

Tri-Township Park District Corrected Copy
Commissioners Meeting
October 14, 1998

Meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm by President Taake.

Roll call:

Present were Commissioners Jarman, Kniser, Taake, and Woodring. Also present were Director Greenfield and Accountant Roady. Absent were Commissioners Byrne, Italiano, and Simpson.

Reading of the minutes:

The minutes of the September 9, 1998 meeting were read and approved. Minutes of the special meeting on September 15, 1998 were also read and approved.

Communications:

A letter from Cadigin & Cain indicating the correct legal description of the land we recently purchased has been placed in our files. We also received confirmation concerning two of our commissioners to attend the IPARKS conference in Chicago in January, 1999. Other magazines and notices have been placed on the table upstairs.

Greenfield recommended that we send one or two people to the IAPD Legal Symposium to be held in Chicago on November 5, 1998.

Treasurer's report:

The treasurer's report showing a balance of \$222,616.55 was read and approved (Jarman, Woodring 4-0). Since we have completed the second quarter of the fiscal year, a comparison of our actual income and expenses with what was budgeted was presented.

Reading of the bills:

Bills totalling \$43,398.48 were read and approved for payment (Kniser, Woodring 4-0).

Finance committee:

Greenfield has prepared a proposed tax levy ordinance for consideration. The total levy is \$278,015.00. A tax levy hearing has been set for 6:30 pm on Monday, November 9, 1998 at the park office. The regular board of commissioners meeting will follow at 7:00 pm. Greenfield will prepare the newspaper notices required.

Greenfield explained to the Board that we may also levy an additional five cents for our road fund. This could be done by board resolution. Taake indicated that he felt that this requires further study.

Insurance committee:

Our workers compensation insurance bill has arrived. It is about two thousand dollars less than we expected. Our new carrier is Kemper.

Building and grounds:

Maedge will begin to oil and chip our roads tomorrow.

It was decided to purchase a small Gallion motor grader from Lanahan Construction Company for \$5,000 (Kniser, Jarman 4-0).

Greenfield has a bid available for a gate for the Riggin Road entrance. It is a five feet tall rolling stand alone gate for \$1,564.80, installed. Purchase from Anthony Fencing was approved (Jarman, Kniser 4-0).

Athletics:

No report

Special construction projects:

Walls at the memorial are now being constructed and landscaping is in progress. It looks like we will not be receiving any artillery. We have received many nice comments from the citizens.

Special events:

No report

Director's report:

Work on the community center is on hold for the time being because of the need to get other work done. We are preparing for winter. Greenfield is waiting for the final report on the recycling grant. He is beginning to work on a five year plan for the park.

Rich Gillomen's last day to work will probably be October 30. Tim Jolley will continue to work on Saturdays only until we close the restrooms for the winter.

Greenfield distributed a packet describing the steps necessary to complete a swimming pool project. Kniser volunteered to lead the work on this project.

Simpson arrived at 8:21.

Day camp final report:

The day camp had income of \$43,522.59 and expenses of \$48,858.40 for a loss of \$5,335.81. We incurred part of this loss because the water park in Collinsville was not ready as soon as expected. We also bought some equipment that is a one time purchase for us. We have learned some ways to trim our expenses if we have camp again. All income and expenses are documented and ready for audit.

The board must decide by December if we will hold a day camp again next summer.

Baseball/Softball report:

None

Soccer report:

The final report is in. There will be a vote of the parents involved to determine if there will be a spring soccer season next year. The soccer board would like to see three more fields ready for play.

IRS Form SS-8 has been submitted for review by the IRS. We have received a letter from the IRS in response to a request we made through Representative Shimkus' office. The letter indicates that we may not be required to treat referees and officials as employees after all. We will be discussing this more in the future.

Old business:

We have two drains to repair and this will correct the problems

noted by the Madison County Health inspector.

It was decided to send Greenfield and Woodring if he is available to the IAPD legal conference on Thursday November 5, 1998 (Jarman, Simpson 5-0).

New business:

It was decided to notify Mr Meier that we want him to farm the 32 acres that we have recently purchased next year again. Greenfield is to notify him (Simpson, Jarman 5-0).

Other business:

None

Visitors:

Mae Grapperhaus addressed the board concerning the Illinois Main Street program that the City has joined. This is a program to improve the downtown area. She asked for the support of this board. She asked the Board and individual members of the board to write letters to Illinois in support of the program.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 (Jarman, Simpson 5-0).