

MINUTES - TRI-TOWNSHIP PARK DISTRICT

The regular monthly meeting of the Tri-Township Park District Board of Commissioners was convened at the Park Office at 7:00 P.M. on 3/13/96 with President Russell Wiesemeyer presiding. Commissioners answering present to the roll call in addition to the president were Eberhart, Greenfield, Italiano, Jarman, Loyet and Taake.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report and the bills were reviewed. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and pay the bills was seconded and carried.

The Budget and Appropriation Ordinance 1996-1997 was posted on the Park Office bulletin board on 3/4/96. Final approval will be accomplished at the April meeting.

Motion was seconded and carried to authorize the Employment Committee to proceed with the hiring of Mary Kmetz in the position of office Clerk at \$4.65 per hour beginning 3/18/96.

Fencing projects sent out for bids to six contractors for Collinsville Road, East side of Park and Baseball backstop for the new diamond adjacent to the Maintenance building. Only the Anthony Fence Co. has responded. Closing date for bids is 3/15/96. Motion was seconded and carried to complete Baseball backstop and the Collinsville Road portion and review the prices for the east side for possible approval at the April meeting.

Bids were circulated for a new John Deere tractor with a 12 foot mower and front bucket. The lowest bidder was Erb Equipment Co. with a bid of \$30,635. Lease arrangements are available for 36, 48 and 60 month. Motion was seconded to lease/purchase a new 5200 Series John Deere tractor with front bucket and a 12 foot mower from Erb Equipment Co. at \$30,635. on a 48 month lease arrangement @ \$8,396.75 per year. All Commissioners answered affirmatively to a roll call vote.

One bid has been received to repair the park truck @ \$336.74. Commissioners agreed to get additional bids.

Motion was seconded and carried to sign a 3 year agreement with Aramark of Highland to provide uniforms for the Park employees at \$5.50 per week, per employee. Color of uniform will be selected by the employees.

Coy Winter known as the Bluebird Man from Belleville explained his program to encourage bluebirds and bats into the park grounds. The Board agreed to discuss the program and contact him at a later date.

Bart Farrell and Deanne Byrne were present from the Baseball/Softball Club to report registraion numbers and dates needed for practice games. The Board explained that it has been too muddy to do much to diamonds at present. It will probably be the second week in April before the diamonds are playable. The Board is trying to get sand hauled in to work the diamonds. Farrell stated the need for an electrical outlet for a pitching machine on the new girl's diamond and that some power outages had been occurring with the existing outlets due to corrosion. The Board assured that the power outlets will be put into proper working order. Approval was given to the Baseball/Softball Committee to come into the park on 3/16/96 and on 3/30/96 to prepare the concession stand for opening and for a coach's clinic. The boy scouts will be coming out to work on the trail and search for the major water leak will begin at the same time. Scheduling of the athletic teams will begin on Thursday evening. Since other requests are being received to schedule the facilities, it is imperative that game and practice schedules and submission of rosters be finalized as soon as possible. The Board stressed that before any more diamonds are built, the existing facilities must be used to the fullest extent, including weekends.

The Soccer Committee reported that they are using the Community Center for registration and their schedule will be ready by the weekend. The season will begin on 4/13/96 and last for four weeks. They do not expect to use the soccer field on the north side of Lake Drive nor the new field for spring games. More space will be needed in the fall. The Comittee sees no conflict with the request by the Triad Soccer Teams to use the fields this spring. The request by the girl's varsity teams to use the lighted field right after school was not approved since all soccer play on the large diamond has been curtailed for the present. Insurance for Soccer is in effect from 9/23/95 -9/23/96. Soccer Club has taken care of the outstanding soccer medical bill. Accident reports are available in the park office for Athletic teams.

One of the candidates for the park director job was at the meeting inquiring about the progress of the selection process.

Motion was seconded and carried to go into closed session to discuss employee and legal matters at 8:30 P.M.

At 8:45 P.M. the open session of the meeting was resumed with the same members present as stated above.

Commissioner Greenfield reported that Illinois Power is ready to install lights on the new portions of the trail if a plan

for placement will be provided and stakes set out. Craig Harris was asked to order 4 dozen stakes.

Fertilization of the grounds will be deferred until the new tractor is purchased.

The Board requested that two reservations be made for the IAPD Legislative Conference on 4/16 and 4/17/96.

Craig Harries will purchase a Bradford Pear tree for the Randy Briggs memorial and Commissioner Taake will get the families wishes on placement.

Commissioner Taake reported that the City has awarded the bid for Riggan Road including the park portion up to Wickcliffe and are now in the process of determining the District's share of costs.

Commissioner Jarman read a letter of thanks for support to the Board from Boy Scout Troop 38. They have asked to be assigned a project they can accomplish for the Park.

The Board authorized the purchase of 3 new phones and a new line to the Maintenance Building.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 P.M.



GARY L. JARMAN
Secretary/Treasurer
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