

Tri-Township Park Board Meeting  
Park Board House  
July 10, 2002

Approved  
8/14/02  
Phil L

Meeting called to order at 7:00 by Phil

Roll call: Phil Loethen, Terry Ball, Todd Moore, Louis Simpson, and Randy Wiesemeyer  
Absent: Norm Beck, Barb Wright  
Also in attendance; Park Superintendent Tim Greenfield and Dave Roady

Motion to approve June 22 minutes Randy/Todd  
Ayes: 5-0

Motion to approve June 22 Executive session minutes - to remain sealed Randy/Todd  
Louie said that you could not vote to approve minutes without unsealing them.  
Phil informed the board that the correct procedure is to approve the minutes now and by law the board must review all sealed minutes within a six-month period. The review procedure is to determine when the minutes may be unsealed.

Ayes: 5-0

Correspondence –

Received a request from a citizen of the district who attends a church in Caseyville requesting a free usage of the Wiesemeyer Center in August. Tabled to be discussed under Finances

Received a letter from IDOT informing us of the future plans on a bicycle path over the I55/70 overpass. This was in response to a question we had received from Raymond Gill and had forwarded along to them.

Received a contract from Royal Thrones. Tabled to be discussed under Finances.

Citizens on the Agenda –

Although no one had formally requested to be on the agenda, Phil recognized Roger Tegemeyer who attended the meeting and wanted to speak about vandalism. Roger suggested that the park have volunteers stay in the park from 9PM until midnight and watch for suspicious behavior. Roger also felt that they should do nothing more than dial 911 and let the police handle any problems. Roger said he would definitely be willing to participate.

Thank-You notes –

Will send a thank you note to Ben Kaiser who painted the #1 pavilion.  
Will send a thank you note to Matt Putz who volunteered his time to get ball diamonds ready.  
Will send a thank you note to Harry Wright who volunteered his time to water the trees in the park.

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

Dave reminded the board that Rental and Day Camp items were now removed from the balance sheet and these funds were now in the general fund as had been requested.

Motion to approve Louie/Todd 5-0 Ayes

The bills were reviewed. **ATTACHED**

Motion: Pay the June bills with the exception of Hurst-Roche for \$3,800. This bill will again be reviewed at the next meeting. Louie/Randy 5-0 Ayes

Park Superintendent Report – Tim **ATTACHED**

Motion: Accept Superintendent Report Todd/Louie 5-0 Ayes

Norm Beck arrives at 7:20 PM

Friends of the Park –

Annie Ratliff – President, and Mary Ann Barkley were in attendance.

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Annie introduced herself as the new president of FOP. She said that a recent newspaper article stated that FOP had intentions of spending the \$8,000 they had raised for the park, outside of the park. She said that was not true and that all funds would be spent in the park. Annie went on to say that this type of miscommunication wasn't necessary and that the park only needed to contact FOP to verify.

Terry told her that the park board assumed this information was accurate since the former FOP president Laura Wise, had told the Troy Kiwanis Club that the FOP would like to spend money on other parks. He also said that FOP has a standing invitation on the park board agenda – at their request - and that they had not attended a meeting in many months.

Annie responded that FOP member, and Times Tribune writer, Darrell Hampsted, occasionally represents the FOP at the park board meeting. When Darrel doesn't show up he needs to let someone else know.

Annie then addressed the issue of the FOP using park letterhead without permission to solicit donations. She said this was an old letterhead, and that Laura Wise believed she had permission from the previous park board. The current FOP was not aware that Laura was using this letterhead.

Annie then said that the FOP and Troy Kiwanis, had had agreed to give \$3,300 to the Tri-Township Park for the purpose of purchasing playground equipment. Annie said that she would ask the FOP board to give the entire \$8,000 to the park if FOP could be assured that it would go to playground equipment. She then said that at least \$1,000 of the \$8,000 needed to be earmarked for a band gazebo. She also commented that she would like to withhold a small amount of money for future fund raising efforts. Annie said that FOP realizes that their charter restricts them donating money to anyone other than the Tri-Township Park, and that they cannot legally change their charter without permission from the Tri-Township Park Board. They would like to change their charter so they can help other parks in the city.

Mary Ann Barkley then added that the FOP had not approached the city regarding donating money to other parks. Instead she said it was "the city" that had contacted the FOP. When the city was told that the FOP charter prevents the FOP from donating to other parks the city suggested that the FOP change their charter.

Annie reported that FOP is pursuing a "501C3 status" so they could be tax free. When they change their charter they can begin to raise money for City parks. She finished by saying that it was not entirely out of the question for FOP to possibly donate to the Tri-Township Park in the future.

Annie did not ask for permission to change the charter.

Day Camp –

The day camp is operating in the park. All appears to be going well.

TBSL Report – Terry. The current season will end this week. The double elimination tournament will begin the week of July 15<sup>th</sup>. It will conclude prior to the Troy Homecoming. The July complete schedule has been given to the park.

TSC Report – No report.

