

Tri-Township Park Board Meeting
July Regular Meeting
Park Office
July 13, 2005

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7:00 PM Meeting called to order.

In Attendance: Phil Loethen, Terry Ball, Randy Wiesemeyer, Norm Beck, Jim Derby, Kevin Woodring, and Mary Kmetz

Also in Attendance: Tim Greenfield, Dave Roady, Pat Cox and Mae Grapperhaus from the Times-Tribune, Kelly Schomaker from the Edwardsville Intelligencer, Maryanne Barkley from FOP, David Allsup, Roger Tegmeyer, Dave Reid, Nancy Sanders, Jeri Tellmann, Robert Tellmann, and Pat Huck.

Additions to the Agenda – None

Approval of Minutes –

Motion: Approve June 8, 2005 minutes. Randy/Jim 6-0-1 Norm abstained.

Motion: Approve June 8, 2005 Executive session Personnel minutes to remain ~~un~~sealed. Randy/Jim 6-0-1 Norm abstained.

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Citizens on the Agenda –

Roger Tegmeyer addressed the board and read a statement that is attached to the minutes.

Thank you notes/Get Well –

Thank you note to Bob Converse who ground a stump out of the Meadow Drive property.
Thank you note to Sam Italiano for constantly repairing locks at the park free of charge.

Friends of the Park –

Maryanne Barkley presented a check for \$100 that was received as a donation for the skateboard park. She said that she has dropped off two paver bricks for the bandstand. She said that the best bid received so far for bandstand rails was for \$2,700. She said that the concerts have been very well attended.

Correspondence –

American Cancer Society thank-you letter.
Madison County letter about LP gas.
Contract from IAPD for August 1, 2005 self evaluation seminar.

Treasures Report –

\$359,098.99 in the bank.
Motion: Accept treasures report. Norm/Mary 7-0 Ayes

Pay Bills –

Bills totaling \$23,671.53 were reviewed.
Motion: Pay all bills for \$23,671.53. Norm/Randy 7-0 Ayes

Park Superintendent Report –

Tim presented a copy of his monthly report for review.
Motion: Accept Superintendents report. Randy/Kevin 7-0 Ayes

TBSL –

Terry said that the TBSL is still going and reminded Tim that every diamond in the park would be used on Thursday providing it doesn't rain.

TSC –

No one from TSC was in attendance.

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Financial – Phil

Madison County Grant/Playground status – We will get reimbursement once completed.

SBC Phone Contract – Phil said that he would review and execute.

Board Development Workshop – Phil reminded the commissioners that this was scheduled for August 1st.

He asked Mary as Special Events commissioner to buy food for all the commissioners and the guests.

Mary agreed to do this.

Motion: Approve modified budget recognizing workshop and bandstand railing. Terry/Randy 6-0-1 Kevin abstained.

Phil said that the President of the local VFW has contacted him. There is a September 11th Torches Across America, California to New York motorcycle ride that will spend a night in the Tri-Township Park on September 7th, on their way to New York. It is estimated that as many as 500 motorcyclists could be camping out in the park.

Athletics – Norm

Norm said that the Titans had met with a couple of commissioners relative to a Titans building.

Walking trail on 162 bridge – Norm said that he was very impressed with the City for having donated \$50,000 for the Skateboard Park and working with us to build it. He said that he felt we should now help them and donate the money necessary for building a walkway across the interstate bridge.

Phil asked if he knew if the \$20,000 cost was still a solid number.

Norm said that he had talked to someone at IDOT and they felt that this was still a good number. Norm said that it would be a great thing. The hang-up may be the sidewalk and it would be expensive but this will be the only chance we have to get this and we need to act now and worry about how to fund the sidewalks later.

Phil said that he and Terry had recently had a meeting with an interested citizen who said he was going to talk with the City about what a great idea this was and get involved with the project.

Terry said that he agreed this was a good idea. This would allow the folks west of the interstate to have access to the park via walking or by bicycle and would also allow us to connect with the MEPRD trails. Terry said that the idea has not been very well received at the City Council and he thinks that is simply a matter of whose idea it was.

Phil asked Norm to contact IDOT and to talk with the City and then let us know what he wants to do.

Norm said that he would try and get on the agenda for a City Council meeting.

Insurance – Kevin

Roller status - Kevin said that the roller he has left voice mails with the fellow who has the roller and said he really doesn't know where we are with this.

Skateboard park issues – Kevin said that the police department is not interested in prosecuting kids who are swearing at the skateboard park.

Phil said that there has also been an ongoing issue with litter.

Norm said that we need to talk with the kids.

Tim said he knew who most of the leaders were and that he would talk to them.

Grounds – Jim

Jim said that he would like to look into redoing the pavement at the south entrance to the park.

Kevin said that he believed that this section of highway is slated to be repaved by either the City or by IDOT.

Jim agreed to talk to the City about this and see if we can get a contractor to go 30 to 50 feet into the park when resurfacing and have us pay for this.

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Special Events – Mary

Motion: Approve Friedens Church of Christ free use of part of the large parking lot for a motorcycle display on Sept 11th. Mary/Randy 7-0 Ayes

Motion: Approve free use of storage area in #14 pavilion for Troy Titans (July 16t – Aug 20) and free use of #14 pavilion on Saturday Aug 6 for Titans equipment handouts. Terry/Randy 7-0 Ayes

Motion: Approve free use of the #14 pavilion on Sunday July 31 for Troy Titans. Terry/Jim 7-0 Ayes

Phil asked Mary if she had taken a look at the free use policy. Phil said that we need to review how many free rentals are being taken on weekends when we normally have them rented out. He said that we also need to think about free rentals also having to pay the cleaning deposit so we can ensure that they clean up after themselves. Phil asked Mary to look at the policy and come back to the board with a recommendation for any changes.

Personnel & Safety – Terry

Nothing to report.

Beautification – Randy

Nothing to report.

7:45 Motion: Enter into closed session to discuss employment issues/personnel pursuant to 5ILCS 120 sec. 2c1 Randy/Jim 5-2 Ayes Mary and Kevin voted no.

8:00 Return from executive session personnel

Motion: Hire George Bryant as the Director of the Park District for an annual salary of up to \$50,000, plus benefits as discussed, subject to Phil Loethen negotiating an employment contract between the Park District and Mr. Bryant within the next two weeks. Terry/Randy 5-2 Ayes Mary and Kevin voted no.

8:05 Motion: Adjourn the meeting. Norm/Randy 7-0 Ayes

Submitted by
Terry Ball, Secretary