

Tri-Township Park District
Commissioners Meeting
May 12, 1999

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

After some discussion, it was decided that Commissioner Kniser could participate in the meeting by phone from his business trip.

Present were Commissioners Taake, Jarman, Simpson, Woodring, Byrne and Kniser (by phone). Also present were Director Greenfield and Accountant Roady.

Reading of the minutes:

Minutes of the April 14, 1999 meeting were read and approved. Also minutes of the reconvened meeting held April 21, 1999 were read and approved.

Communications:

Several pieces notices and letters have been received. All have been placed on file for use by the commissioners.

Treasurer's report:

The treasurer's report showing a balance of \$90,812.37 was read and approved (Byrne, Woodring 6-0).

Reading of the bills:

Bills totalling \$28,452.06 were examined and approved for payment (Simpson, Woodring 6-0).

There was some concern about spending expressed. The finance committee needs to set some guidelines for spending by the director and commissioners.

Seating of new members:

Norman Beck and Dennis Kniser were sworn in by Greenfield as commissioners. They were welcomed by the rest of the board.

Re-organization of board:

Simpson nominated Taake for president, but Taake declined the nomination. Simpson was then chosen as president (Jarman, Kniser 6-0). Kniser was chosen vice-president (Jarman, Woodring 6-0). Both Jarman (Kniser, Woodring) and Byrne (Taake, Beck) were nominated for Secretary/Treasurer. Three commissioners voted for each candidate. Simpson broke the tie with his vote for Jarman. Beck was appointed as chairman of the insurance committee. Simpson is to indicate his choices for the other committees at our next meeting.

Baseball/softball report:

None

Soccer report:

About 500 players are now registered for the fall season and more are expected. The soccer board is now looking at areas of the park in which to construct additional fields. They are willing to help pay for any expenses associated with any new fields.

Finance committee:

The hospital bill for the youth injured in a bicycle accident have been forwarded to our insurance company. There is no deductible on this type of claim. The vandalism to the center has been repaired and those bills have been sent to the insurance company also. There is a \$250 deductible on this type of claim.

Building and grounds:

We are experiencing a small problem with oil bleeding through on some of the streets. The township road commissioner has indicated that he will help us with this situation.

Athletics:

Baseball play has begun. Some fusses have blown and some switches on the lights at the diamonds have been damaged. We are having trouble getting to the heights needed to make the repairs.

Special events:

The hazardous waste disposal day will be held on June 12, 1999.

The 4th of July celebration will begin at noon on that day and end with a fireworks display that evening.

The Tri-Township Library District has asked us to allow them to again use the park for a circus. It was decided to allow this if a person from the library board is present during the time the circus is here (Jarman, Taake 7-0).

Recreation/Aquatic complex:

Kniser reported that they are still organizing their activities.

Review of Director's report:

Greenfield reported on meetings he has attended recently.

He also reported that Gateway Industrial Power has offered us a contract for annual inspection and preventative maintenance of the generator at the center. It was decided to hold this contract until tax dollars arrive.

The Illinois Department of Education has contacted us about using the center as a facility in which to teach some classes on parenting. Greenfield is to check to see if they have any funding to help offset expenses.

After Greenfield explained some problems associated with dogs on long leashes in the park, it was decided that dogs in the park should be on leashes no longer than 10' (Beck, Taake 7-0).

Old business:

Our Web page is coming along well.

New business:

None

Other business from commissioners:

We need to place a post in the walking path near the center to prevent vehicles from driving on the path.

Visitors wishing to address the board:

Jeff Teasley was granted permission to hold a sand volleyball tournament in the park June 26 and 27, 1999 after providing a

certificate of insurance (Jarman, Woodring 7-0).

Executive session:

This meeting was recessed at 8:47 to enter into an executive session to discuss land acquisition and personnel (Jarman, Beck 7-0).

Jarman had to leave the meeting at 9:28.

Meeting was reconvened at 10:26.

Action taken as a result of the executive session:

Jay Bayne was hired as a counselor for the summer camp (Kniser, Woodring 6-0).

Mike Bess' salary was clarified. Beginning April 1, 1999 he should receive \$8.75 per hour. This amount becomes \$9.50 on October 1, 1999, \$10.25 on April 1, 2000, and \$11.00 on October 1, 2000 (Beck, Woodring 6-0).

Simpson is to communicate our interest in proceeding with Mr Stephens' proposal for the park to purchase additional land along 162 on the east side of Troy.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:32 (Taake, Woodring 6-0).