

Tri-Township Park Board Meeting  
Park Board House  
Aug 13, 2003

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Meeting called to order at 7:05 by Phil

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call: Phil Loethen, Todd Moore, Randy Wiesemeyer, and Terry Ball

Absent: Kevin Woodring, Doug Brendel, and Norm Beck

Also in attendance; Park Superintendent Tim Greenfield, Book keeper Dave Roady

Other Guest; Mae Grapperhaus – reporter, Alderman Jay Evans, Steve Putz, Chris Putz, Charlie Reiss, Dick Van Meter, Ron Goehlich, Rich Hawkins, Steve West

Phil announced that in compliance with new legislation in Illinois we would be taping all closed sessions of meetings.

Phil asked for changes or additions to the agenda.

Rich Hawkins and Dick Van Meter asked to be on the agenda to discuss an Eagle Scout project and the Troy Homecoming.

Motion: Make this addition to the agenda. Terry/Randy 4-0 Ayes

Motion to approve July 9 minutes Randy/Todd 4-0 Ayes

Motion: to approve July 9 Executive Session minutes Randy/Terry 4-0 Ayes

Citizens on the Agenda –

Charlie Reiss, Eagle Scout project – replace the flagpole.

Charlie said the current flagpole is not usable. He plans on replacing it and installing a path of stepping-stones from the pavilion to the flagpole. This will include edging and mulch. He estimates the total cost of the project at \$319 and is looking into donations.

Motion: Allow the project and spend up to \$320 to finance the project contingent upon donations.

Randy/Todd 4-0 Ayes

Chris Putz, Eagle Scout project – power wash the soccer concession stand and paint the building. He estimates the total cost of the project to be \$163.

Randy suggested painting with a color that would match the bathroom buildings.

Tim said that he would pick a paint color out to match.

Motion: Allow the project and spend up to \$175 for paint. Randy/Todd 4-0 Ayes

Jay Evans, Troy Alderman

Jay said that he was here tonight to follow up on a presentation that Alderman Darrel Hampsten had made to the park board at the July meeting. Darrel had said that the City was interested in donating some property on Meadow Drive to the Park if the Park was interested in developing it. Jay said that there was no time frame or development plan attached to the offer and he wanted to see what ideas the Park may have. Jay said that he had reservations on releasing the property to the park without these plans and a time frame for implementation of the plan. He said that he had made commitments to the residents on Meadow Drive on possible adding some skate boarding areas, a basketball court, and or a playground. Jay said to summarize, he is looking for interest, a plan, and a time frame.

Randy said that he could support a basketball court and or a playground.

Phil said that he felt that if a skateboarding area were developed it should be in the main Park. In his opinion, skateboarding would attract people from all over and the Meadow Drive area does not have parking or bathroom facilities. Phil feels that this location is perfect for a neighborhood park and that it should contain trees, benches, swings, and a playground. Phil continued by that it was easy to buy equipment. The last two years in the fall the park has sponsored a volunteer weekend. This is how we managed to build our last playground. Last fall we had about 60 people from various organizations including (Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Kiwanis, the Bank of Edwardsville, and the High School Home Economics class). This accomplishes two things, first it saves us 35% of the cost of the

equipment. Secondly, and more importantly, it gets the whole community involved. People take pride in the park and feel a sense of ownership. The last volunteer day we had coffee and donuts in the morning and in the afternoon Ron (Goelich) cooked hot and we had sodas. We also gave away 48 Tri-Township Park Volunteer t-shirts. Years later these kids are going to remember planting a tree or help build a playground. This sense of ownership helps protect the park and reduce vandalism.

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Phil continued that this volunteer effort was key in the success and that if we are going to build this we will need city alderman and employees to step up and volunteer to help.

Jay said that the volunteer labor was something that could be worked on. He reiterated that what he was looking for was commitment. He said that he was looking for a skateboarding facility to keep area kids off of parking lots and the property of local businesses. He said that wanted a commitment to have this in place no later than the spring.

Phil reiterated that he thought a swing set, a couple of spring toys, and a large playground piece is what he thought the area needed. The Park is in excellent financial shape, and can handle this project.

Randy said to Jay that he believed Darrell Hampsten came to the July meeting with a mere suggestion on donating the property. He said that he was getting the impression that the City was now moving ahead and asked Jay if there was a consensus on the City Council to move ahead with this project.

