

Tri-Township Park Board Meeting
Special Meeting
Jan. 28, 2002

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Phil

Meeting called to order at 7:00 by Phil

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Also in attendance; Tim Greenfield and Dave Roady

Motion to approve Jan. 9 minutes Randy/Terry

Discussion: Louie said, "I haven't had time to read them. I just read my email and learned of the meeting. I had 15 emails."

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

Nays:

Abstain: Louie

Motion to approve Jan. 9 Executive Session Terry/Randy

Discussion: Randy provides Louie with a hard copy of the January meeting.

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

Nays:

Abstain: Louie

Motion to unseal Nov. 14, 2001, Dec. 12, 2001, Jan. 2, 2002, and Jan. 9, 2002

Randy/Barb

Discussion:

Louie asked, "What was in the November 14 minutes?" Phil provides Louie with a hard copy of the minutes.

Louie asked why were these minutes sealed, the commissioners responded that it was an executive session meeting discussing personnel matters.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

The chair then recognized Aaron Lammer, a Troop 91 Eagle Scout. Aaron advised the commissioners that he would like to build and install blue birdhouses in the park. The birdhouses would be installed on poles. Phil commented that if he wished to install houses on trees, not to drive nails into the trees.

Randy/Todd motion; "To allow Aaron to do his thing." 6 - 0

Louie/Randy motion to ask Aaron to return to the board with a material cost list, for the board to consider. 6 - 0

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IAPD Conference/OSLAD and grant

Phil provided the commissioners with a letter (attached) from Brent Manning of the Department of Natural Resources. The parks OSLAD grant request of \$367,100 was approved. Phil then told the commissioners about the conference and how he learned of the grant award from John Comerio. Phil had brought a bottle of wine to the meeting and the commissioners and several audience members had a toast to the Park's success.

Phil suggested that next year a different commissioner attend the conference. He suggested the same format of driving up on Thursday, registering for the two day no frills package and returning on Saturday.

Bills for the Bunker Toilet

The commissioners then discussed some outstanding bills for repair of the bunker toilet. Outstanding bills (\$2,510) from A& H Mechanical for the new bathroom plumbing fixtures, and a bill (\$2,200) from M.J. Products for bathroom partitions were presented. The discussion was that these bills could have been applied to the grant, but the vendors have been very patient with the park. Phil commented the bill for the partitions did not include labor. Phil told the commissioners that there would be some paperwork to do before we can start spending some of the grant money. Phil told the commissioners, that he would keep them informed on the status of the paperwork via email. Louie replied, "Your email ain't worth a shit". Todd/Louie made the motion to pay these two bills (\$4,710) 6-0.

Todd discussed that another bill for \$1,224 from MPM Mechanics. This is for the new outside doors to the bathrooms. Todd said these are stock doors, in inventory, and they don't need to be paid for at this time.

Department of Community Affairs Grant –

Phil advised the commissioners that he had information and had discussions with someone at Madison County and someone from IMPACT, regarding a grant for the Wiesemeyer Building. The restrooms, on the first floor, are not ADA compliant. The grant maximum is \$125,000 with a 10% match.

Randy asked what else the grant could be used for. Phil responded that he didn't know and Randy asked him to "check it out." Phil asked the commissioners approval to continue researching the grant. No objections.

Thank you notes –

The board discussed thank you notes and asked Phil to send a thank you note to John Comerio, for his help with the OSLAD grant. The board discussed sending a thank you note to Ray Hicks. Phil informed the board that he had a plaque on order.

Randy brought up the topic of the memorial benches.

Phil informed the commissioners that he had seen a plastic bench at the conference in Chicago for \$225. The sales man estimated the engraving would add \$70 to the price. Shipping would also be additional. Phil recommended the bench to the board. He also informed the commissioners that he had discussed the bench with the other two people that are interested in contributing for their loved ones and they were interested in saving some money. Louie asked if Phil had a cost on shipping the benches. Louie suggested we find a local producer and we just pick up the benches and eliminate the shipping cost. Randy agreed to review the benches and make a recommendation. Phil gave Randy the brochures and the two checks that he had received.

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Day Camp Status –

Phil started by informing the commissioners of the meeting that he attended with Norm, Tracy Plagemann, and Heather Miller. The meeting was last week with Mike Loftus. Mike had discussed that the school was interested in further conversations concerning a combined school/park program. They believe the program would be an asset to the community. Tracy and Heather were asked to discuss this idea with the other park counselors and school personnel and to report back to Phil in the middle of the week.

