

Tri-Township Park Board Meeting
Wiesemeyer Center
Feb. 12, 2002

Approved
3/13/02
Curt

Meeting called to order at 7:00 by Phil

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

Also in attendance; Tim Greenfield and Dave Roady

Todd arrives 7:05

Motion to approve Jan.28 minutes Barb/Norm

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

Phil advises the commissioners that there will be two changes to the agenda – the thank you item and the day camp item will be moved up in the agenda, due to time constraints.

Randy requests that Thank You notes be sent to all Gov't entities and organizations that wrote letters to the DNR in support of the OSLAD Grant request. Phil agreed to write.

The Board recognized Ray Hicks for his efforts in helping us request and obtain the OSLAD Grant. He was presented with a Plaque and handshakes.

Phil brought up the subject of the Daycamp. He stated that most if not all Commissioners had had an opportunity to meet with Mike Loftus and or the School Board to hear there presentation on merging the programs and letting the School run the Daycamp. He then suggested that each Commissioner take a minute and present their feelings on the topic

Terry: Said that after four successful years of the Park Daycamp, there was a public expectation/need for the program to continue. The Park invests \$75,000 or more each year to fund the program and then, if successful, breaks even. The School can provide the program to the public with no financial risk to the Park

Louie: Said that he felt that it was too late a date to be combining the programs. We should keep the program in the Park

Norm: Said that he had met with Mike Loftus and that he was impressed by both Mike and the School Daycamp program. It would be good to combine them. However, this would be a big change, so to avoid change he would have to vote to have the Park keep the Daycamp.

Barb: Said that she had met with Mike Loftus. She felt the School had better facilities. Concerned that the Daycamp size and attendance had outgrown the Park facilities. Didn't believe it was too late to make the change.

Todd: Said that the Park had a good thing going right now with the Daycamp. He felt that if we changed, we would need a longer transition time.

Randy: Said that he was pleased that the School would extend their program to 10 weeks to match that of the Park. There was a reasonable expectation that the School District would hire qualified Park Daycamp employees. Felt that the time frame question would be an issue for the School District to deal with. The combination would be a benefit to the community.

Phil: Said that the School Board program impressed him. Also impressed with the high caliber of our program. Concerned that we do not have the facilities to deal with extreme

heat, tornadoes, etc. Noted that we would need to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the School to merge the programs.

Phil

Motion to enter in an intergovernmental agreement with the School District and combine the Daycamps to be run by the School Board. Terry/Randy

Ayes: Randy, Phil, Terry, and Barb

Nays: Norm, Todd, and Louie

Phil to notify School Board of the vote.

Correspondence –

Phil advised the commissioners that the Park received a Thank You note from Mayor Tom Caraker for use of the Wiesemeyer Center. *ATTACHED*

The Park received a Freedom of Information request from Laura wise requesting info on the surveys used to collect information for the OSLAD grant. Phil also noted that the request was now missing from the Park office. The Board recommended that Phil provide any and all information relative to the surveys to Laura and noted that this was not the first time she had requested this information.

Dave Roady gave the treasurer report. *ATTACHED* \$427,087 in total assets. 10 months into the year, there is \$99,483 still remaining available to offset the original budget of \$342,696. Motion to approve Barb/Louie 7-0 Ayes

Norm left the meeting at 7:25

The bills were reviewed.

Phil commented that the bill for the culvert replacement was \$1,990. Tim had ordered 3 pieces of pipe to replace the original 4. The plan was to extend the wider culvert and cover with fill dirt that we already have. Randy requested that the culvert be installed so that water would be drawn to the lake.

Motion: Go with Tim's recommendation and install 3 sections of culvert and use Terry Taake to install. Todd/Louie 6-0 Ayes

Motion to accept and pay the bills: Todd/Louie 6-0

Phil reported that according to the minutes the gates will be reopened 3/15/02

Park Superintendent Report – Tim

Tim to get a price to "deweed" the ball diamond infields.

Tim to get quotes for purchasing a power washer. 2,500 PSI minimum.

Terry requested that the bases and pitching rubbers be place on the diamonds by April 1.

Tim asked for basepath lengths and pitching rubber distances by diamonds. Terry agreed to provide this information.

Motion to accept report: Barb/Randy 6-0

Todd left at 8:00

TBSL Report – Terry Ball

Terry reported that the TBSL was almost through with signups and that 550 kids had registered to date.

