

Tri-Township Park Board Meeting
Park Board House
Apr. 10, 2002

Approved
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Meeting called to order at 7:00 by Phil

Roll call: Phil, Terry, Barb, Randy, Todd, Louie, and Norm

Also in attendance; Tim Greenfield and Dave Roady

Motion to approve Apr. 13 minutes Randy/Terry

Ayes: Randy, Phil, Terry, Norm, Barb, and Todd Abstain: Louie

Correspondence –

Received a thank-you note from Friends of the Park for free use of Pavilion #1

Received a letter from Cody Courter suggesting we should have paddleboats in the lake.

Received a letter from Charles Murphree asking us to keep the day camp in the park.

Received a thank-you note from the American Legion for use of the park for their Easter egg hunt.

Citizens on the agenda -

The Board recognized Eagle Scout candidate DJ Miller. DJ's project would deal with the retirement of old flags. His program would begin with Memorial Day and run until Flag Day. He will use kettles at the War Memorial to properly dispose of old American flags.

Motion: Allow DJ to have his flag ceremony at the War Memorial and dispose of flags. Barb/Louie
7-0 Ayes

The Board recognized Rich Miller. Rich presented a VFW plan for Memorial Day. Rich began by saying that the VFW would collect the old flags for DJ Miller. The VFW has no major plans for Memorial Day at this time. They will plan on having a color guard and Rich will work with the VFW to develop additional plans. Barb agreed to coordinate this under "special activities".

Dave Roady gave the treasurer report. **ATTACHED**

Dave explained that the fiscal year ran April 2001 to March 2002 and the report was the fiscal year end. There was a surplus of \$76,061.

Motion to approve Todd/Louie 7-0 Ayes

The bills were reviewed. **ATTACHED**

Motion: Pay the March bills Louie/Randy 7-0 Ayes

Park Superintendent Report – Tim **ATTACHED**

Tim covered his activities for the month. Suggested that CPR training and certification was needed again to stay current.

Motion: Send Tim, Craig, and Mary for CPR training and certification. Cost is \$10 per person
Todd/Norm 7-0 Ayes

Motion: Accept Superintendent Report Terry/Todd 7-0 Ayes

Friends of the Park – Darrel Hampstead spoke for FOP. They are interested in raising funds for a gazebo approximately 25 to 30 ft in diameter. They are looking for our approval before beginning fundraising.

Motion: West side of Wiesemeyer center would be location of gazebo. Randy/Todd 7-0 Ayes

Terry mentioned that Laura Wise had recently attended a Kiwanis club meeting and said that FOP was working with their lawyer to change their charter so as to allow them to spend funds they have raised on things outside the park. Terry requested a written response from FOP on what their intentions are for the funds they have raised on behalf of the park for the past three years and are continuing to raise. Darrell agreed to request this response from FOP.

Day Camp status - Phil presented the intergovernmental contract that had been received from the School Board, and reviewed and approved by Dick Cain. **SEE ATTACHED.** Louie questioned whether we would be liable for

losses incurred by the school. Norm said that he had talked to Mike Loftus and that would not be the case. Terry said that the contract simply stated that the park agreed to allow the school to use the park. Louie also mentioned that he believed we did not carry enough insurance to cover the kids that the school would bring to the park. Phil explained that only two grades would attend day camp at the park. Louie asked what we do about busloads of other school kids being brought to the park. Terry asked how that was different to any other day and what that had to do with the Day Camp contract.

Motion: Accept Day Camp contract as written. Terry/Randy 6-1 Ayes Louie was the no vote.

TBSL Report – Terry. Terry reported that 736 kids had registered to date. The season began Apr 1. Phil questioned why TBSL was not charging a late fee, as the daily late signups that continue to come into the park office are quite time consuming. Terry agreed to communicate this idea to the TBSL. Terry requested that the portable Teeball backstop be moved into position on Diamond #1. Tim said that it was on his list of to-dos.

TSC Report – Steve West. Signups are to be 4/20 and 4/24. Steve asked why the soda machines by the soccer concession stand were removed. Phil explained that the machines were maintained and stocked by park personnel and were turning no profit. Randy also mentioned that the machine had been vandalized. Steve said that it would be nice to have a soda machine for practice season for the kids to get a drink. This would be the four weeks from early August to early September.

