

Tri-Township Park Board Meeting
Special Meeting
Park Office
November 10, 2004

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7:00 PM Special public meeting called to order.

In Attendance: Phil Loethen, Terry Ball, Randy Wiesemeyer, Norm Beck, and Jim Derby.

Absent: Kevin Woodring, Joe Eader (excused).

Also in Attendance: Jim Rossel, Haier Plumbing, Mark Lucido, Sunrise Construction, Chuck Wagner and Scott Plocher, Plocher Construction, Eric Miller, Munie Outdoor, Ed Fetter (Fetter Landscaping), Tim Greenfield, Dave Roady, Bill Beguhn, and Pat Cox.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Lank Bank Project –

Jim briefly explained the lake bank project to those in attendance. A few questions were answered on bid specifics and requirements.

Jim said that bids will be opened at the December meeting and the awarding of the bid will take place at the January meeting.

7:15PM Motion: Adjourn the meeting. Norm/Terry 5-0 Ayes

Submitted by
Terry Ball, Secretary

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Park Board House
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Meeting called to order at 7:15 by Phil

Roll call:

Phil Loethen, Randy Wiesemeyer, Terry Ball, Jim Derby, and Norm Beck.
Absent: Kevin Woodring and Joe Eader (excused)
Also in attendance: Tim Greenfield, Dave Roady, Bill Beguhn, and Pat Cox.

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Additions to the agenda – None

Approval of Minutes -

Motion: Approve minutes from October 18th meeting. Randy/Jim 5-0

Motion: All executive session minutes for 2002-2004 to remain sealed. Randy/Jim 5-0 Ayes

Citizens on the Agenda – none

Thank-You notes/Get Well –

Thank You note to Jay Evans and Duane Hughes for all of their efforts at the City Council in support of the Skateboard Park.

Phil said he would mail out invitations to the City Council, FOP, and the Lion's Club for the Christmas dinner.

Appreciation plaque for John Woolner – TBSL, John was not in attendance, so Phil asked Terry to get the appreciation plaque to John..

Friends of the Park – No one in attendance

Tim said that no meetings have been held recently.

Randy said that he has asked Mary Anne to consider having the FOP take and hold private donations for the Skateboard Park so as to allow them to be tax deductible.

Correspondence –

We received paperwork for the election. There are three park commissioner positions to be elected in April. Phil said originally elections were staggered so that during every two-year election cycle, a minimum of two and a maximum of three positions be open (2-2-3). Somehow this schedule became distorted due to resignations and appointments. In 2000, five positions were elected. There will be three positions open in 2006 resulting in a 3-3-1 rotation. Phil suggested that one of the positions this April be made a four-year position to correct the staggering to 3-2-2.

Motion: Make one of the three Park Commissioner positions elected in 2205 a four-year position.
Randy/Terry 5-0 Ayes

We received a letter from Shannon Mercer requesting that her \$50 deposit for renting the Wiesemeyer Center be refunded. **ATTACHED.**

Tim said that the Center was left quite a mess and that two employees spent 1 ½ to 2 hours cleaning up.

Motion: Do not refund the cleaning deposit to Shannon Mercer Randy/Jim 5-0 Ayes

Treasurer's Report – Dave Roady

Current balance sheet - \$695,464.88

ATTACHED

Phil said that there is a balance of \$6.77 still showing in the bandstand account and that the cement bill paid for by the park to complete the bandstand was not placed correctly in the Income & Expenses vs. Budget report. Phil also noted that a concrete bill that the park had paid was not recorded correctly.

Dave said that he would have it corrected at the next meeting.

Phil said that we would table accepting this report this month and vote to accept all next month when these are corrected.

Bills were reviewed. **ATTACHED**

Tim said that we also received a bill for \$45 for Fire Safety bringing the total to \$11,182.08

Motion: Pay all bills totaling \$11,182.08. Norm/Jim 5-0 Ayes

Park Superintendent Report – Tim **ATTACHED**

Park map for water shutoffs – working on

Fireproof cabinet – one is being donated by Amerigas (working on)

Water problem by trailers – no activity

Water on field #6 parking area – anticipating completion by next Friday

Build playground by #8 pavilion – completed today

Remove secondary culvert and rip rap – Complete

Water leak - Complete

Fall – electric diamond 3 – not started yet

Fall – grass infields – not started yet

Motion: Accept Superintendents report. Norm/Randy 5-0 Ayes

TBSL Report – Terry Ball

Nothing to report.

