

Tri-Township Park Board Meeting  
Park Board House  
May 14, 2003

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Phil

Meeting called to order at 7:00 by Phil

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call: Phil Loethen, Terry Ball, Todd Moore, Norm Beck, Doug Brendel, and Randy Wiesemeyer

Absent: Kevin Woodring

Also in attendance; Park Superintendent Tim Greenfield, Dave Roady, Mary Ann Barkley, Mae Grapperhaus, Steve West, Greg Bertoglio, Roger Tegmeyer, Kathy Diepholz, Victor Diepholz, Joanne Bockhorn, Jake Bockhorn, Robert Evans, Greg Hunt, Randy Thurman, Bridgette Ebersoldt, and Kevin Ebersoldt

Kevin Woodring arrives at 7:05

Tim Greenfield swore in new commissioners Doug Brendel and Kevin Woodring.

Phil distributed commissioner cards to everyone and keys to the new commissioners. Doug received keys and Phil said that he had not yet received Louie Simpson's keys back and had intended on giving these to Kevin. Tim said he would get Louie's keys and give them to Kevin.

Motion to approve Apr 09 minutes Terry/Randy 6-0-1 Ayes Kevin commented that he had not attended the meeting. Doug commented that he had attended the meeting.

Presentations –

On the agenda to be recognized are Jeff Maclin, Greg Bertoglio, and Val Jarvis. Jeff and Val were both absent. Phil said that the TBSL and the TSC have long represented the park board to the public in providing baseball, softball, tee-ball, and soccer to the youth of the community. These organizations are staffed entirely by volunteers. People donate thousands of hours of labor to keep these organizations running. When they are through, they need to be thanked and recognized for their efforts.

Phil recognized Greg Bertoglio with a plaque thanking him for his years of work with the TBSL. Greg had volunteered with the TBSL for years. Last year he coached a team that he did not have any children on. Phil commented that Greg's contribution will be missed.

Citizens on the Agenda –

Brenda Meadows – water and bird complaints. Brenda did not attend the meeting.

Bridgette Ebersoldt – Brenda said she lives on Creekside in Troy, by Henning School. She informed the board that there are two lots in this subdivision that are for sale and should be considered as a satellite park location. The two lots are landlocked behind several current lots and there is a 30-foot easement as an entryway. She said the lots are not very well taken care of. There is a small lake in the center of the properties. Brenda presented pictures of the properties and listings showing that one lot is comprised of 2.7 acres listing for \$44,000 and the other lot comprised of 1.75 acres listing for \$41,400.

Phil informed the board that relatives of Commissioner Randy Wiesemeyer own this property and the real estate listing is also held by another relative of Randy's.

Bridgette said that if the property were to be a park it would serve approximately 90 area homes. Randy asked if she had talked to the community about having these 90 families going together and buying the property.

Bridgette said no. She said the property is landlocked and not laid out very well. The grass is very rarely cut. The local city ordinance for grass is 12 inches and the neighbors start to complain to the city when it reaches about 30 inches in height. Neighbors of the property usually cut the grass.

Phil said that the board would take this under advisement and can't decide anything tonight. We will discuss and investigate the idea.

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Jacob Bockhorn - Eagle Scout candidate, Jacob presented a plan for an Eagle Scout project to place mile markers every half-mile on the walking trail. He handed out copies of his project proposal.

Tim noted that the project called for metal poles and said we are no longer using metal but that cedar poles would work just fine. Tim told Jacob to get with him after the scouts approve this plan and he will help him out with details.

Motion: Accept the project with cedar poles and spend up to \$100 to offset the cost of the poles.  
Norm/Kevin 7-0 Ayes

Bob Evans was in attendance at the meeting. Bob works with the scouts. He informed the board that BSA projects needed to be original ideas and beneficial to the community. They are to avoid maintenance projects.

Thank-You notes -

Cindy Colombr - Girl Scouts flower project.

Betty Rinkel - 4H flower project.

Phil asked for a motion to buy a plaque for Sunnyside Nursery.

Motion: Buy a plaque at a cost not to exceed \$25 in appreciation for Sunnyside Nursery. Randy/Norm 7-0 Ayes

Correspondence -

We received the tax levy notice. The levy resulted in a 5.99% decrease in the park tax rate.

Received a proposal from the Troy Titans. Tabled until financial.