Financial – Phil said that he had negotiated with ATT and Ameritech to reduce our long distance rates down from nine cents a minute to six cents per minute. This is in contrast the 54 cents a minute it had been being charged in the past. Phil also mentioned that he was investigating several options for dropping an additional phone line and also looking into Charter Internet cable. Discussion tabled for further investigation. Phil said that he has learned the park has an Internet domain name. Former Commissioner Kevin Woodring had established a domain name for the Park about two years ago. The Park paid for this. Kevin informed Tim Greenfield that the \$35 annual renewal bill had come to him and he had paid it. Tim said that Kevin would sell us the Park domain name for \$235. Terry said that if Mr. Woodring was attempting to sell the park something it already owned that this was fraudulent and bordered on theft. The Board discussed and decided Mr. Woodring could keep the domain name he had paid the bill for.

Local Government award – Dave Roady has given Phil paperwork necessary to apply for an award recognizing excellence in local government. The application is due May 1st. Phil wanted direction from the Board on how to proceed.

Motion: Phil should apply for the award. Barb/Todd 7-0 Ayes

Madison County Community Development Grant - This grant is for up to \$125,000. Phil had IMPACT assess the Wiesemeyer Center for handicapped accessibility. **SEE ATTACHED.**

Motion: Proceed and go for all necessities, as determined by committee of Phil and Todd, to ensure handicapped accessibility and improve the Wiesemeyer Center up to \$120,000 Louie/Todd 7-0 Ayes

The grant requires a public meeting and the senior's have a dinner planned for May 2nd. We will plan on having the public meeting at this dinner to meet the requirements of the grant.

Hurst-Rosche status - Bills have been received for \$15,215 so far. These can be paid as soon as we receive a signed contract from the DNR.

Motion: Pay these bills as soon as DNR contract is received. Norm/Todd 7-0 Ayes

Received bid from HR for contract for the 2nd phase of engineering is \$27,000. This is for Sewer, water, surveying, topographical, etc. for the 32 acres.

Motion: Accept Bid from HR for \$27,000 Randy/Todd 7-0 Ayes

DCCA Grant – Dick Cain has notified us that his opinion is that we can now take possession of the \$55,000 DCCA money.

Motion: Take the \$55,000 available from DCCA. Norm/Randy 7-0 Ayes

Note: This DCCA money is earmarked for the new restroom facility located near the Lee Leonard building.

Mulch Grant - We have received an application for a grant that will allow us to receive up to \$4,000 worth of mulched up rubber tires to use in a playground. Tim noted that we have new wood chips in all playgrounds with the exception of the one located near the soccer concession stand. The physical size of this playground would indicate that in order to cover the entire area with the tire mulch, we would need to purchase an additional \$9,000 worth. Given that it is different that what we already have and that the expense to finish the playground was so high, it was the consensus of the board to not pursue this grant at this time but to communicate that we were definitely interested in this in the future.

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Tree Grant - Randy found a grant available from National Tree Trust that will give us from 300 to 1,000 trees. Conditions are that trees must be planted and maintained by volunteer labor and a report on the trees must be communicated back for two years. After discussion, the consensus of the board was that this was too much to manage and to not pursue the grant.

Commissioner's Plaque - At the Mar 13 meeting, a motion was passed purchase plaques for up to \$200 each listing the names of all Park Board Commissioners and be placed in the Wiesemeyer Center and the park office. Phil suggested that we look at only doing one plaque for now.

Motion: Purchase plaque #1 for \$165 (Doesn't include engraving) and place in the Wiesemeyer center only. Barb/Norm 7-0 Ayes

Phil reminded all commissioners that they had either received or would be receiving a statement of economic interest from MarkVanIda and that these need to be completed and returned as soon as possible.

Phil said that he had recently attended a Kiwanis Club meeting. Laura Wise of FOP had apparently went to the Kiwanis recently and asked that they purchase seats for the newly installed dugouts. Given that we already have seats in the dugouts, Phil suggested to them that they donate money for dugouts and a backstop on a diamond on the new 32-acre development. Phil suggested to our board that possibly we could name the field for the Kiwanis. Phil has received a quote for \$6,800 from Anthony fencing to cover this purchase. Darrell Hampstead, who works closely with Kiwanis was in attendance and agreed to take this quote back to them. Randy then expressed concern over the naming of a field. He thought that the naming of park structures such as the Wiesemeyer Center and the Lee Leonard building reflected gratitude over a lifetime of work and service for the park and that we should respect that tradition in future naming. Randy suggested a sign at the diamond stating something like "Donated by Troy Kiwanis".

On that same topic, Phil said that he has been made aware that an apparent agreement had been made in years gone by to name Pavilion #8 after Oscar Gindler. Tim stated that the Lions Club was looking into this and he would follow up on this topic and report back to the park.