TSC Report – Bill Beguhn

The season is now complete. 779 total kids took part this year. This is a substantial increase over previous years. A survey was handed out to all parents seeking advice relative to likes and dislikes. There is an awards ceremony on November 13th that will be held at The Game. Referee evaluations were performed and were overall very positive. 93% were rated good or better.

Bill said that he would like to meet with the park grounds committee to discuss work that will need to be done on the new fields for next year.

Terry asked that Greg Hunt from the TBSL also be invited to this meeting. The TBSL wants to use the new fields but are planning on using the old if they are not ready to be played.

Phil asked Jim (Grounds) and Norm (Athletics) to meet with the TSC and TBSL boards.

Financial – Phil

To do list.....

Park benches – Four have been delivered and five more to be ordered.

Webpage has been updated

Dog drinking fountain – Ordered

BBQ Grills – Ordered

Insurance Survey – Phil said that he and Terry had worked to complete this and that it will now be sent in.

New Internet Service – not completed yet

Dogs in the park – Phil said that he received a complaint about dogs running loose in the park. Phil called the police and placed a notice in the local paper.

MEPRD Grant – Phil said that we have learned we were denied this grant request. Mike Buehlhorn of the MEPRD explained that we were left off because we did not have matching funds to be applied to the project. Phil said that this was odd because matching funds were not even criteria for the project. Phil asked how many organizations did not get a grant and was told 5 or 6. He was also told Madison County Transit received a grant.

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Phil said he asked Mike if Jerry Cain, who is President of the MEPRD and the head of the Madison County Transit, had denied our grant because he and Terry had attended an MEPRD meeting and pointed out that Jerry had sent a Madison County Transit employee to an IDOT meeting and had him relay lie about MEPRD's position on the walkway over the I55 bridge. Mike did not think these events were connected.

Motion: Purchase four spring toys for up to \$2,800 Norm/Terry 5-0 Ayes

Motion: Approve working budget, modified to show purchase of spring toys. Terry/Norm 5-0 Ayes

Madison County Grant – No word yet.

All-Purpose Erectors replace baseball electrical panel – still working on.

Phil presented the information for the upcoming tax levy. **ATTACHED**. We are estimating the EAV will increase by 9.36% (the average of the last three years) and will reduce the tax rate by 4.2%, resulting in an increase of revenues of approximately 4.9%. A public meeting is not required.

Phil noted that this is the 4th year in a row that the Park has had a reduction in the tax rate. The total reduction over that timeframe is 18.93%.

Phil said he received a call from a citizen asking about the plans for the Skateboard Park. The citizen said we needed to be building a pool. They were also concerned about the report that the Park bought two dog drinking fountains for \$2,800 each.

Phil told the citizen the paper was wrong, we only bought one for \$1,750.

Phil added we should survey public opinion and ask the taxpayers for input on their priorities, and this input should be part of our five year plan.

Norm agreed.

Phil said that he would delegate this to Terry to be worked on with a new 5-year plan.

Phil said that the late Rollie Riess, City Councilman and long time volunteer with the senior's, was the person who had the original idea for the sunroom at the Wiesemeyer Center. Phil suggested that we name the sunroom, "Rollie's Room" and buy a plaque to hang on the door.

Motion: Spend up to \$100 for a "Rollie's Room plaque. Norm/Randy 5-0 Ayes

Phil said that he would make a presentation and hang the plaque at the upcoming December Senior's dinner.

Athletics – Norm

The volunteer appreciation dinner is now planned for Friday, Dec 10th at the Wiesemeyer Center. Several different caterers were discussed. Norm will be handling the details.

Norm noted that the TBSL has two new members and one has left. The TSC has three new members and one has left.

