

Tri-Township Park District
Commissioners Meeting
October 11, 2000

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

Roll call:

Present were commissioners Simpson, Wise, and Woodring. Commissioner Beck was participating using the speakerphone. Absent were commissioners Jarman (work) and Kniser (work). Also in attendance were Director Greenfield, Recreation Director Fuesting, and bookkeeper Roady.

Review of the minutes:

Minutes of the September 13, 2000 meeting were reviewed and approved. Likewise, minutes of the September 27, 2000 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's report:

Treasurer's report showing a total balance of \$154,912.37 was reviewed and approved (Woodring, Wise 4-0).

Bills:

Bills totaling \$ 34,118.70 were examined and approved for payment (Woodring, Wise 4-0).

Communications:

Greenfield presented a list of letters and notices that have been received. In particular noted was a notice concerning the upcoming IAPD Legal Symposium on November 2. It was decided that Greenfield should attend (Wise, Woodring 4-0).

Visitors:

Representatives from the TBSL announced that they have recently elected new officers. Representatives from the Soccer Club reported that the season is progressing well. Their awards ceremony is to be held on November 18 at 6:30. All board members are invited to attend

The discussion turned to the job being done by the Recreation Director. Both clubs want to see the job description put into place. They expressed displeasure in the amount of help they are receiving from Fuesting. Simpson called for a special meeting at 7:30 on Monday, October 16 to discuss this matter further. All board members will be required to attend that session (Woodring, Wise 4-0).

Friends of the Park:

No report

Recreation Director's report:

The select fall league season will end on October 29.

Fuesting is still looking into obtaining lighting for more soccer fields. He is making progress with the database.

Park Director's report:

We have received a check from our insurance company to settle a claim for damage to a parked car caused by one of our employees.

By November 1 all of the out door facilities will be shut down. All seasonal workers will also be dismissed by that time.

Woody's Municipal Supply open house will be October 18 from 10am until 2pm.

Old business:

We have received two bids for adding a dump bed for the truck we will be receiving from the fire department. The low bid from McHenry of St Louis for a total of \$ 7,159 for a bed, two toolboxes and a back-up warning system was accepted (Wise, Woodring 4-0).

The annual Illinois Assoc of Park Districts meeting will be in Chicago on January 11-14, 2001

We lost communications with Beck at 9:50 and decided to continue the meeting at 7:30 pm on October 16.

The recessed meeting was called to order by President Simpson at 7:40 on October 16, 2000.

Roll call:

Present were all commissioners, namely, Beck, Jarman, Kniser, Simpson, Wise, and Woodring. Also present were Director Greenfield, Recreation Director Fuesting, and bookkeeper Rody.

Old business:

Discussion was held concerning appointing a person to fill the position created by the resignation of Byrne. The new commissioner will need to run in the April 2001 election for the remaining three years of Byrne's term. Wise nominated Dean McPeak, but there was no second to the motion. Jarman nominated David Peverly, but there was no second to that motion. Fred Patterson was nominated by Beck and seconded by Woodring. The nominations were then closed (Wise, Beck 6-0). Patterson was then selected for the position (6-0).

Hasting & Chivetta was chosen as the architect for the new center unless upon inspection Greenfield finds a problem with their proposal (Kniser, Beck 6-0). They will begin with our plans and work toward passage of the bond issue. They will bill us hourly for an amount not to exceed \$ 48,000 plus reimbursed expenses of about \$ 4,000. The money will come from our Illinois First Grant.

Ward, Dushman & Reinhardt was chosen as our fund raiser (Wise, Woodring 6-0). They will do a three to four week study of our community for up to \$ 14,000. They will predict what can be raised by contribution.

The cost of the study by the IMRF to determine our cost to join the pension plan will be between \$ 300 and \$ 400. The study was authorized (Beck, Jarman 6-0).

Two bids were received for upgrading the outside of the Wiesemeyer Center by replacing gutters, eaves, and soffits. The lower bid of \$ 5,780 from Crestview Construction was accepted (Kniser, Wise 6-0).

It was decided to raise the clerk's salary by \$ 1.00 per hour effective October 1, 2000 (Jarman, Kniser 6-0).

It was decided to reserve a table for eight at a cost of \$ 275 for the upcoming Taste of the Holiday, a March of Dimes function (Jarman, Beck 6-0). The festival will be held at the Collinsville Gateway Center on November 9, 2000.

The annual Park Board Christmas dinner will be held on November 3, 2000 at the Galaxy Restaurant in Alhambra.

Personnel:

A lengthy discussion concerning the position of recreation director followed. Greenfield stated that he thought that no one person could work successfully with both the TBSL and Soccer Club. He stated that continuing what we are now doing will not work. We need to go forward and completely take over both programs or "back off" and let both groups be autonomous.

Fuesting also stated that he felt that no one can make the present situation work. He agreed with Greenfield.

Beck and Simpson stated that if the groups become autonomous, they must pay for their own utilities, lights and insurance. We will provide them a place to play, trash removal, and restroom facilities. Select teams must pay a fee to play plus the cost of the lights they might use.

Woodring stated that the soccer club still must pay the board the money they owe for the recreational director.

Simpson established a committee comprising of Simpson, Beck, and Kniser to establish guidelines for the clubs to follow if they are made autonomous.

Greenfield suggested a third possibility – that is to make the program work as it was planned. He stated that would be a very big job for the recreation director, but possible. He would want to know if both boards think Fuesting can do the job. It will require 100% commitment on the recreation director's part. Beck stated that he would also like to see it work.

Woodring had to leave at 10:26.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:27 (Kniser, Wise, 5-0).