

Tri-Township Park District
Board Meeting
Wednesday Nov 14, 2001

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Meeting called to order by Phil at 7:03.

Roll call - Randy, Phil, Terry, Barb
Absent - Todd, Norm, Louie

Approve Oct 16, 2001 minutes (Randy/Terry) 4-0-0

Motion to unseal Executive Session minutes Terry/Barb 4-0-0;
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Todd arrives 7:07

Reviewed correspondence - One letter was from the Times Tribune regarding a seasons greetings advertisement. Barb/Randy motion to purchase a seasons greetings ad for \$37.44 (5-0-0). Phil read a note from Barb Wright, thanking the board for a plant while she was in the hospital.

Citizens on the agenda -

Joe Barth - Audit report. Joe did not show up.

Donnie Ballard - Presented a letter (attached) and requested use of the large baseball field for next summer. Terry Ball will review and be prepared at next month's meeting.

Norm arrives 7:15

Thank you notes -

Precision Landscaping for the flower bed

Plumbers Union - Phil mentioned that a thank you note written to the union in July had not been mailed due to the fact that the work had not been finished at that time. Randy/Todd motion to send a thank you note with next year free.
6-0

Dave Roady gave the treasurer report (attached to these minutes). Motion to approve Terry/Todd 6-0.

Louie arrives 7:30

Motion to approve paying the bills (attached) Randy/Terry - roll call vote 7-0

The Park Director presented his report (attached). In addition quotes have been received several quotes for entrance signs to the park. The Ground Committee was given the quotes and will make a recommendation.

Friends of the Park - Laura Wise had been requested to attend the meeting, but had sent a letter saying she would not be able to attend (attached). She invited the board members the Friends of the Park Meeting on Dec. 6th. Phil said he would attend their Dec 6th meeting. Several members of Friends of the Park were at the meeting, over the years the organization has bought tether balls for the park, and this year some balls were purchased. It was reported by Mary Ann Barkley that the organization has not completed the 510C3 paperwork for a not-for-profit organization. Phil paraphrased a chronological report of the events surrounding Laura Wise and her attempt to oppose the OSLAD park grant. The chronological report is attached to these minutes.

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Day Camp report - The director was not at the meeting. Tim advised the commissioners that she should be at the next board meeting. Phil advised Tim Greenfield that we need a recommendation on rates for the next year, and the park should consider different rates for out of district residents.

TBSL report was given by Terry Ball. Terry said that despite the elimination of the Athletic Director position, the TBSL has decided not to lower their rates. Instead they want to donate \$10,000 to the park to construct dugouts on the ball fields. Tim Greenfield said he would get some plans and ideas for some dugouts.

TSC - Jeff Hewett gave the report, Saturday is the last day for games. The board was invited to the awards banquet on Saturday, Nov 17th at the Middle School.

Financial Report - Phil

Hurst-Rosche Status - Outside Engineering work is complete and the park should have a report, drawings, and cost estimates by the end of November.

Phil explained that at a previous meeting, after opening up sealed bids, the park had agreed to sell a 1989 GMC Dump Truck to Dale Graperhaus. Unfortunately, that decision had never made the minutes of the meeting. An ordinance was signed 2001-8 selling the truck, but there was already a 2001-8 ordinance, therefore the solution was to write another ordinance 2001-9 that sells the truck. Motion to approve ordinance 2001-9 (Terry/Todd) roll call vote 7-0

Compensation Ordinance - Compensation Ordinance 2001-02 was passed that took affect on April 1. This ordinance gave employees raises on April 1, and raises for the next two years. Ordinance 2001-10 was written as a replacement to 2001-02. Ordinance 2001-10 took out all future years of compensation and references to the Athletic Director position. The recommendation of the Finance Committee was to pass Ordinance 2001-10 and then to repeal Ordinance 2001-02 with Ordinance 2001-11.

Tim Greenfield asked to address the board, Tim presented the board with some financial projections that he said showed the park board was in "good financial" shape. Louie Simpson then presented the board with some survey results that he said were wages paid to other park districts. Terry asked Louie

how big were each of these districts, and what was there tax base. Tim said the board should keep good people by offering competitive wages. Terry asked Tim if anyone has left the park due to wages. Tim responded that no one has left. Phil said "wage increases should be tied to job performance. Repealing 2001-2 doesn't necessarily mean that people aren't going to get raises." Louie/Todd made the motion to table the discussion.

Roll call vote for (Louie, Randy, Todd, Norm)
against (Phil, Terry, Barb)
Discussion tabled.

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Louie

Loan re-financing - Phil explained that he had meetings with the Bank of Edwardsville and the Illinois Rural Bond Bank. Phil recommended that the park re-finance the loan with the Bank of Edwardsville at 5% for 19 years. Louie/Terry made the motion for Phil to pursue that option Roll call vote 7-0.