Motion: Approve new TBSL/TSC board members. Norm/Terry 5-0 Ayes

Insurance - Kevin

Kevin was absent

Phil again noted that he and Terry had completed the new insurance survey.

Roller status –

Lake Grants –

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Grounds – Jim Derby

Nothing to report.

Special Events – Joe Eader

Joe was absent.

Motion: Approve use of the #1 pavilion on Nov 13th Girl Scout Coat Drive. Jim/Randy 5-0 Ayes

Motion: Approve use of the #14 pavilion and 32 acre area for East Side Family Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, March 20th. Randy/Jim 5-0 Ayes

Motion: Approve Boy Scout Troop 38 camp out in the park Nov 19-21, pavilion #12 with use of electricity and lights. Terry/Norm 5-0 Ayes

Motion: Approve use of the upper level of the Wiesemeyer Center for a Senior Dinner on Friday December 3rd. Norm/Terry 5-0 Ayes

Phil said that we have a request for 24 date's use of the Wiesemeyer Center and 19 dates use of the #18 pavilion for Troop 38. As none of these dates are on weekends and they are on the free weekday use list, no motion is necessary to approve this.

Phil said that in the last year, we have seen significant free usage of the Wiesemeyer Center on many weekend dates by many local scout troops and groups. Phil said that he would ask Joe Eader to recommend a policy restricting free weekend usage to a manageable number that would allow the scouts the time that they need and still allow the Park to utilize the Center for the purpose of generating revenue on the weekends.

Personnel & Safety - Terry

Terry said that he and Jay Evans held a meeting at the Triad Middle School on Tuesday the 9th. A conceptual drawing showing the layout of the Skateboard Park was exhibited. 7th and 8th grade students were in attendance and asked many questions. The meeting lasted about a half-hour and Jay gathered information from a group of four or five that was deemed to be "leaders". We will plan on using this core group to help with design, purchase, and layout of equipment. 108 students signed a survey form indicating strong interest and a commitment to use the facility.

Terry said that the Troy City Council had voted last Monday to allocate \$50,000 of tourism funds towards the building of the Skateboard Park.

Motion: In acknowledgement and appreciation of the City of Troy working with us in the best interest of the community and agreeing to allocate \$50,000 of tourism dollars towards the construction of a skateboard park with the Tri-Township Park, we therefore commit to spend, at a minimum, a matching \$50,000 towards this project so that together we can provide additional and needed recreation for the youth and continue to improve the overall park for the entire community. Terry/Norm 5-0 Ayes

Terry said that he, Randy Wiesemeyer, and Jay Evans had met on Tuesday evening to continue plans. We are working on finalizing the plan on how to acknowledge donations made by private businesses. Obviously we want to display their names, but need to pick both how, and how we will differentiate by levels of donation. Terry will work on gathering a listing of potential vendors and work on writing up a bid proposal.

Terry said that the conceptual drawing displayed represented \$116,000 of equipment. This did not include the approximately \$30,000 that the 80' X 130" concrete slab will cost, any associated construction costs, and any costs to relieve the Great Skate of their debt on current equipment. Terry said that he is hoping that the bid process will lower the overall equipment cost and that we are hoping for a donation of concrete at cost by a local supplier.

5 Year Plan – Will start to work on.

Terry said that we had previously given employees who were veterans the day off with pay out of respect for their service.

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Motion: Starting this year and continuing on till further notice, all employees who are veterans and are currently working, shall have Veterans Day off with pay. Terry/Norm 5-0 Ayes

Beautification – Randy

Randy said that Image Works is working on the sign for Meadow Drive. He presented a few options. The board said that Randy should decide.

Flower pots for #14 – will work on when the weather is appropriate. Randy said this is going to be by Bunker Toilet trim item.

Flowers for bandstand – Mary Anne Barkley and a Girl Scout troop planted 200 tulips last weekend.

New bench locations – new sites have been determined.

9:10PM Motion to adjourn meeting. Norm/Terry 5-0 Ayes

Respectfully submitted by

Terry Ball, Secretary

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