Received a letter from Susan Thurnau asking to recognize her son Stephen as an Eagle Scout.

Motion: Prepare award and pocketknife to present to Stephen at the next park board meeting. Norm/Todd 7-0 Ayes

Election of Officers -

Phil opened the floor to nominations for officers for the coming year.

Nomination: Phil Loethen for President Randy/Terry 6-1 Ayes Kevin opposed

Nomination: Randy Wiesemeyer for Vice President. Todd/Doug 7-0 Ayes

Nomination: Terry Ball as Secretary Randy/Norm 7-0 Ayes

Nomination: Doug Brendel as Treasurer Randy/Terry 7-0 Ayes

Phil then assigned committees and responsibilities.

Finance - Phil Backup - Doug

Grounds - Todd Backup - Randy

Beautification - Randy Backup - Norm

Special Events - Doug Backup - Kevin

Insurance - Kevin Backup - Phil

Athletics - Norm Backup - Terry

Personnel - Terry Backup - Norm

Phil asked the commissioners to come prepared to the meetings. He said that he had requested email address from both Doug and Kevin several weeks ago to keep so they could keep abreast of park activities. Doug had provided his address. Phil asked Kevin to supply an email address if he desired to be copied on park information. Kevin gave his email address.

Treasurer's Report -

Dave Roady gave the Treasurer report noting that this had previously been sent out via email. **ATTACHED**

Motion to approve the Treasures Report. Terry/Randy 7-0 Ayes



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Bills were reviewed. **ATTACHED**

Norm asked if SBC was the local phone bill and wanted to know if it included Internet access.

Randy suggested checking out an offer through AT&T for unlimited local and long distance calling.

Randy asked if the Fetters bill was part of the Wiesemeyer project.

Tim said yes and that it also included the Girl Scout project.

Motion: Pay the bills as presented. Randy/Norm 7-0 Ayes

Park Superintendent Report – Tim **ATTACHED**

Tim presented price quotes for a new baseball rake machine. The new machine would cost \$7,650 and we would receive a trade in of \$1,500 for the old road grader. Net cost then is \$6,150.

Kevin asked if the old diamond machine was non-functional.

Tim said yes. It burns a lot of oil and repairing it wouldn't make it new.

Randy asked if the road grader that we are to receive \$1,500 for is the same machine that the park purchased for \$5,000 several years ago and has never used.

Phil said yes.

Kevin said that the road grader was used once years ago to grade a baseball diamond.

Tim said that we had tried to sell this by soliciting bids and had not received a single bid.

Phil said that the repair of the old diamond machine would be \$2,600 and that will only fix the immediate problems. The machine is old and other parts will undoubtedly break down soon.

Tim said that he thought this was a good purchase as we would be possibly dragging 6 additional diamonds a day next summer with the 32-acre expansion.

Motion: Purchase a new diamond machine/bunker rake for a total of \$6,150 including the trade in of the road grader. Randy/Norm 7-0 Ayes

Tim said that he had attended a committee meeting on the bandstand project. They will kickoff in June. The total price tag will be \$30,000 and they will be selling bricks for donations.

Norm asked if we could get a green roof for the bandstand to match the rest of the park.

Tim said that it was metal and we could probably get any color.

Mary Ann Barkley was in attendance and said the committee would need the Wiesemeyer Center on either the 13<sup>th</sup> or the 27<sup>th</sup> of June if they could get it.

Phil checked and said both dates were open.

Tim said that he had quotes for a new vinyl floor for the office at the senior center. They have volunteered to do the labor if we buy the materials.

Norm said that snap down tile would be easier to install and you won't have a problem with the flooring under the tile.

Motion: Spend up to \$200 for flooring tile for the office in the Wiesemeyer Center. Kevin/Todd 7-0 Ayes

Tim said that the new employees are working out fine. He said we hired a good group of workers. He has been working some of the new employees 40 hours per week.

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

Friends of the Park -

Mary Ann Barkley presented for FOP. Mary Ann passed around a form that was a tax form for FOP donations. She said that the bandstand picture would be on the Chamber of Commerce and Park web site. Not much is currently planned for the bandstand fundraising effort at homecoming. She also reported that the dollar donation campaign goes through the month of June at local businesses. The top seller gets a \$50 savings bond that was donated by the Bank of Edwardsville.

