

Tri-Township Park District  
Commissioners Meeting  
August 9, 2000

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Meeting was called to order at 7:04 by President Simpson.

Roll call:

Present were Commissioners Beck, Kniser, Simpson, Wise, and Woodring. Absent was Commissioner Jarman (work). Also present was Activities Director Fuesting, Day Camp Director Jill Greenfield, Park Director Tim Greenfield, and bookkeeper Rody.

Reading of the minutes:

Minutes of the July 12, 2000 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's report:

Treasurer's report showing a total balance of \$85,822.65 was approved (Beck, Woodring 5-0).

Reading of the bills:

Bills totaling \$7,369.59 were examined and approved for payment (Beck, Woodring 5-0).

Selection of new commissioner:

Letters from five people stating their desire to be selected to fill the vacancy as a result of Byrne's resignation were noted. The commissioners are to consider the situation and decide on a new commissioner at our next meeting.

Communications:

Greenfield presented a list of letters and other information received. In particular noted was an announcement from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs indicating that we are to receive a grant for \$55,000 as arranged by Representative Stephens.

Also noted was a training session to be held at Hoffman Estates on September 16 for new commissioners.

Visitors:

Two representatives from the American Cancer Society made a presentation concerning a "Walk-A-Thon" they would like to hold in our park on June 22 and 23, 2001. Permission was granted (Beck, Kniser 5-0).

Also present was a member of the Granite City Animal Protection Association. She was seeking permission to hold a pet adoption day for dogs and cats sometime during October 2000. Permission was granted (Woodring, Beck 5-0).

A representative of Cub Pack 34 was not in attendance but had sent a request for the Cub Pack to use the park for an overnight camp out on October 13 - 15, 2000 as they did last year. This request was also granted (Beck, Wise 5-0).

Friends of the park:

No report

Recreation Directors report:

The baseball season is over. 801 children participated.

There were at that time 616 children registered for the soccer program.

Fuesting is currently looking into some other sports programs for the park – in particular football, softball (Fall 2001), and fall baseball for older kids.

There was some discussion concerning the use of the outfield of the large baseball diamond by some soccer teams. Only the younger players are to be using this area and for games only, not practice. Greenfield assured the board that this activity will not harm the surface of the field.

Beck had to leave at 8:15.

Day Camp Director's report:

Jill Greenfield submitted her report concerning day camp. Camp was very successful this year. There were over 100 campers each week. Plans are now being made for next year.

Director's report:

Greenfield has presented to Bud Klaustermeier, City Administrator, our revised proposal concerning the purchase of the acreage east of town. He has removed the easements on the north, east, and south sides of the land. The roadway easement on the west side is to be 60'.

We have received payment for our first funding request from the Dept of Natural Resources.

Greenfield is looking into a few possibilities for adding lights to the soccer fields. We will have more information about this at our next meeting.

Greenfield also received permission to check into the feasibility of extending Riggins Road through the park.

Old business:

Eagle Scout projects are in progress.

New business:

All was covered during the director's report.

Closed session:

At 9:20 this meeting was recessed in order to conduct a closed session concerning personnel (Kniser, Wise 4-0).

This meeting was reconvened at 10:40 with no further actions taken.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:41 (Woodring, Kniser 4-0).