Financial – Phil

- Motion: Approve Ordinance 2002-02 Prevailing Wage Ordinance Norm/Randy 6-0 Ayes
- Motion: Offer a \$2,500 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of person or persons responsible for the vandalism to the veteran's memorial. Louie/Todd 6-0 Ayes
- Motion: Reword the motion from the 6/22 meeting on the \$500 reward to as follows:  
Offer a \$500 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of person or persons responsible for the vandalism to park restroom facilities.
- Terry/Norm 6-0 Ayes

Insurance on port-a-potties. The owner of Royal Thrones talked to Phil and said that our insurance was cancelled and that we were responsible for the cost of the port-a-potty lost to the vandal's fire. Phil researched the past bills and we are still paying insurance. As a matter of fact, the most recent contract received this week still shows insurance in the contract.



Norm asked Phil to research other vendors to have a backup in place if Royal Thrones becomes difficult to deal with or stops servicing the park.

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Madison County Community Development Grant – We have been under the impression that this grant request was due 7/31/02. Phil learned in the last day or so that it was due 7/1/02. Phil contacted Madison County and has been told that poor communication had occurred on the due dates of this grant and that we could still apply. Our new deadline is... ASAP. We need 3 sealed bids. Phil read the advertisement that he was placing in three appropriate papers to notify bidders of our intent to purchase playground equipment. Bids will need to be opened by 7/23/02 at a special meeting.

Phil and Tim are looking at moving the pirate ship over next to pavilion #8 and putting new playground equipment at the playground by pavilion #1 where the pirate ship had been.

Motion: Proceed with bidding process for playground equipment on two sites. Randy/Terry 6-0 Ayes

Hurst-Rosche status – Will have plans by next week.

Louie requested that HR plans be on the agenda for the special meeting being planned for 7/23/02.

Phil spent some time showing and presenting the most recent plans put together by HR.

Commissioner's plaque – Phil reminded the board that they had authorized two commissioner plaques. One has been placed in the Wiesemeyer Center. Phil suggests stopping at one plaque and wanted input/motions from the board. Norm said to go ahead and get it. Todd noted that there was no time frame on the original motion. After some discussion, it was decided to leave the motion in place and simply wait to buy the second plaque.

4<sup>th</sup> of July Hot Dog Sale – Randy, Norm, Phil, and Terry all noted what a great time they had selling hot dogs and drinks. \$550 of park funds was used to purchase all items sold. As of today, slightly more than that had been taken in and more money will be received when the remaining hot dogs and buns are sold to the day camp, the TBSL, or the Titans. There was a general consensus that this should be repeated next year.

Phil suggested dropping the plans for the purchase of the second commissioner shirt. He said he didn't want to read about it anymore in the paper. Randy said the only way to counter that type of reporting was to go ahead and order a dozen new shirts. Norm agreed with Randy that we should go ahead and get the second shirt.

Staff Shirts – at the last meeting we bought staff shirts from a prison using what we believed was a credit owed to us. We have since learned that the credit had already been refunded to us.

Phil has contacted Fire Marshall Bob Jackson to determine safety codes associated with the plan of carpeting the walls of the Wiesemeyer Center to reduce noise levels. The Fire Marshall told Phil to check with the City Building Inspector. The building inspector reported that according to the building code buildings, with carpeting on the walls, must have a sprinkler system. Phil received a fax stating that we could go ahead if we used a class 1 carpeting treated with a product called "NO BURN". Phil said he didn't feel it would be prudent to knowingly subvert a stated fire code. Phil asked Ray Hicks to investigate acoustic tiles as an alternative.

Vandals – There was general discussion over our recent rash of vandalism. A Porta-a-Potty was burned a couple of months ago, the bunker toilet was spray painted, a Port-a-Potty was burned after the fireworks, and the veteran's memorial recently sustained damage.

Todd suggesting having the police lock the gates at night.

Norm felt that this might benefit the vandals if they are on foot.

Tim said that we need to be careful approaching suspicious people and or activities as it could be dangerous.

Terry said that he liked Roger Tegemeyer's ideas of having volunteers staking out the park to watch but was uncomfortable with possible outcomes if the observers were to come in contact with vandals.

Randy felt we should ask the Troy police to patrol the park more often.

Reporter Darrell Hampstead suggested motion detector lights be strategically placed throughout the park. Tim will investigate a motion sensor light around the veterans memorial.

Caseyville Church Request – A Troy resident who is a member of a Caseyville church requested free usage of a Sunday in August for a potluck dinner.

Motion: Provide free usage of the Wiesemeyer center on a Sunday in August provided it is available.

Todd/Norm 6-0 Ayes

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Alice R.

Fountain in the lake – Phil is having this worked on. Louie asked that the supplier install it so that we can have it done right and keep it from malfunctioning in the future.

Phil mentioned that the leases on our Dell computers are up on Dec 20<sup>th</sup> and that we have to give 90 days notice to cancel at that point. The plan is to submit notice 90 days prior.

Grounds – Todd No report

Athletics – Terry No report

Insurance – Norm No report.

Special Events – Barb No report.

Personnel & Safety – Louie No report

Beautification – Randy.

Nine benches and two swings are ready to go. Tim gave Randy a map of the park to designate placement of these benches.

Planning on a major tree-planting endeavor in October. Will need to coordinate with the Boy Scouts, park board members, and other civic groups to have enough volunteers.

8:45 PM

Motion: Go to executive session. Louie/Todd 6-0 Ayes

9:00 PM Return back from executive session

Motion: Adjourn the meeting. Randy/Todd 6-0 Ayes

Respectfully submitted by

Terry Ball, Secretary