Financial – Phil

Web Page updated for rentals, picture of Wiesemeyer center, rates, and forms. The Board asked Phil to research Web domain names.

Hurst-Rosche – Phil told the commissioners that the prebid meeting had been held and was attended by one contractor. Phil shared with the commissioners a list of changes and points of clarification that were discussed and agreed to at the meeting.

Phil

Phil told the commissioners that he had received a call from the DNR, and he was told to hold off on the bidding process. Phil will attend a meeting in Springfield next Wednesday on how to proceed with the bids.

Phil also talked to the commissioners about the possibility of consolidating eight electrical meters (current) down to as few as possible.

Louie questioned why the sewer lines run up to diamond #5 and across to the restroom with two 90 degree turns instead of at an angle. Phil agreed to investigate and report back to the Commissioners.

Phil told the commissioners that Hurst-Rosche had suggested combining the two sewer line efforts (Collinsville Road and Riffin Road). The bidding on the two combined projects should be a benefit by capturing some economies of scale.

Requesting revised prints from HR that will include all change requests and items missing from original request.

Chamber auction to be held 3/15/02. Motion: Let Chamber have upper and lower levels of Wiesemeyer Center Randy/Barb 5-0 Ayes

Louie Meyer farming of 32 acres. Motion: Keep NE quarter of property set-aside for construction of roads, sewer and water lines. Terry/Randy
Ayes: Randy, Phil, Terry, Barb, Todd
Nays: Louie

Conference phone. Phil mentioned that he had concerns about the board policy of electronic meetings. He mentioned that he was unaware of any other government organization that allows elected officials to participate and vote in meetings via conference call. Louie stated that it has never been a problem in the past. It was suggested that IPARKs law says that it is legal but a quorum must be present at the meeting. Several questions were then raised as to why Commissioners must be present to be considered a quorum and yet can vote without being there.

Motion: Commissioners must be present to vote at meeting. Barb/Terry
Ayes: Phil, Barb
Nays: Terry, Louie, Randy

Phil agreed to research the ordinance.

Athletics – Terry Ball

The TBSL has agreed to pay for the construction and installation of dugouts on Diamonds #5, 3, and 2. There will be a 3” concrete floor. The cost of the project is not to exceed \$10,000.

Insurance – Phil

Phil

Phil currently is reviewing an insurance survey. Looking at the possibility of raising deductible from \$250 to \$500 or even \$1,000. Need to make a decision by 4/11. Phil agreed to investigate the cost ramifications and to share with the Commissioners at the next meeting.

Special Events – Barb

Lifeline screening to take place 2/13 at Wiesemeyer Center. Barb requested opening the Park gates for this event.

Motion: Open gates on day of Lifeline screening one hour prior to and then closing upon done. Barb/Terry

Ayes: Phil, Barb, Randy, and Terry

Nays: Louie

Personnel & Safety – Louie

Nothing to report

Beautification – Randy

Randy presented examples of memorial park benches. Supplier found in St. Louis. Cost - \$253.50 Shipping - \$133 for four benches Lettering - \$10 setup fee and then \$.50 per letter.

Motion: Proceed with Cedar colored slats and black legs. Randy/Terry 5-0 Ayes

Motion: Park will purchase five memorial benches when \$100 deposits are received.

Price to be \$350 Randy/Terry 5-0 Ayes

9:15 Louie leaves

Girl Scouts looking for a volunteer project in the Park in March. Tim will coordinate something for them in the Petting Zoo.

Randy noted that the Founders Memorial looks really bad. Rusted and weathered. Tim will work at cleaning it up.

9:20 Motion to go to executive session. Randy/Barb. 4-0 Ayes

9:25 Meeting reconvened from executive session

Motion: Mary to receive applicable IMRF (1,000 hours) if she meets the criteria/requirements of the program Randy/Terry 4-0 Ayes

Noted that Mary works eight hours a day on Tuesday and Wednesday and takes a half-hour lunch. In order to be consistent with working requirements for Craig, Mary will need to work an 8-½ hour day with a half-hour lunch or get paid for 7 ½ hours.

Phil agreed to discuss with Mary.

9:45 Motion to adjourn Terry/Randy 4-0

Respectfully submitted by

Terry Ball, Secretary