Phil then recognized Heather Miller and asked Heather to update the board on their thoughts and comments. Heather said that they had thought about the school program and had decided that there wasn't enough time to organize a joint program and they recommended keeping the two programs separate and reconsider combing the camps next fall.

Louie/Todd motion "to run the camp as it did last year and review next fall".

Discussion: Phil commented that this topic wasn't on the agenda to vote on this evening. It was only suppose to be discussed. Randy pointed that on the agenda the topic was a status update. Terry commented that this should be approached as a business decision and that he wasn't prepared to make a decision tonight. He continued that by voting NO on the motion wasn't an indication that he was opposed to the park running the camp, he just wanted the facts, and he isn't prepared to make a decision. Heather had reported that the school had lost \$25,000 in the Day Camp. Barb responded that she didn't like the fact that the school had lost \$25,000.

Phil reported that the park camp lost \$608. Other soft cost would push this figure higher. Louie asked how he knew that? Phil told Louie that number had come from Dave Rody. Dave then responded that when you subtract out the payroll overhead (\$7,033) the camp lost \$608.

Phil summarized the differences in the two camps:

The school camp is only 6 week vs. the park 10-week camp, however the school recognizes the camp length would have to be extended to 10 weeks.

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The school pays considerably higher wages.

The school requires some education (4 hours a day). Phil went on that this is a very "laid back" approach, with no homework. Some of the early classes the teachers read to the students, and computer labs are available. Todd said his children go to the park camp and they don't want any more education. Randy responded that his children attend the school camp and they love it and they make straight A's.

The park has high school Jr. Counselors that are unpaid. The school pays their high school counselors but they don't hire any freshman. Heather and Phil disagreed on the pay rate for the school Jr. Counselors.

The school doesn't take any children from outside the school district. Phil went on to say that he sees this as a problem. The park camp takes kids from anywhere. If the park camp is at capacity children from inside the district are not being allowed into the camp. Another consideration was children on scholarships. Phil questioned are children outside the district getting scholarships? Louie responded that the state pays for the scholarships. At the school meeting Heather commented that she thinks only about 15 children are from outside the district.

The final difference in the camps was the fact that the school requires the campers to have completed kindergarten. The park takes 4 and 5 year olds. Phil suggested that if the park runs the camp this year they drop the four year olds so that next year if the school runs the camp, children that started the camp should have completed kindergarten and they would be eligible for the school camp.

Phil commented that the school seemed receptive to hiring most if not all of the park camp staff. Todd asked, "What if the school guarantees that none of the kids will be dropped"? Terry said there would still be a day camp at the park; the school will just manage it.

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

Motion did not pass

Phil then told the commissioners that he would contact the school and try to get another meeting set-up to discuss further plans. It was suggested that the entire board be present to listen and discuss at the next meeting.

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Hurst-Rosche meeting

Phil told the commissioners that the pre-bid meeting would be on Wednesday at 10:00 am.

Phil reported that Tim would try to determine the best method of getting electricity to the grinder station and restrooms. There was some discussion on why the electricity was not on the plans, and why it is being discussed as an after thought.

Louie said this isn't a good time to be getting bids. Randy disagreed.

Todd leaves the meeting at 8:30

Phil suggested that the water line should be optional. There is already a 2-inch water line in the park, at those locations. That is all that is required for these restrooms. Other commissioners disagreed. They pointed out that the water pressure in Troy is not very good, and you don't want to have pressure problems in the bathrooms. Phil continued that "in a perfect world, you would want the extra line, but it's not a necessity. We only have so much money to spend." Phil told the commissioners that Hurst-Rosche had told him the water portion of the project could cost \$40,000; Phil went on to say that the water line was not in the grant. The water line was added as an after thought. Terry commented, "If it's 40 grand it is a shit load of money". The commissioners agreed that the bidding procedure should have an option for not installing a water line.

Phil then talked to the commissioners about the conduct at the meetings. He asked the commissioners to think about their actions and speaking in the public meeting. He told the commissioners he had talked to people in Chicago about how to improve board productivity, and he asked the commissioners to come prepared to the meetings.

Louie commented that he thought the meetings would run better if Terry took the minutes and Phil concentrated on running the meeting. Phil and Terry agreed that Terry would start taking the meeting minutes.

9:15 motion to adjourn Randy/Barb 5 - 0

Respectfully submitted by


Phil Loethen