Jay said that he believed we could swing this but that he wanted a commitment to have it done soon, no later than the spring.

Terry said that the Park absolutely wants the property and knows that it can be developed and quickly. He asked Jay what the City needs from the Park in order to give us the property and let us develop it.

Phil said that a playground, swings, benches, spring toys and the like could be fairly quickly. The park has a lot of projects we are managing right now. On Friday we are opening bids for a large pavilion and next Tuesday, we open bids for another playground. Organizing the volunteer effort is key to the success.

Randy suggested that we consider a small pavilion across the street.

Phil said that he would appoint Randy and Todd to chair a committee to coordinate through Jay and meet with the City to discuss the plan. Phil said that only one park commissioner had voted as being opposed to satellite parks.

Jay said that he would get with the Mayor and see who else would represent the City.

Richard Hawkins, Eagle Scout project – Drainage system.

The Troop 91 dunking booth by the lake always gets very muddy. Richard proposed a drainage system to be installed to adequately drain water to the lake. He is looking at doing this project in September. The estimated cost of the project is \$60 for rock.

Phil said that because this was not on the agenda for the meeting we could not vote on this tonight. He told Richard that we were having a special board meeting next Tuesday and that he would put this on the agenda to discuss and vote on at that time.

Dick Van Meter, Troy Lions Club –

There was a float competition in the Homecoming parade. All government bodies competed. Dick presented the Park with a trophy for the Best Float in the Homecoming parade. Phil accepted on behalf of the Park.

Thank-You notes –

TBSL board for another fine season.

Saint Louis Area Sight hounds for a \$150 donation.

Eric Lee, CAVI, for fixing the park computer free of charge.



Correspondence –

We received a letter from Fay McMillan seeking a refund for the #1 pavilion. She rented it when it was under construction on May 23rd and the bathrooms were not working. She did not specify what amount of refund she was seeking.

Terry said that even if she knew it was under construction when she rented it, we didn't provide to her what the full cost is to cover and that she didn't specify what amount she felt she was entitled to.

Motion: Reimburse \$75. Terry/Randy 4-0 Ayes

We received a Thank You from the Senior's for the work on the Wiesemeyer Center.

Treasurer's Report -

Dave gave the Treasurer report. There is \$417,000 in the bank. **ATTACHED**

Phil mentioned that the TSC owes the park \$20,000, the County \$50,000, and the State about \$250,000, in grants.

Motion: Accept Treasurers report. Terry/Todd 4-0 Ayes

Bills were reviewed. ATTACHED

Phil said that we have received the final bill from All Purpose and that their work was complete but the lights were not turned on yet. We are waiting in Illinois Power. He suggested paying the bill contingent upon their working when the power was turned on.

Phil said that there were three more bills.

A \$500 EPA bill.

Two bills totaling \$4,800 from Mike DaCruz and construction on the Lee Leonard building.

Motion: Pay all bills totaling \$49,522.09 with the exception of All Purpose with delivery of this check being contingent upon successfully turning on the soccer lights. Terry/Randy 4-0 Ayes

Park Superintendent Report – Tim ATTACHED

Tim said that roads needed to be oiled and chipped.

Phil said the he would look into getting bids for this.

Tim said that we needed a new set of nets for the select soccer goals.

Motion: Spend up to \$300 for soccer nets. Randy/Terry 4-0 Ayes

Tim said that we would need different color grass paint for the select soccer fields. The TSC has already purchased white paint to line their fields. We will need a different color for the select fields as they are laid out different.

Motion: Spend up to \$300 on field paint contingent upon receiving select club fees from the Riverbend Soccer teams. Randy/Todd 4-0 Ayes

Tim said that there was some broken playground equipment and that he wanted board approval to remove a few pieces.

Motion: Remove mirror and Tic Tac Toe from #8 pavilion playground. Randy/Todd 4-0 Ayes

Randy said that we need bumper posts or barricades placed in front of the CXT bathrooms by the Lee Leonard building. Cars were parking literally up against the building.

Tim said that he would look into this and take care of it.

TBSL Report – Terry Ball

Nothing to report. The season is over.

Friends of the Park –

No one from FOP was in attendance.

TSC Report – Steve West

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Steve said that the TSC had found the paperwork for it's CD and will be getting the check for \$20,000 to the park within a week.

