MINUTES - TRI-TOWNSHIP PARK DISTRICT

The regular monthly meeting of the Tri-Township Park District Board of Commissioners was convened at the Community Center at 7:30 P.M. on 1/11/95 with president Russell Wiesemeyer presiding. Commissioners answering present to the roll call in addition to the president were Eberhart, Greenfield, Loyet, Suter and Taake. Supt. Converse was also present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

A contingent of Soccer Club members were present for presentation of a plaque by Mike Bayne to Ed Tarpowitz for 13 years of loyal service.

Marie DuBach approached the Board requesting a home field for an Independent Soccer Team of high school age. The Board stated that the first requirement for playing on the Tri-Township Park District fields is that the team must have at least 6 members from the District. Aside from that the regular requirement for rosters, scheduling and certificate of insurance would be necessary. In addition, since the Tri-Township Fark District Soccer Club is the primary Club of the District, any scheduling would have to be worked around their games and practice sessions. Ms. DuBach stated that their League starts at the end of February and requires only 5 Sundays. She also stated that the Southern Illinois Soccer League Clubs have agreed to allow independent teams to use their fields. Mike Bayne explained that the District Soccer Club is not a Select Club and therefore not a part of the Southern Illinois Soccer League. Ms. DuBach stated that currently they have only 3 members from the District but they may pick up more. The Board provided a list of Committees for further discussion.

Mike Bayne advised the Board that Soccer registration has been arranged at the Community Center for the following Saturday and Thursday. Number of registrants will be provided at the next meeting.

Motion was seconded and carried to accept the Treasurer's Report and pay the bills presented.

The Superintendent presented his report. The target date for moving into the new offices has been set for 2/15/95. Commissioner Greenfield authorized a leave of absence to Timothy Converse from present time until April 1995. Motion was seconded and carried to authorize the Supt. to attend Grounds Maintenance School at the Gateway Convention Center with a \$45.00 registration fee. Motion was seconded and carried to purchase 45 new upholstered seats at \$9.00 each for the Community Center.

The Board recognized a letter from the County Clerk requesting copies of the 1994-1995 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance.

Copies of the previous rental agreement used by the Jarvis Township Senior Citizens was distributed to Board members. Motion was seconded and carried to charge \$100. rental fee for the upstairs and \$75. for the downstairs with a \$100. additional deposit requirement (returnable after satisfactory inspection) for damage/cleanup. As to a requirement for a higher fee for rentees who reside outside the District the Board agreed to make a reassessment at a later date on the frequency of such rentals.

The Board was informed that six parties have picked up petitions for the upcoming election of Board Members inclding three incumbents.

Commissioner Eberhart reported on his meeting with the Baseball Club. The following requests have been made:

- The current T-Ball Diamond be changed to an Instructional Pitching Machine Diamond which will require the availability of power on the site.
- 2. The new diamond by the storage building be used as a Rookie pitching machine site which will also require the availability of a power source.
- 3. They propose a T-Ball Diamond to the left of the Collinsville road entrance on the edge of the Soccer Field. They will purchase portable backstops for that purpose.

Commissioner Greenfield stated that wings should be put on the old T-Ball backstop for safety measures. Motion was seconded and carried to purchase safety backstops with wings and two aluminum 15' player benches and six aluminum player benches for three other fields. In reply to the Baseball Club's inquiry about use of the plumbing in the concession stand, the Board stated that since sewer arrangements have not been completed, that will not be possible at present.

Commissioner Taake stated that Phillips Pipeline has agreed to the District's installation of water behind the pitcher's mound on the big diamond if they can be notified when the digging will begin so that they can be present.

Tony Origliosso, who has been attending some of the Board meetings, commended the Board on their excellent Soccer and Baseball programs but noted that no other sports programs are offered. Commissioner Greenfield stated that a roller blading facility has been discussed and a multi purpose recreational building is in future planning. Tennis Courts, volleyball courts and basketball courts are also available and although there hasn't been a tennis pro available for the last 2 years, that program has been offered in the past.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

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