

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 Citizen at 7:00 P.M. on February 10, 1993 with Vice-president Tim Greenfield presiding. Commissioners answering present to the roll call in addition to the vice president were Pettus, Loyet and Taake. Supt. Converse was also present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Upon review of the Treasurer's report and the bills presented motion was seconded and carried to accept same.

The Superintendent's Report was reviewed. As a deterrent to future theft of the memorial flag, Converse will fix the cable so that it will go down into the housing on the memorial.

In reply to IPARKS annual insurance survey, listing of assets in the park has been updated to include all playground and recreation equipment and the two new pavillions.

Converse reported on his attendance at the Grounds Maintenance School at the Collinsville Convention Center where he purchased at silent auction 20 50 lb bags of organic fertilizer. Commissioner Taake said that he is not in favor of using a lot of chemicals in a public park and is in favor of hiring a spray contractor. Other members of the Board suggested that the cost of hiring would be prohibitive. Converse stated that he only sprays with roundup two or three times a year only as necessary. Commissioner Loyet indicated that he is not concerned about the danger of roundup since it is a herbicide - not a pesticide. Converse reported that he has been looking for a 3 point hitch sprayer which ranges in cost from \$550. to \$1000. He has located a used unit. After discussion, motion was seconded and carried to authorize Converse to look into the purchase of the sprayer making sure that all parts are there and that it is in working condition and that the price not exceed \$300.

Visitors from the Baseball Softball association, Mike Coulson and Larry Menendez appeared before the Board reporting that registration for T-Ball, softball and baseball programs will be conducted during the month of February. The Board of the Association voted unanimously to fall under the umbrella of the park insurance program subject to family approval at registration. Menendez presented a drawing of a proposed equipment storage, concession stand, press box and restrooms building to be erected at the large ball diamond. Specifications were presented and approximate cost was noted. They proposed that the District fund the cost of material,

stating that labor would possibly be donated. Coulson again expressed the need for additional space or another lighted diamond. Commissioner Greenfield stated that the District must meet requirements on adapting the existing facilities to conform to the Disabled Persons Act by 1/1/94.1 Also that a study made 4 years ago indicated that lighting for one of the smaller baseball fields would cost \$18,000. Coulson said that if a choice between the building project and the lighted diamond was necessary he would prefer that the lighting be predominant. A general consensus indicated that the lighting of the girl's softball diamond would probably be most practical. Coulson and Menendez closed their presentation and stated that they expected to be present at the next Board meeting.

Subsequently the Board discussed the TBSSA proposals, which would necessarily have to be included in a subsequent year's budget review. Their suggestion about hiring a groundskeeper could not be allowed because of insurance provisions.

Commissioner Greenfield reported that he has been contacted by the Soccer Club concerning the offer from the Park District to include the sports activities under the park insurance.

The Board agreed that for the athletic groups to be sponsored by the District that a representative from each group would be expected to attend and report at each Board meeting. Financial records will remain with each group which will make a fiscal year report consistent with the District's fiscal year on May 1st of each year. Liability Insurance will be 2 million. Personal medical insurance will be primary for team members and the District insurance will be secondary.

The Soccer Club has requested use of the lighted diamond starting in March. Motion was seconded and carried making the Supt. solely responsible for determining whether or not the fields are in condition for play.

Commissioner Greenfield is working with Jack Lascara who is handling the paperwork for purchase of the Shadwick property. Motion was seconded and carried to borrow \$75,000. from the Multi Purpose Building Fund at the Bank of Edwardsville for purchase of the Shadwick property.

Commissioner Pettus made a request on behalf of the 4th of July Picnic Committee to reserve the park for that date. The Supt confirmed same. The Committee also requested permission to bring an Army Helicopter onto the big baseball diamond. The Board asked for safety assurance by an Army group. Motion was made, seconded and carried to grant permission to the Committee to use the park on 4th of July 1993. The Committee will present a map on stand placements in May.

Commissioner Greenfield reported that he is researching facilities for athletic equipment storage. Also that District will not be getting involved in the Bicycle Trail.

Plans were discussed for renting equipment to prepare the Shadwick property for park use after the District takes possession. Plans will be firmed at the March meeting.

Commissioner Taake read a communication on notice of change in employment laws and offer for purchase of signs to be posted. Motion was seconded and carried to purchase laminated signs. A second communication announced an IPARKS workshop on Risk Management in Urbana from 10 to 3 on 3/26/93.

A proposal for a yearly maintenance contract listing 19 points of inspection on the generator for an alternate power source was \$235. per annum. Currently the generator is being started once each month. Price from jAlert on an automatic transfer switch is \$5,768. It was suggested that Civil Defense money may be available. Commissioner Greenfield stated that before any more money is spent on the Senior Center that the problem of ownership must be resolved. A hold was placed on the issue. Commissioner Taake will continue to check on Civil Defense funds.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 P.M.