Steve said that they have had requests for about 10 refunds to date that have been honored under their new refund policy.

Schedules are out.

Phil said that he wanted to make sure that John Fuesting had a key to the park office. Signup paperwork had accumulated in the TSC mailbox. Even though the office is open everyday, and the TSC has a key, people have been complaining that they have not heard from a coach. John has told some people that the reason they have not heard from him or a coach is that the office is locked. Phil told Steve to make as many keys as necessary. Phil said that this negative communication has to stop. Not being able to get in the office, when you can at any time is not an excuse.

Phil said that he needed rosters and schedules for the TSC teams to put on the park web site.

Steve said that John keeps these in a database that doesn't transfer to Microsoft Excel or Word.

Terry suggested that they contact TBSL board member John Woolner to see if he could transfer the files.

Steve said that they are still accumulating the background check information.

#### Financial – Phil

Phil said that the senior's decided that they don't want to buy our computer.

The Wiesemeyer plaque is ordered.

Phil handed out keys to the new doors at the Wiesemeyer Center.

Phil asked Todd and grounds to work on getting a new bulletin board for the Wiesemeyer Center.

Phil said that Sherry Brendel was working on learning how to use the new dishwasher.

Phil said that bids are now out on the new building on the 32 acres. They are due back in by 11 AM on 8/15.

Phil said that playground bids are also out and that they are due back in by 6 PM on 8/19.

Phil said that we have received a request from Karen Matthews to have a lawn tractor pulling a wagon at the #2 pavilion on 8/23. It was assumed that the wagon would contain children. No action was taken.

Phil said that Day Camp would finish this week.

Phil reminded the board that we are no longer required by law to have an annual audit. We have received a new contract from auditors Luallen, Clearlock & Barth for \$3,960.

Norm arrives 8:20 PM

Terry said that while the audit is expensive, to stop doing them would be inviting speculation that money is not being handled properly. It is good to have them for the purpose of having the books open and an independent reviewer putting a stamp of approval on our finances. Terry said that he was disappointed that the new contract called for a 10% increase over the fee paid last year. Terry said that while he wanted to do this year, he wanted to go to an every other year scenario in the future.

Motion: Accept audit contract for \$3,960 from Luallen, Clearlock & Barth Randy/Todd 5-0 Ayes

Phil said that the new Madison County Park Committee meeting in July he was told the equipment and criteria grant was going to be combined. The new grant would be based on \$5 per person in the population base.

Terry asked if we would get our full population base this time.

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Phil said he thought we would. Last time we received just over \$12,000. This was based on the population of just Jarvis Township the people that are in the Collinsville, and Pin Oak Townships did not get counted. Phil said that about 50,000 county residents were uncounted in the last grant based on population. If we received the full population we should receive approximately \$67,000 for the Park.

Terry asked what if the city applies again for a grant.

Phil said that the population would not be counted twice. Phil talked to the Madison County Park Board Chairman and one other committee member and had the impression that the committee is opposed to supporting expenditures to presently non-existent parks. Phil felt that we would be successful as we were with the soccer lights.

Phil also said that the committee does not favor grant dollars for maintenance items. They strongly favor acquisitions of property and acquisitions of equipment.

Phil said last month we had decided to pursue grant for the lake bank, but Phil thinks that could be considered a maintenance item. He asked the board if there was any interest in pursuing the Creekside property with this money.

Randy asked if we had talked to any of the property owners out there to see if they would be willing to pay some for this.

Phil said he had not.

Randy said that we have needs in the park for this grant money. We will need playground equipment on the 32 acres. We will need to light a ball diamond on the 32 acres. We may want to investigate providing a skateboard park. Randy said that he favored spending tax dollars only in the main park. This supports all of the taxpayers. He said he was against spending tax money for neighborhood parks as it would only benefit the folks in that neighborhood. He said that the City property on Meadow Drive is different because the City will be donating that property. Based on that it is only fair that we pay to fill it with equipment.

Phil said that this grant will be out in September and due back in Nov. The grant awards would be made after the first of the year. Phil said he would contact the Creekside residents and try to get a consensus on their level of interest. After a community meeting he would call a special park board meeting to discuss the results.

Todd leaves at 8:35 PM

Phil said that he had heard from Korte-Luitjohn that Pyramid Electric didn't order parts for the bathrooms and that these parts take four weeks to order. As a result the bathrooms will not be operational for another four weeks.