Tax Levy - Phil passed out a chart with some of the various levy options and began to explain the process. Louie/Norm made the motion to pass the levy passed on the assumption of the EAV being \$178,000,000.

Roll call vote
YES - Louie, Norm
Opposed - Randy, Phil, Terry, Barb
Abstain - Todd
Motion failed

Louie made the motion to pass a levy assuming \$176,000,000 EAV. No second on the motion. Motion died.

Phil told the commissioners that the Jarvis Township EAV rose 9.3%, assuming the park district would follow suit our EAV for 2001 should be around \$173,500,000 and the finance committee recommended a levy of \$370,000. This would be based on an EVA of \$174,000,000. Due to the fact that our social security, audit, and IMRF levies will be lower we will be assured of giving the voters a reduced tax rate. This will be the first time in six years that the park has reduced the tax rate. Motion to levy \$370,000 Todd/Louie roll call vote 7-0. The additional tax dollars will represent an increase of 6.48%, and a notice will have to be placed in the local newspaper with taxpayers having an opportunity to contest at the next board meeting in December.

Terry/Randy made the motion that Phil writes an article for the newspaper, explaining the tax rate.

Yes - Louie, Randy, Phil, Terry, Todd
No - Barb and Norm
Motion passed.

Web Page - Phil tells the commissioners that he started writing a web page. There is no cost to the park. The idea was discussed with the TBSL and they are consider sign-ups on the web. TSC is not sure of on-line sign-ups. Phil

has set up 4 email accounts (Park, TBSL, TSC, and Day Camp). Randy/Todd made the motion for Phil to proceed with the web page. 7-0

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Phil*

Phil reported on his trip to Chicago for the legal symposium, and recommended that perhaps it would be beneficial every two years.

Phil reported that several of the OSLAD grant books are missing. Norm has one and said he will be returning the book.

Lights on the ball field - at the last park board meeting, it was reported that lights were being installed on the ball field next to the Lee Leonard building. The grounds and athletic committee chairmen were not aware of this work was being done. Phil reported that he had talked to Tim Greenfield about this and the lights were being installed for the Titans football practice. The lights belong to the Lions Club, and the wiring had been donated. The consensus of the board was that they want to be informed when anything new is being done at the park.

9:30 Barb prepares to leave the meeting - Louie interrupts and gives each commissioner a personnel manual. Louie informs the board the Personnel committee recommends approval of this manual. The commissioners will review and discuss at the next meeting.

9:30 Louie and Barb leave the meeting

Athletic Report - Terry Ball

There was some discussion about contracts for TBSL, TSC, and all sports organizations that use the park. The contracts are to be signed by all of the coaches and should detail inappropriate behavior that will not be tolerated in the park. Terry agreed to have coaches contracts prepared for review by the next board meeting.

Terry reported that he has not completed the Chamber of Commerce Newsletter article.

Terry re-iterated the TBSL offer to pay \$10,000 for building dugouts.

Grounds - Todd

Scoreboard is working!

Bunker toilets have leaks, but the water has been turned off for the winter. Todd will call the plumbers and remind them of the problem, so it can be fixed in the spring.

Terry Taake will be at the park tomorrow to work on the hole in the soccer field. Phil suggested a motion sensor light be installed outside the park office.

Insurance - Norm

Insurance rate are continuing to increase. It was reported that in 1998 the park levied \$20,954 for insurance, in 2001 the levy will be \$40,800. Norm believes that it's not out of line. Norm said that he thinks it would cost over \$400,000 to replace the Lee Leonard building.

Special Events - Barb
No report

Personnel and Safety - Louie
No report

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Beautification - Randy

The pine trees on the soccer field were discussed. One tree has been trimmed. The questions was should the remaining trees also be trimmed. A straw poll was conducted and a majority of the commissioners felt the trees should not be trimmed.

Log Cabin - will be moved to behind the fence near the Lee Leonard building.

Randy reported that there doesn't appear to have been any work done on the new trail for several weeks.

The flower bed work is complete. Randy asked if the board should close the account at the Market Basket. The board decided just to leave the account open.

Randy also commented that the ditch on the west side of lake road, across from the office is holding a lot of water and probably should be cleaned out.

Public Information Officer - Randy
No report

Motion to adjourn to Executive Session 9:55 Terry/Todd 5-0

Re-convened from Executive session at 10:40

Todd left the executive session meeting at 10:25

Randy/Terry made the motion to reduce Mary Kmetz hours to 32 hours per week until further notice. Roll call vote.

Phil, Randy, Terry, Norm - YES

Motion passed.

10:45 Motion to adjourn Randy/Norm . 4-0

Minutes respectfully submitted by Phil Loethen, President