Tri-Township Park District Commissioners Meeting Wiesemeyer Center May 1, 2001



Starting at 7:10 Barbara Wright, who had previously been sworn in as Park Commissioner, began swearing in the other four new commissioners. The swearing in took place outside the building near the lake. Sworn in were Phil Loethen, Terry Ball, Todd Moore, and Randy Wiesemeyer.

Meeting was called to order inside at 7:23 by President Simpson. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and introduction of new commissioners. Also introduced were all park employees.

Day Camp Director Jill Greenfield reported that camp will begin on June 4. Currently we have 16 paid staff members and 16 volunteers.

Loethen informed the board about meetings he has attended concerning new grants for the park. He feels we can obtain a matching grant for up to \$400,000. Possibly our original Illinois Funds Grant can be used as our match. He has contacted a person who claims to have a good success rate at obtaining such grants. He is willing to write our grant for us for a fee of about \$2,500. He is to pursue with this project (Wright, Wiesemeyer 7-0).

Loethen also sought permission to have our attorney write a letter to the company that was hired to raise funds for the new recreation complex. In this letter they are going to be asked to refund \$40,000 of their fees because they had no success. This was approved (Wiesemeyer, Ball 7-0). Attorney Cain is also to be asked to write a letter to the firm of Ballard and King who did the feasibility study asking for \$15,000 to be refunded because of some errors in their study (Ball, Wright 7-0).

Loethen asked Greenfield to explain the evolution of the "Swimming Pool Fund" from its inception to its current status. Greenfield explained how the park eventually gained control of the money and that it is in our general fund today.

Loethen stated that a complete physical inventory of all park equipment had high priority.

Loethen suggested that any letter written to the park should have a written response within fourteen days. It was agreed to write an ordinance to the effect.

Loethen expressed some concerns regarding the recently passed ordinance allowing spending limits for the Park Director and commissioners. No action was taken on this issue.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 (Wright, Wiesemeyer 7-0).