Mary Ann said that FOP had discussed the proposal for the Eagle Scout project to install an ADA fishing dock on the southwest side of the lake. They are concerned that the access grade of the path to the dock will be too steep and that the proposed bumper stops on the dock wont be enough.

Tim said that he would check to make sure the entire project was ADA compliant before it begins.

Mary Ann said that FOP had held elections and that Kay Lansfersieck was the new President and Barb Wright is the V.P.

TBSL Report - Terry

Terry said that 740 kids had signed up to date. There are 58 teams in Troy and an additional 15 teams from St. Jacob. Games began this past Monday.

Terry said Diamond #2 had had power issues the night before.

Tim though this may be due to cords on the pitching machines. He said he would investigate and repair as needed. Terry said that the TBSL was still missing some background checks on Assistant Coaches. A letter would be going out to all TBSL coaches to get these forms completed on anyone who was issued a shirt.

TSC Report - Steve West

Steve said that TSC signups are going well and are already 100 kids ahead of last year.

Steve asked about a slow drain in the soccer concession stand.

Tim said that it would be fixed by start up of the soccer season.

Steve said that the TSC board was nervous about the soccer lights being completed by the beginning of their season.

Phil said that the bid specification required installation by August 15<sup>th</sup>.

Steve said that the TSC would write the \$20,000 check for lighting whenever it is needed.

Steve asked where we were relative to the bathrooms being installed.

Phil said that we are waiting on a pump grinder. It will be here soon. Water and sewer are in already. Best estimate is about a month from now.

Steve talked about Val Jarvis, who was scheduled to be on the agenda to receive recognition for her work with the TSC Board. He said that she has worked shift work for the last six years and still been an active member of the TSC donating her time so that kids could play organized soccer. He said that even when she works all-night she is still there on Saturday mornings and works through the day.

Financial - Phil

Phil said that the TSC bought John's old computer for \$265.85. We have not yet received any bids for the Dell computer left with a final value of \$415.09.

Madison County Community Development Grant -



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Phil said that everyone had read the emails detailing the progress in the Wiesemeyer Center. He is hoping to open it to the public by June 1<sup>st</sup>. The seniors could then be back in by Monday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Brian Boeshans is building the exercise room.

Tim said he was uncomfortable with the June 1<sup>st</sup> date and would like to add a week or two.

Phil said that we should wait to set an opening date in case something happens and still shoot for June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Motion: Have an open house shooting for June 1 from 1PM to 5 PM and to spend not more than \$100 for refreshments. Randy/Terry 7-0 Ayes

Phil said that we spent \$8,668.39 more than anticipated in the total renovation and has asked for additional grant dollars to cover this.

Day Camp – On schedule

Soccer Lights –

We received a letter and a contract from Madison County. This is the notice to proceed. Bids were opened on Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>. We received one bid for \$69,977.

Motion: Accept soccer lighting proposal from All Purpose Erectors for \$69,977. Norm/Todd 7-0 Ayes

#1 Pavilion –

Phil said that the Troy Titans are doing all of the reconstruction work and paying for all of the materials. The park has fenced off the area for them and supplied two dumpsters. Phil said that we should all be aware of this very generous donation. Phil said that he gave volunteer shirts out to the Titans.

Motion: Buy 48 volunteer shirts @ \$5 each for the Titans. Todd/Norm 7-0 Ayes

Phil said that we should make sure these workers are fed.

Motion: Spend up to \$100 per day on refreshments to volunteer workers on the #1 pavilion. Randy/Terry 7-0 Ayes

Phil said that we should consider putting a ridge vent in the pavilion to disperse the heat that builds up in there. Kevin said that we should install ceiling fans to move the heat out.

Norm said that the Titans would like to paint the pavilion when the construction is completed. He said he would like the park to purchase the paint.

Phil said that the Titans had asked about putting a plaque up in the brickwork recognizing the Titans and their efforts.

Motion: Allow three stones/plaques to be installed in the pavilion. One that simply reads – Pavilion #1. One that reads – Labor donated by Troy Titans. One that will recognize all donations made. Norm/Todd 7-0 Ayes

Todd leaves 8:30

Phil reminded the board that a month or so ago, \$34,000 had been moved from the General Fund to the Insurance fund by our bookkeeper who on the advice of the auditor who believed past expenses paid out of Insurance should have come from the General Fund.

