

Tri-Township Park District  
Commissioners Meeting  
August 13, 1997

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 by President Taake.

Roll Call:

Present were Commissioners Taake, Wiesemeyer, Simpson, Byrne, Superintendent Greenfield, and Treasurer Rody. Absent were commissioners Jarman, Italiano and Eberhart.

Reading of the minutes:

Minutes of the July 9, 1997 meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report.

Treasurer's report showing a balance of \$276,473.70 was read and approved (Byrne, Wiesemeyer 4-0). During the discussion of bills due it was decided to withhold 20% of the bill from Sport Court because the company needed replace some of the tiles. The adjusted total of bills due was \$90,913.75 and was approved (Byrne, Simpson 4-0).

Middle School Representative:

Mr Max Pigg, Principal of Molden Middle School, was present to discuss with the Board use of the park facilities by the school. We have their schedule of baseball games. If there needs to be a change made, Mr Pigg will contact our office. Mr Pigg will also ask Triad School District's insurer to send us a Certificate of Insurance. It was emphasized that we all want to do what is best for kids.

Finance Committee:

We are still waiting to begin our annual audit. The required annual report has been sent to the Times-Tribune for publication.

Insurance Committee:

The medical insurance premium for Craig Harris has increased. The certificate for the baseball insurance has arrived. We also have the certificate insurance and dram shop insurance for the Granite City Steel event scheduled for Labor Day weekend.

Commissioner Italiano arrived at 7:28.

Buildings and Grounds Committee:

The pagers are working fine. The radios proved to be impractical. Steve Howe presented another brand of radio for our consideration.

The Sport Court has been applied, but the company will be changing a few tiles that are not the correct color. Park users are very pleased with the new surfaces.

Special Events Committee:

The Air Force Band concert was unfortunately rained out. It seems like a large crowd would have been here, and we are going to attempt to reschedule the event.

Athletics Committee:

If Maedge Trucking cannot start moving dirt onto the baseball diamonds soon, we will contact another contractor.

We will attempt to repair the scoreboards.

A parade to mark the beginning of the soccer season will be held at 9:00 am September 6, 1997.

Veterans' Memorial Committee:

The account has a balance of about \$5,500 at this time. It was decided to allow the Royal Brothers Circus to perform in the park on October 1, 1997. The Veterans' Memorial will sponsor it (Italiano, Simpson 5-0).

Sidewalk construction should begin soon.

The dedication will be November 11, 1997.

Director's Report:

The drinking fountains are complete.

Baseball/Softball Report:

The season has ended. They have filed their financial report.

Soccer Report:

We will be getting a report from them.

Old Business:

Two bids to purchase the batting cages and pitching machine were received. The higher was from Randy Ackerman for \$1,010.00 and it was accepted (Simpson, Italiano 5-0).

New Business:

None

Any Other Business:

None

Visitors Wishing to Address the Board:

Rick Bullard representing Crossroads Teen Outreach asked to use the basketball court on August 30, 1997 for a tournament. It was decided to allow the activity if they can show proof of insurance (Italiano, Byrne 5-0).

Executive Session:

This meeting was recessed at 8:22 to begin an executive session for the purpose of discussing land acquisition (Wiesemeyer, Simpson 5-0). This meeting was reconvened at 8:43.

Communications:

Time necessary for noting communications received was overlooked earlier and allowed at this time. Various notices have been received and handled by the proper committees. The IPARKS Conference will be held on January 22 - 25, 1998 in Carbondale.

Meeting adjourned at 8:59 (Italiano, Simpson 5-9).