Randy said that this is absolutely unacceptable. Pyramid Electric is a subcontractor to Korte-Luitjohn and KL is responsible for this.

Norm asked if we could pay someone else to complete the project and not pay KL.

Phil encouraged the commissioners to send KL an email and let them know how you feel.

Randy said that he planned on doing so.

Dirt Work status – Phil said that we will cut the weeds down on the 32 acres and that it will be hydro seeded again in September.

Mike DaCruz is busy at work on the new maintenance shed.

We haven't heard anything on getting trees from the State.

The web page is updated.

We had a soda machine at the #1 pavilion turned over about four weeks ago. We have replaced it with the machine from the Wiesemeyer Center.

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Park neighbor Jim Sartoris complained about weeds. We will cut these weeds down.

Athletics – Norm

Norm said that he had finalized the plans for the Riverbend Select Soccer program. They have two teams that will play in the park. They recently had a field conflict with a Lou Fusz team that was using the field. The Lou Fusz team had permission to use the field. There is also a potential conflict on 10/19 with the Irish Wolfhounds who have the use of the soccer concession on that day. While we will approve their home games schedule we will not approve a practice schedule.

Motion: Accept Riverbend Select Soccer U9 and U10 teams to play their home games in the Park on the main soccer fields on Sundays in the fall and the spring. Norm/Randy 4-0 Ayes

Norm said that the Titans would again like to keep their equipment in the park.

Motion: Approve the use of the Park for the Titan's Football Club to practice, use the #1 pavilion to store their equipment, and to use the lights at a rate of \$15 per hour. Randy/Terry 4-0 Ayes

Norm asked if any board members had an issue with giving a Titan's football club board member a key to the #1 pavilion where they store their equipment.

No one did.

Insurance - Kevin absent

Phil said that we have received a workman's comp bill of \$4,500 that is due on 10/2/03. Our current policy has no deductible and a \$1,000 deductible will lower the bill by \$200 a year. We have never had a claim.

Phil said that a second company, American Insurance has expressed an interest in submitting a price.

Phil said that as the bill isn't due until October he was in favor of getting as many quotes as possible and raising the deductible.

Grounds – Todd absent

Phil said that Todd would get the building bids on Friday and will make a recommendation on whom to go with at our meeting next Tuesday.

Phil said that we would wait to schedule a volunteer day this year until we get an installation date from the playground bid winner.

Special Events – Doug absent

No report

Hearts & Parks – Phil will ask Doug to look into this for us.

Eileen Appel has asked the board for permission to have a yard sale at the #5 pavilion on Saturday August 16<sup>th</sup>. Terry said that this would set a bad precedent to approve this. If we simply take no action, Eileen has the pavilion rented and can do whatever she likes there.

Apple fest has asked for Pavilions #1, 2, and 3 on October 4<sup>th</sup>. Phil said that Doug recommended we accept this request.

Motion: Let Apple fest use Pavilions #1, 2, and 3 on October 4<sup>th</sup>. Terry/Randy 4-0 Ayes

The Senior's would like to have an open house for the Wiesemeyer Center on Sunday October 12<sup>th</sup> from 1 PM to 4 PM. Phil mentioned that someone had given him a check for \$50. This was in appreciation for something Phil had done, and this person wanted the money to be used in the senior center. Phil signed the check and gave it to Dave Roady. He asked that the \$50 be used for refreshments for the open house.

Motion: Spend up to \$50 for open house on October 12<sup>th</sup>. Terry/Norm 4-0 Ayes



Jim Merrel has requested permission to have a prayer service in the park on Thursday October 16<sup>th</sup>.

Motion: Allow the request for a prayer service on October 16<sup>th</sup>. Randy/Norm 4-0 Ayes

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Personnel & Safety - Terry

Nothing to report.

Beautification - Randy

Randy said that he is looking into the triangle area behind the Wiesemeyer center and he felt that we should look at either constructing a deck there or just landscaping the area.

He also said that he would be looking into Victorian lights for the walking trail on the 32 acres.

9:20 Motion: Adjourn to executive session. Terry/Randy 4-0 Ayes

10:00 Return from executive session.

Motion: Adjourn the meeting. 10:02 Norm/Randy 5-0 Ayes

Respectfully submitted by

Terry Ball, Secretary