Phil noted that we had to purchase a one-month health insurance policy for Craig to cover him during April until his new Right Choice policy took effect in May.

Phil brought to the board's attention that historically, the Park Board recognizes all recipients of the Eagle Scout rank with a certificate and a pocketknife. Since taking office in May of 2001, the new board was unaware of that tradition and had not been recognizing the achievements of the eagle scouts. Phil said that he would work on having a meeting to invite all eagle scouts from the past year to recognize their achievements and present them with their certificates and their pocketknives.

Phil stated that the free public use policy in place for the park was written to say, for example, boy scouts, girl scouts, etc... This policy does not recognize a distinction for similar groups out of the physical Park District.

Motion: Rewrite policy to include the words "Tri-township Park District before all organizations being granted free use. Randy/Todd 7-0 Ayes

Phil said that there was nothing in the pavilion policy to reflect how we treat the possibility of refunds in case of inclement weather. Comments were made that we cannot control the weather and that we do not charge more for good weather. Phil suggested leaving the policy alone. The consensus of the board was agreement with that recommendation.

Phil informed the board that we had received the tax levy. It totaled \$169,900,000. At our tax rate of 21.38 cents per \$1,000, this will equate to a tax rate reduction of 2.5%.

Phil reported that Mary had made copies of all park board minutes since the inception of the park district and that a copy of these through the year 2,000 was now on hand at the Troy Library. Minutes for 2001 and 2002 are available on the park Internet website.

Phil said that he would be out of the park office from April 23 to May 5.

Athletics - Terry. The baseball diamonds are being worked and need to be neutralized to keep the weeds down. Terry asked if park personnel could accomplish this. Louie and Tim both said that only licensed chemical handlers could do this.

Motion: Contract with Bergmann Taylor to have the diamonds neutralized. Louie/Todd 7-0 Ayes
Terry mentioned that a bank of lights on diamond #4 were still out. Phil took a few minutes to explain and draw a diagram of the wiring on the big diamond and what was causing the bank to not work. He explained that the diamond had recently been rewired differently from its original configuration and that the one bank of lights not working had been disconnected. He suggested that splicing one wire would solve the problem.

Motion: Don't expand cage at this time - hook new wire to pole #1 and splice into old wire to get power to the affected bank of lights. Randy/Terry 7-0 Ayes

Norm asked for a recommendation from the board relative to the Troy Titans practicing in the park. Terry agreed to look into this and bring a recommendation to the next meeting.

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Norm also mentioned that the Troy Titans were having signups in the park and that the date scheduled had seen conflicts. Apparently the Wisemeyer Center and Pavilion #1 had already been rented out for the Titans signup date.

Motion: Allow the Troy Titans free use of Pavilion #8 and if needed, the Lee Leonard building under the supervision of Norm Beck for their signups. Randy/Barb 7-0 Ayes

Insurance – Norm. Norm mentioned that Phil had been handling the recent insurance surveys and paperwork and noted that Phil had placed his own name on the insurance survey as point of contact. Norm wanted to know if that was because Phil was in the park office every day and working on insurance or if it were for some other reason. Phil assured Norm that it was simply because of his availability and his involvement and that he would gladly let Norm handle any and all insurance matters going forward. Norm said that Phil should keep working on insurance.

Special Events – Barb. Barb requested that everyone give her suggestions and ideas on what we should do for Memorial Day. Barb agreed to begin scheduling bands for concerts in the park.

Personnel and Safety – Louie. We have received a suggestion from a young man to have paddleboats on the lake in the park. Louie asked Norm to look into this from an insurance perspective and said we would talk about this again at the next months meeting.

Beautification – Randy. Randy reported that we are waiting on the Lions Club for a response on our suggestions for entrance signs to the park. Memorial park benches are due to arrive this Friday. They will be assembled and placed. We need to notify the folks who purchased them that they will be in the park.

9:45 PM Motion: go to executive session. Louie/Norm 7-0 Ayes

10:15 PM Reconvene from executive session.

Motion: Hire Roger Gum as a temporary summer employee at \$7.50 per hour. Louie/Randy 7-0 Ayes

Motion: Accept job description as written for Park Superintendent position **SEE ATTACHED**

Terry/Randy 4-1-2

Norm is No vote. Louie and Todd abstained

10:20 PM

Motion to adjourn Randy/Norm 7-0

Respectfully submitted by

Terry Ball, Secretary

Phil
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