Phil presented a the board with a letter from IAPD General Counsel Peter Murphy informing us that all insurance costs and risk management programs should be paid for out of the Insurance fund.

Motion: Replace money moved from Insurance fund, plus interest back to the General fund. Terry/Randy 5-1 Ayes Kevin was the no vote.

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Dirt Work Project.

Phil said that we have received a bill for \$98,883 for the dirt work.

Norm said that he did not want to pay any bills until the dirt piles left from the trenching are leveled out.

Terry asked Phil if this was the total dirt work bill.

Phil said no. This is only a small piece of it.

Terry said this is only a portion of the total bill so far then. They have done a lot of work and I think we should pay this bill and tell them what we want done. We will have more bills coming later and can withhold payment then if they are not complying, but we haven't even asked them to do this yet.

Motion: Pay the bill for \$98,883 for work performed to date. Terry/ Doug 6-0 Ayes

Phil said the grinder pump is due to arrive soon.

Phil said that he had missed a meeting with the EPA about water drainage on the 32 acres. The EPA is concerned about water runoff. We shouldn't have any problem as this ground is dirt now and we will seed the entire 32 acres, which will significantly reduce runoff.

Phil said that he had traveled to Marine to see their new Park building and was very impressed. He said he has made inquiries to the Morton Company about what it would cost for us to get something comparable.

Phil said there has been no activity on the new maintenance shed, the trees from the state, and the \$55,000 DCCA grant. The DNR approved our DCCA request and we are still waiting on DCCA.

The web page is updated

Phil asked the board and Steve West to look at the proposed drawing for the layout of the 32 acres. He suggested considering the possibility of moving a baseball field. This configuration would group the baseball fields together and would allow for three soccer fields to be located on the southeast corner of the new addition.

Steve said that he wasn't overly concerned with the location of the fields.

Terry said the same for the baseball diamonds.

Phil suggested that if we were able to do this, there would be room to lay out a football field in the western portion of the 32 acres. This configuration would consolidate baseball and soccer and would allow the Troy Titans to use an area on the west side for football. Phil continued that soccer and baseball would have their existing pavilions and football could use the new facility for a nominal fee. Baseball and football don't conflict, but soccer and football would conflict on fall Saturdays. It is imperative that some of the soccer games and parking problems be moved to the new park area. Phil asked Terry to co-ordinate a meeting with TBSL, TSC, and the Titans to work out the best possible use of the park.

Phil told the board that IDOT has been out looking at Old Collinsville road adjacent to the park and working on the erosion problems.

Phil said that Cancer Walk people had asked for permission to use some sand for their luminary candles. Phil told them to go ahead and use sand from the volleyball area and that they will replace it when they are done.

Dave Roady told the board that he was in need of some office supplies, specifically envelopes.

Motion: Pay Dave up to \$40 for envelopes. Terry/Randy 6-0 Ayes



Athletics – Terry

Nothing to add to TBSL and TSC reports.

Insurance - Norm

Nothing to add.

Grounds – Todd (absent)

Randy said the board should consider looking at drainage around the Veterans Memorial.

Tim said that we should be looking at the stones at the Memorial as they are dropping.

Special Events – Doug

7/12 – Sat. - Trail West Boy Scout leader training meeting – Brenda Jarman

Motion: Allow the request. Doug/Randy 6-0 Ayes

5/29 – Thurs – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade picnic in the park using #1 pavilion – Joyce Duff. Rain out date 5/30.

Motion: Allow the request. Doug/Randy 6-0 Ayes

Personnel & Safety

No report.

Beautification – Randy

Randy said that Norm has done a great job working in and around the landscaping of the Wiesemeyer Center. He suggested that we buy some more Bradford Pears trees for the entrance and replace where the trees were removed. He said that Fetters has been holding five trees for us at \$110 each.

Phil suggested that we wait until we find out what we will get from the state.

Norm said that Fetters has offered to donate landscape lighting.

Tim said that this type of lighting would be stolen the first day it is put in.

9:05 Motion: Adjourn to executive session. Norm/Randy 6-0 Ayes

9:10 Return from executive session.

Motion: Adjourn the meeting. 9:12 Norm/Randy 6-0 Ayes

Respectfully submitted by

Terry Ball, Secretary

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