

Tri-Township Park Board Meeting  
May Regular Meeting  
Park Office  
June 8, 2005



7:00 PM Meeting called to order.

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

Absent: Norm Beck

Also in Attendance: Tim Greenfield, Dave Roady, Pat Cox and Mae Grapperhaus from the Times-Tribune, Norma Mendoza from the Edwardsville Intelligencer, Ruby Schultze, Pat Huck, Diana Shreve, and Andrea McFarland

Additions to the Agenda – None

Approval of Minutes –

Motion: Approve May 31, 2005 minutes. Randy/Terry

Mary said that the email sent concerning the district's hiring policy was not correct.

Phil said that this vote is on accepting the minutes and has nothing to do with any emails. He reminded Mary that she was not at this meeting and should abstain.

5-1 Mary voted No.

Motion: Approve May 31, 2005 Executive session Personnel minutes to remain sealed.

Randy/Jim 4-0-2 Kevin and Mary abstained.

Citizens on the Agenda –

Joe Barth is on the agenda but has not yet arrived.

Thank you notes/Get Well –

There were none.

Friends of the Park –

No one from FOP was in attendance.

Correspondence –

We received a letter from Dick Cain expressing appreciation for being the Park attorney since 1976.

Treasures Report –

\$387,576.97 in the bank.

Motion: Accept treasures report. Kevin/Terry 6-0 Ayes

Pay Bills –

Bills totaling \$75,681.74 were reviewed.

Motion: Pay all bills totaling \$75,681.74. Randy/Terry 6-0 Ayes

Park Superintendent Report –

Tim reviewed the past months activities.

Tim said that here has been some recent damage to the basketball court tiles. Tim agreed to get quotes on repairing.

Motion: Order 2 tennis court nets and 1 volleyball net not to exceed \$500. Terry/Randy 6-0 Ayes

Motion: Order 4 semi loads of river sand for volleyball courts not to exceed \$1,000. Terry/Kevin 6-0 Ayes

Motion: Accept superintendent's report. Kevin/Randy 6-0 Ayes

TBSL –

Terry said that there are 783 kids signed up and playing ball. The season is now open.



TSC –

No one from TSC was in attendance.

Financial – Phil

Motion: Approve Ordinance 2005-02 budget. Randy/Terry 6-0 Ayes

Phil said that the board development workshop would be on Monday, August 1<sup>st</sup>. It will be a 3-hour workshop.

Phil said that we have had complaints about the condition of Pearl the deer in the petting zoo. A vet has seen Pearl. She is at the high end of her life expectancy and is having problems with her feet that the vet says cannot be treated. The pot-bellied pig is also getting extremely fat. Phil suggested sending these two animals and the four guinea hens to a no kill animal retirement home in Missouri.

Motion: Send the deer, the pig, and the 4 guinea hens to the retirement center in Missouri.

Terry/Jim 6-0 Ayes

Phil said that he will be on vacation for the next three weeks and asked Randy if he would attend the Senior Board Meeting for him on 6/16.

Randy said that he would.

Athletics – Norm

Norm is on vacation and was absent.

Joe Barth, the auditor arrived. Joe passed out copies of the audit. The audit is through March 31, 2004. Joe had a few suggestions for internal controls relative to the authorization and dispersal of funds.

The TBSI uses a single signature check. Recommends a monthly expenditure projection.

When officers and directors change, we need to get the signer cards at the bank changed.

Recommends a receipt trail for all pavilion rentals. Tim explained that we already have this in place. After reviewing this, Joe agreed that we are in good shape.

Joe said that the audit requirements would substantially change in the next year. He reminded the board that we are under no legal obligation to perform the audit.

Insurance – Kevin

Kevin said that the roller he has been trying to get donated for the park is still out and not available.

Kevin said that he has checked with both the chief of police and the States Attorney office and neither are interested in pressing charges for profanity by kids in the park.

Phil thanked Kevin for checking into this and said that we have had recent complaints by parents of small children using the playground by the #14 pavilion relative to profanity being used. Phil asked for suggestions relative to age restrictions on the playground.

Tim said that we are unable to enforce anything like this.

Terry said he didn't want to set an age limit for the playgrounds as they are paid for by all the taxpayers and not just those 12 and under. Terry said that the swearing was a proximity issue. The parents of preschool TeeBall players use the playground near the Skateboard Park. Swearing is not a skateboarder issue. These parents would hear the same thing next to the main ball diamonds, the volleyball court, the basketball court and virtually any other area.

Grounds – Jim

Jim said the lake project is complete and we could use some rain to fill the lake back up.

Special Events –

Mary asked what "Free Use Wiesemeyer Center Policy" on the agenda was.

Phil said that he recommends that consider limiting free usage of the Wiesemeyer Center. Currently, anyone on the free use list can get Monday through Thursdays without board approval and Friday through Sundays with board approval. Phil said he was unaware of the board ever having denied a request. He said this limits the access to all other citizens who want it and are willing to pay for it. Phil asked Mary to look at and consider revising the policy and to also consider that free rentals are not required to pay a deposit.

Motion: Spend up to \$400 for 4<sup>th</sup> of July food and drinks to be sold by the commissioners. This is assigned to Norm to organize and manage. Randy/Terry 6-0 Ayes



Motion: Approve outside vendors – Ron Gaitley Kettle Corn and Lemon Shakeups for same proceeds as last year. Randy/Mary 6-0 Ayes

Motion: Approve free use two softball fields for St. Paul's Lutheran School Oct 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup>. Terry/Randy 6-0 Ayes

Motion: Approve Nancy Henson request for using water service at Pavilion #11 on Wed 6/29. Terry/Kevin 6-0 Ayes

Personnel & Safety – Terry  
Nothing to report.

Beautification – Randy  
Tim said that all benches are in or will be.

7:45 Motion: Adjourn to executive session personnel and staffing. Randy/Terry 5-1 Ayes Mary was the no vote.

Pat Cox, reporter for the Times-Tribune said that personnel and staffing was too vague. She said that the law requires we be more specific about which employee we were going to discuss. She asked if we were going to hire a Park Director.

Ron Motil said that she was interpreting the open meetings act law incorrectly. The board does not have to name specific employees.

Pat again said that the law says it has to be specific.

Ron Motil addressed park President Phil Loethen and stated that we a motion that is perfectly legal and that a specific name does not have to be given. Ron said that we have already answered the question and should adjourn.

7:59 Return from executive session personnel

8:00 Motion: Adjourn the meeting. Randy/Terry 6-0 Ayes

Submitted by  
Terry Ball, Secretary