Tri-Township Park District Commissioners Meeting August 12, 1998

Meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm by President Taake.

## Roll call:

Present were commissioners Taake, Jarman, Italiano, Simpson and Byrne. Also present were Director Greenfield and Treasurer Roady.

## Reading of minutes:

The minutes of the July 17, 1998 meeting were read and approved.

## Seating of new commissioners:

Greenfield swore in newly appointed commissioners Kevin Woodring and Dennis Kniser.

#### Communications:

Greenfield mentioned several letters and newsletters that have arrived. In particular noted was a letter from Attorneys Cadigan and Cain concerning the survey by Madison County of our recent land purchase.

# Treasurer's report:

The treasurer's report showing a balance of \$157,224.60 was read and approved (Jarman, Byrne 7-0).

# Reading of the bills:

Bills totalling \$8,931.47 were read and approved for payment (Jarman, Simpson 7-0).

#### Finance Committee:

The audit for the fiscal year 1996-97 has been completed. Copies were distributed to the commissioners for their review. A special meeting to discuss this audit with the auditors was scheduled for 7:00 pm August 24, 1998.

### Insurance Committee:

We have received notice that the premium for health insurance we carry for our employees will raise to \$215.84. IPARKS is to find us a new workers' compensation insurance carrier since Wassau will no longer be insuring workers in Illinois.

### Buildings and Grounds Committee:

Greenfield has made drawings of all paved surfaces in an effort to begin planning the maintenance of the roads and parking areas. It was noted that there are 235,793 square feet of pavement to be considered.

#### Athletics:

A \$2,273.00 check from Pepsi has arrived to pay for the new scoreboard.

The Middle School has sent us their schedule for their baseball and softball season. We will be able to accommodate them.

There was some discussion about making decisions on whether to play or not to play on wet fields.

Special construction projects:

The stone have not been delivered yet, but the footings are to be put in soon at the Veterans' Memorial. Jarman presented Greenfield with \$725 donated in honor of his father who recently passed away. Jarman stated the he and his brothers would like to donate the rest of the money needed themselves.

Election of Vice President:

Due to the resignation of Weisemeier, a new vice president must be elected. Taake opened the floor for nominations. Simpson was nominated (Jarman, Italiano). Nomination were then closed (Italiano, Jarman). Simpson was elected by acclamation.

Re-alignment of committees:

Taake presented the new committee assignments. They are attached.

Director's report:

Greenfield updated the board on various projects currently under

way in the park.

Also discussed was the situation concerning the current practice of hiring referees and umpires by the TBSL and Soccer League. After discussions with our auditor, the directors of the parks in Greenville and Centralia, and the Federal Labor Relations Board, Greenfield has determined that all of these youth must have W-4 forms on file. It also appears that we cannot hire people under the age of 14. Simpson suggested that registered letters be sent to both of the leagues to ask them to send representatives to our special meeting concerning the audit on August 24. No one objected to that suggestion.

Day Camp Director's report:

Jill Greenfield gave a small report on day camp activities and sated that she will have a complete report at the next meeting. Camp ends after two more days. Several commissioners remarked about how well the kids liked camp this year.

Baseball/Softball report:

None

Soccer report:

Their financial statement was turned in. Games should begin August 28.

Old business:

None

New business:

None

Any other business:

The recent burglary to the concession stand was discussed.

Visitors wishing to address the Board:

John Abel from the library district asked permission to hold a

circus in the park on September 8 to be sponsored by the library board. The request was approved (Simpson, Woodring 7-0).

Meeting was adjourned to enter a closed session to discuss personnel issues at 9:11 (Jarman, Italiano 7-0).

Meeting was reconvened at 10:13.

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Taake appointed a special committee of Byrne, Simpson, and Woodring to study salaries of park employees.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 (Byrne, Simpson 7-0).