

Tri-Township Park District
Commissioners Meeting
Recessed Meeting
Wiesemeyer Center

February 21, 2001

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 by President Simpson. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call:

Present were commissioners Beck, Jarman, Kniser, Patterson (arrived at 7:13), Simpson, Wise, and Woodring. Also present were Director Greenfield, Recreation Director Fuesting, Camp Director Jill Greenfield, and bookkeeper Roady.

Review of the minutes:

The minutes of the meetings held on January 10, 2001 and January 20, 2001 were read and approved.

Treasurer's report:

The treasurer's report showing a balance of \$459,353.02 was examined and approved (Beck, Wise 7-0).

Communications:

Several items of communication were listed and discussed by Greenfield. Noted in particular were the Madison County Solid Waste Grant application due by April 6, 2001, a notice from the County Clerk concerning the ballot, and a notification that the Scag mower has been recalled. All items are available for the commissioners.

Citizens requesting to be on the agenda:

Phil Loethom, a representative for the Citizens for Better Government, was given fifteen minutes to present his opinion concerning the proposed sports mall. Following that fifteen minutes was allotted for citizens in attendance to ask questions about the proposal. Following this, a short recess was taken to allow people who wished to leave to exit the building.

A representative of Bender Presentations made a presentation to the Board concerning preparing and hosting a web site for the park. Simpson assigned Jarman and Kniser to review the proposal and report to the Board.

Friends of the Park:

The group will begin their Dollar Donation fund raiser soon.

Day Camp report:

Camp Director Greenfield reported on camp needs for the upcoming season. These needs include storage facilities to be built in the Wiesemeyer Center and some new equipment. She estimated the cost to be \$8,959.72. She also suggested that \$10,000.00 of

the funds in the camp fund be transferred to our new football program. Her suggests were approved (Kniser, Beck 7-0).

Summer camp will start on about June 5, 2001 and continue through the second week of August.

Recreation Director's report:

About 360 children have registered for TBSL at this time. There may be another day of registration. Select teams will use the diamond on Thursday/Saturday nights and Sunday afternoons and evenings.

Work is still being done in getting cost to get new lights for the diamonds.

As soon as the weather allows diamond #4 will be reseeded and the scoreboard will be installed. Likewise dugouts or shelters will be installed at diamonds 2, 3, 5, and 6.

Terry Ball, the TBSL representative, was here for the first part of the meeting but left during the recess, so could not make any additional report.

Fuesting is also awaiting more information concerning obtaining lighting from Granite City and Highland to light fields 3 - 6. Dean McPeak, the Soccer League representative, expressed his concern about the light.

Fuesting reported that the football program is coming along well. Papers are being filed with the state. Cost estimates for equipment are being prepared.

Director's report:

Greenfield is reviewing the budget for the remainder of this fiscal year and for the first part of the next fiscal year. He is also preparing the "Illinois First Grant" information.

The outdoor restrooms are being upgraded. We will seek bids for some new restrooms.

We are also seeking bids for new equipment, pavilions, and materials for walking trails for the new park.

Eagle Scout projects are still in progress.

Greenfield noted that the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) becomes effective March 1, 2001. He also distributed a wage and benefit package proposal scheduled to be reviewed at our March 14 meeting. He is working toward hiring seasonal employees. Also noted was that Mike Bess will have knee surgery on March 29 and will be out for at least six weeks.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:48 (Beck, Woodring 7-0).