

Tri-Township Park Board Meeting  
Park Board House  
May 31, 2005

Meeting called to order at 7:00 by Phil

Roll call:

Phil Loethen, Randy Wiesemeyer, Terry Ball, and Jim Derby  
Absent – Kevin Woodring, Mary Kmetz, and Norm Beck  
Also in attendance: Ron Motil and Pat Cox.

Approval of Minutes -

Motion: Approve minutes from May 28th meeting. Randy/Terry 3-0-1 Ayes Jim abstained

Phil said that Thank You notes were not on the agenda, but he wanted to pass one around to have it signed and sent to Pasha Grothaus. She was walking in the park today and picking up trash as she walked. Phil said that he wanted to acknowledge this.

Introduction of Ron Motil –

Phil introduced Ron Motil. Ron is now the Park attorney. Ron specializes in municipal law and also has 12 years experience as a park board commissioner, two of which were served as president, with the Granite City Park District. Ron is currently licensed to practice law in the States of Illinois and Missouri. The licenses, issued by the Supreme Courts of Illinois and Missouri, are in good standing. Ron is a 1983 graduate of the St. Louis University School of Law. He is affiliated with the law firm of Beatty, Motil & Foster.

Citizens on the Agenda –

Phil said that the person who had requested at the last meeting to be on the agenda is now trying to work out a separate and private meeting between himself, Phil, and Terry.

Troy Assembly of God Refund Request –

Phil said that we have received a request from Sabian Chaney with the Troy Assembly of God for a refund for a rental of Pavilion #14. The group paid for the rental and because of bad weather had to cancel their event. Phil said that in his opinion this would set bad precedent. Any and all rentals could justifiably come seeking a refund after a cold day or a rainy day.

Randy asked if we should consider giving them a free rental instead.

Phil said that the church had already used their free rental earlier in the year. This rental was in addition to that one and is why they had paid.

Terry said that he would like to help out any church or civic organization like this but that if we did we could not say no to anyone and everyone who ever rented a pavilion on a bad weather weekend.

No motions were made.

Motion: Approve Football Camp June 8 & 9 on the soccer fields. Terry/Jim 4-0 Ayes

Motion: Approve Pavilion #12 on June 12 for Bob Reinneck Troop 225 Randy/Jim 4-0 Ayes

7:07 Motion: Adjourn meeting to Executive Session for Personnel for hiring a Park Director and staffing decisions. Randy/Terry 4-0 Ayes

Pat Cox, reporter with the Times-Tribune, addressed the board and said that we cannot go to closed executive session and discuss generalities. We are restricted to discussing specifics and need to state what these are prior to closing the meeting.

Park District Attorney Ron Motil stated that the motion was to adjourn the meeting to Executive Session for Personnel for hiring a Park Director and staffing decisions. This motion meets the legal requirements of the State law and that additional explanation would be improper.

Pat said that she has talked to the States Attorney about this topic and that this would be an issue if we did not inform her what we were planning to discuss. She said that she protested the closing of the meeting.

Ron Motil said that the motion and the closing of the meeting were perfectly legal and in accordance with the law. The law has specific topics that can be discussed in closed session. Personnel is one of them. He said that what we specifically were to discuss in closed session falls under the proper heading of Personnel in the Illinois Open Meetings Act, and by law are closed to the public, and that as such he advises his clients not to discuss these specifics.

Pat then left the meeting.

7:50 Return from Executive Session.

Motion: Stop accepting applications for the Park Director position. Randy/Jim 4-0 Ayes

7:50 Motion to adjourn the meeting Terry/Randy 4-0 Ayes

Respectfully submitted by

Terry Ball, Secretary