

Tri-Township Park District  
Commissioners Meeting  
September 8, 1999

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Since there was no quorum, the meeting was rescheduled for September 15, 1999.

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Meeting was called to order at 7:02 by President Simpson.

Roll call:

Present were commissioners Simpson, Kniser, Jarman, Taake, Byrne, and Woodring. Also present were Director Greenfield and bookkeeper Roady. Absent was Commissioner Beck.

Reading of the minutes:

Minutes of the August 11, 1999 regular meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's report:

Treasurer's report showing a balance of \$160,553.71 was read and approved (Jarman, Taake 6-0).

Reading of the bills:

Bills totalling \$7,551.47 were examined and approved for payment (Jarman, Byrne 6-0).

Baseball report:

None

Soccer report:

The financial report was turned in. There are greater than 700 children in the soccer program this year. Things are going well. Some work needs to be done to the field by Old Collinsville Road.

Visitors:

Doug Switzer and Boy Scout Troop 91 were visitors at the September 8 meeting. They were here to see local government in action. President Simpson discussed our operations and typical meeting procedures with them.

Ken Ondrey from Phillips Pipeline presented a program about the pipeline that runs through the park. He discussed the history of pipelines in America but the emphasis of his discussion was safety concerns associated with pipelines. He explained what is being done to protect public safety.

Day camp report:

Camp was very successful this year. The final checkbook balance is \$3,975.05. There were no accidents nor injuries in camp.

Finance:

There was some discussion concerning the possibility of the future use of the internet in the park office. Jarman will check into the cost of the service plus the cost of the extra phone line. This will be discussed further in the October meeting.

More research will be done concerning the cost of a new photocopier for the office. A recommendation will be made at the October meeting.

Insurance:

We have received some safety videos from IPARKS to be viewed as part of our safety training.

Greenfield will seek new quotes for medical coverage for our employees. John Alden has raised their rates.

Building and grounds:

New chairs have been purchased for the meeting room. This move was applauded by all board members.

We will build boxes around the recessed lights as the fire department has asked us to do. For now we have disconnected those lights.

It was agreed to sign the maintenance contract with Gateway Industrial Power for the generator at the Wiesemeyer Center for \$245 per year (Jarman, Byrne 6-0).

The locks in the park have been rekeyed.

The tables and chairs in the Wiesemeyer Center have been replaced.

The fountain for the lake has been repaired and is ready to be reinstalled.

Athletics:

Byrne will be meeting with Ken Ondrey to see what is allowed over the pipeline so we can plan the necessary maintenance of the ball diamonds.

The lights that are currently at the Collinsville Bowl will not be of use by us. We will be checking with Illinois Power to see if they have a program that might help us with the lights on the diamonds.

Special events:

The American Cancer Society car show on September 12 went well with about 75 cars on display.

Equipment and safety:

Attorney Cain has reported to us that we can sell surplus equipment to the highest bidder as long as the item is advertised for sale and an ordinance is prepared. He provided a sample ordinance for this. Two bids were received for the Cushman golf cart - \$50 and \$213. The sale was awarded to the high bidder, Kirk Simpson for \$213. Ordinance 1999-4 declaring this property to be surplus and to approve the sale was passed (Taake, Jarman 6-0).

Special projects:

Scott Schmidt has not called back to let us know when he will begin working on the overflow pipe at the dam.

Maedge will provide a bid for oil/chipping of the roadways.

Aquatic/recreation complex:

Binders containing information about such centers were distributed to the commissioners for their study.

Director's report:

The lights on the ball diamonds are now locked.

We often need a portable generator for maintenance. It was decided to purchase one for less than \$600 (Jarman, Woodring 6-0).

We will be working on improving the slope of the banks of the lake soon. The black top soil will be stockpiled for the ball diamonds. We should also consider building a retaining wall near the Wiesemeyer Center. Greenfield will check on getting loaner equipment for all this work.

Old business:

Our new employee policy and procedures manual should be ready in October.

A committee was formed to consider our policy concerning electronic and telephonic meetings. Appointed to that committee were Woodring (chairman), Jarman, and Byrne.

We have collateralized our funds held at the Bank of Edwardsville.

Louis Meier will be notified not to farm the 32 acres the park has recently purchased after this harvest (Jarman, Byrne 6-0).

New business:

None

Executive session:

This meeting was recessed at 10:05 in order to enter into an executive session to discuss land acquisition (Jarman, Byrne 6-0).

This meeting was reconvened at 10:15.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:17 (Jarman, Kniser 6-0).