

Tri-Township Park Board Meeting
July Regular Meeting
Park Office
August 10, 2005

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7:00 PM Meeting called to order.

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

Absent: Kevin Woodring, Mary Kmetz, and Jim Derby

Phil mentioned that Jim had emailed he will be late.

Also in Attendance: George Bryant, Tim Greenfield, Dave Roady, Pat Cox from the Times-Tribune, Kelly Schomaker from the Edwardsville Intelligencer, David Allsup, Roger Tegmeyer, Jeri Tellmann, Robert Tellmann, Ruby Schultze, Madilyn Sulc, and George Langdon.

Additions to the Agenda – None

Approval of Minutes –

Motion: Approve July 31, 2005 minutes. Randy/Terry 4-0 Ayes

Motion: Approve July 31, 2005 Executive session Personnel minutes to remain sealed.
Randy/Norm 4-0 Ayes

Motion: Approve August 1, 2005 minutes. Randy/Terry 3-0-1 Norm abstained

Citizens on the Agenda – None

Thank you notes/Get Well –

Thank you note to Sam Randolph and Lexus Clary.

Friends of the Park –

No one was in attendance.

Correspondence –

Received a thank you letter from the Air Mobility Command for helping with their picnic.

7:05 Kevin arrives

Treasures Report –

\$490,883.90 in the bank.

Dave said that we are now receiving real estate sales tax dollars.

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

Pay Bills –

Bills totaling \$15,102.12 were reviewed.

Phil said that the water bill was double the normal amount and said he believed we have another water leak.

George said that he had met with the City and they had tested for leaks. The water found draining into the lake did not have chlorine in it. He said they would continue to search for the leak.

Motion: Pay all bills for \$15,102.12. Norm/Kevin 5-0 Ayes (Roll Call Vote)

Park Director Report – George Bryant

George said that he has met a lot of people in the community in the last week and has been made to feel very warmly welcomed.

George discussed the current FOP brick paver project. He said he is looking at options of bidding the project out and doing it with in-house labor. He has received two bids and also a proposal from Tim Greenfield for doing the project in-house. George discussed these options and asked for input from the board.

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Phil asked Randy and Norm to work with George to decide on which route to go.

George said that he has already met with the Lions Club and the American Legion to introduce himself. He said that he would be meeting soon with the VFW and coordination the Torches Across America event that will have a lot of motorcyclists camping in the park.

George said that he and the staff and performed some tree removal during the past week. He instructed the staff in the proper felling of trees. The staff has also been working on the flowerbeds.

George said that he felt the IAPD workshop held on August 1st was an outstanding team building exercise.

George said that he has met with the local and regional newspapers to introduce himself.

George said that he would be attending a SIPRA meeting in Greenville on September 7th.

George reminded the board that he would be attending the IPRA/IAPD annual conference in Chicago January 26th through the 28th. He said that it is an outstanding knowledge resource for parks and a great chance to meet with a large assortment of park vendors.

George said that he would like to meet individually with all of the commissioners to discuss their areas of assignment – i.e., insurance, beautification, grounds, etc... to see what plans were in place and how he can help.

George said that he was working on developing a mapping of the park.

George said that in his opinion the primary strength of the park district was its volunteers. He said that this showed a lot of dedication and passion and would continue to work to foster this.

George presented a copy of a statement for need for professional leadership for public park and recreation agencies. He commented that parks greatly benefit the local, state, and national economies.

Phil said it is great to have someone like George on board at the park and we will greatly benefit from his experience and qualifications. Phil said that he looked forward to working with George, and looking forward to doing less volunteering.

TBSL –

Terry said that the TBSL season is now complete.

The AAA division of high school aged boys is trying to coordinate a fall league that will play on Saturday and Sunday from 12 Noon to 6 PM on diamond #4. This does not conflict with anything the Troy Titans are doing and Terry said that he would coordinate with the TSC to make sure there was no conflict.

Terry said that if and when the decision was made to play he would get a schedule to George so that the fields could be lined.

TSC –

No one from TSC was in attendance.

Financial – Phil

Phil said that at the IAPD conference on August 1st, IPARKS chief counsel Peter Murphy informed the board that recent court cases have established that there is no legal requirement to cite the statute used for going into executive session.

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Ron said that he was aware of that but he thought it wouldn't hurt actually stating the statue.

Madison County Grant/Playground status – Completed.

Commissioner ethics agreement – this was discussed at the conference. Phil said that he would put this on his to do list and will ask the board to consider, adopt, and execute at a later meeting.

Electricity for Bandstand and Lake Fountain – Phil said he would like to get quotes for contracting out the electrical work.

Randy said we should consider a second fountain and it would make sense to install the electric for a second fountain at the same time.

George said that he would seek out quotes on another fountain and get some electrical quotes for installation.

Mr. Ed – Phil said that we have been offered a small 12-year old horse for the petting zoo. He said he was told the horse does not kick or bite. Phil said that the Park is licensed by the USDA, and there may be requirements for a horse. Phil said that he would also add determining these requirements to his to do list.

Phil told the board that attorney Ron Motil has announced his resignation due to a very busy schedule and has offered us recommendations for a replacement. Phil will follow up on these recommendations. Phil thanked Ron for his help.

7:25 Jim derby arrives

Athletics – Norm

Norm said that the Titans could use some stripes marked on the fields and he will talk with George about this.

Norm said that he and George would work with Bud Klaustermeier to talk about the proposal for a walkway across the interstate bridge.

Insurance – Kevin

Roller status - Kevin said that the roller is still out and the ground is too dry now anyway.

Grounds – Jim

Jim said that he was investigating the repair of the pavement at the Collinsville Road entrance. He asked if the board wanted asphalt or concrete.

Phil asked what the cost differential was.

Jim said that concrete was a lot more.

Randy said that concrete would hold up a lot better where cars are turning.

Phil said that we could now spend up to \$20,000 without competitively bidding the project. He asked Jim to write up the specs himself and then get bids that the board could review.

Jim said that we would need between 30 and 60 feet of road paved.

Kevin said that IDOT and the State have grant money available for roadwork.

George said that he would investigate Illinois enhancement grants that pay for this type of work. He said that he would also look into the IDOT grants that Kevin mentioned. George said that he would talk to the City engineers and get the specs from the Riggins Road entrance and give these to Jim.

Special Events –

Motion: Approve free use of the upper level of the Wiesemeyer Center for a scout request on Sunday, August 14th Saturday November 12th, and Friday night/Sat. morning for lock in.
Randy/Jim 6-0 Ayes

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Personnel & Safety – Terry
Nothing to report.

Beautification – Randy

Randy asked George if he could get quotes for getting block pavers for curbing on the 32 acre parking area and for landscaping of the island and adding boulders.

George said that he would.

Randy told George about the triangle area behind the Wiesemeyer Center. He and Norm have long envisioned an open deck there.

George said that he would look into this.

Randy said that he would coordinate memorial bench locations with George.

Phil said that he has had recent conversations with Dawn Mushill at he Chamber of Commerce about the whole summer concert series. The City of Highland has a summer series they call Peanut Butter and Jam. Phil said that he and Dawn were looking at something they would call "Picnic in the Park". The plan is to seek business sponsorship each week and have an event that would coincide with the band concerts. Dawn is presenting the idea to her board. Phil said they have high hopes of growing this and said he will keep the board informed, as more information becomes available.

7:45 Motion: Adjourn the meeting. Norm/Randy 6-0 Ayes

Submitted by
Terry Ball, Secretary