days, 6/22, 6/29 and 7/20 using two courts. He also requested use of all courts from 7/10 through 7/12 for an all resident Tri-Township Park Tournament. Cost for singles will be \$5.00 and doubles \$12.00. The Tournament will begin on Friday evening and end on Sunday evening. Motion was seconded and carried to approve both requests. Barry will advertise the event.

The Superintendent's Report covered the following:

1. The new chipper will be delivered soon.
2. Replacement plants have been planted at parking lot entrance and at the Memorial. Lights on the memorial will have to be rebuilt to deter vandalism.

3. Soil and Water Conservation representative, Lary Firkof, recommended draining the lake and cleaning with a highlift. The Board agreed to accept Mr. Firkof's offer to talk to the Board about the lake project at the next meeting
4. Tennis Pro's scheduling Board has been placed on north wall of the large pavillion.
5. One aluminum bleacher has a broken upper seat support. The Board authorized Converse to have repaired.
6. Scoreboard needs maintenance. New bulbs and flood lights have been ordered. Commissioner Taake agreed to contact Bill Body, who does the scoreboard work for the school district.
7. Motion was seconded and carried to authorize Supt. Converse to order no more than two loads of asphalt to start road repair.

The Soccer Club has offered to fertilize the soccer fields with dry granular 12-12-12 nitrogen. However some discussion evolved about whether or not the fertilizer would burn the grass if rainfall does not occur shortly after application. Madison Service indicates that it will do no harm if rainfall does not occur shortly after application. General concensus was that Rick Mueller, Soccer Club and Supt. Converse should resolve the question.

IAPD Insurance representative has stated that sports insurance for soccer and baseball participants could be furnished for approximately \$3,000. annually if the District sponsors the teams.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:10 P.M.

TERRY C. TAAKE  
Secretary/Treasurer  
Board of Commissioners  
Tri-Township Park District.