

Tri-Township Park Board Meeting
October ~~12~~ Regular Meeting
Park Office
October 12, 2005

Approved
Nov 9, 2005
Phil

7:00 PM Meeting called to order.

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

Absent: Mary Kmetz and Norm Beck

Also in Attendance: George Bryant, Steve Giacoletto, Dave Roady, Tim Greenfield, and Pat Cox from the Times-Tribune.

Additions to the Agenda – None

Approval of Minutes –

Motion: Approve September 14, 2005 minutes. Randy/Jim 5-0 Ayes Roll Call vote

Motion: Approve September 14, 2005 executive session minutes to remain sealed. Randy/Jim 5-0 Ayes Roll Call vote

Citizens on the Agenda – None

Thank you notes/Get Well –

Thank you note sent to Kevin Byrne for roof repair.

Friends of the Park –

No one in attendance.

Correspondence –

Received a thank you note from NAMI for mental health walk.

Received a thank you from Mrs. Roady for flowers.

Treasures Report –

\$646,839 in the bank.

Motion: Accept treasures report. Kevin/Randy 5-0 Ayes Roll call vote.

Pay Bills –

Bills totaling \$38,672.32 were reviewed.

Motion: Pay all bills for \$38,672.32. Randy/Kevin 5-0 Ayes Roll Call Vote

Park Director Report – George Bryant

Five-year plan – George said that he would be working on this at a later date and planned to present to the board at the beginning of next year. He said that this would probably be both a 5-year plan and a 10-year plan.

Repair of the lake fountain – George had an estimate for repairing the fountain.

Motion: Approve spending up to \$1,200 for installation materials. Randy/Terry 5-0 Ayes Roll Call vote

Park Lighting Status – George said that we have been working with the City on this over a number of years. Ameren now says that they are reevaluating. George said that he is talking the City Administrator about this and there will probably be additional costs for lighting.

Phil said that we have 60 light fixtures in the park. Ameren bills the City for all of the park's street lights. The City gets a 50% discount from Ameren. The City bills the Park on an annual basis. Historically the City has been very generous with the Park only billed the Park for 16 fixtures and then given the Park the

50% discount. Our annual cost was around \$1,400. When we discussed adding new 14 fixtures around pavilion #14 we received an estimate from the City showing us the new anticipated cost with the 50% discount, around \$3,000 total. The City recently billed us for \$6,500. They did not pass along the 50% discount. When George discussed this with the City the City said they would have Ameren audit the Park for all of the lighting fixtures.

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Terry said that if the City is still getting a 50% discount from Ameren, then they are passing along a bill that they are not receiving or having to pay.

George said that he would continue to work with Ameren to find out what the costs will be going forward. Based on how the costs used to be calculated, the \$1,500 fee could turn into one in excess of \$12,000.

Skateboard Club – George said that he met with City Councilman Jay Evans, Terry Ball, and skateboard shop owner Casey Otto to discuss starting a skateboard club. He said that we could enhance the facility by organizing the youth that use it and have them take ownership. Casey Otto will be working to bring events into the park and working with the skaters to promote safety.

Park Map – George said that he is reevaluating his original plan to have Hurst-Roche develop a map of the park. Their map would not have been to scale. He is looking at an aerial map of the park and possibly the entire community. Costs to do this are comparable to what was originally approved for the HR map.

Dept of Human Services work first – George presented the board with some paperwork relative to this program. It is an agreement that he can make relative to using folks for staffing in the park. These folks are on public aid and or doing community service. The organization will send candidates to George to interview and then George can select them or not.

Motion: Approve contract for Project Choice/Family Forward. Randy/Terry 4-0-1 Ayes Roll call vote Kevin abstained.

George said that he is reevaluating the lock system in the park. He feels there is a lot of duplication and a lot of keys floating around the community. He is working with a local locksmith to develop a plan and will bring this back to the board in the future.

George said he belongs to several different organizations. One of these is the Southern Illinois Regional Urban Forestry Council and he will be working with them to possibly get free trees for the park.

George said that he has discovered the bandstand ramp is not actually handicapped accessible. He has stopped with the installation of the rails at this time. He will work with the architects who designed this to correct the situation prior to installing the rails.

Oil & Chip – George said that we agreed to spend up to \$7,000 for oil and chipping. He presented the bids he has collected. They ranged up to \$9,500. The consensus of the board was that we could do up to two roads for the \$7,000.

TBSL – Terry Ball

Terry said that the TBSL season is now complete. Nothing to report.

TSC –

No one from TSC was in attendance.

Financial – Phil

Madison County Grant/Playground status – We received the check.

Background Checks – Bill Beguhn has reported that all of the TSC coaches have been checked on the sex offender website with no hits. The list of coaches will be forwarded to the park office and a random sample of background checks will be performed.

Phil said that it is time to start planning the volunteer appreciation dinner like what we had last year. He said that he would again work with Norm to coordinate this event.

Phil said that he would like the board to consider paying off the 32 acres. The loan originated in 1998. The balance is approximately \$209,000. We have the money in the bank to pay the loan off. We are paying \$11,000 a year in interest. The interest savings would be about \$72,500.

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Athletics – Norm
Norm was absent.

Insurance – Kevin
Nothing to report.

Grounds – Jim
Jim said that he is working on the pavement at the Collinsville Road entrance. He said that we bids will be advertised on October 17th and bids will be opened on October 31st.

Special Events – Mary (absent)

Motion: Approve revised Wiesemeyer policy – adding St. Paul’s Lutheran School tot he free use list. Randy/Kevin 4-0-1 Ayes Roll call vote Phil abstained

George said that he and Mary would continue to look at the free use policy.

Phil said that while the policy is being revised the board should consider that out-of-district residents should pay a higher rental fee than in-district taxpayers. He also said that free rental should also have to pay the refundable damage deposit.

Personnel & Safety – Terry
Nothing to report.

Beautification – Randy
Randy presented landscaping edging that he would like to use at the gazebo to the board seeking opinions. He said it would cost approximately \$945 to use this.

George said that it would make grass mowing and weeding very easy by using this.

Motion: Spend up to \$945 for edging. Randy/Terry 5-0 Ayes Roll call vote.

7:35 Motion: Enter into closed session to discuss employment, compensation, discipline, or dismissal of specific employees pursuant to 5 ILCS 120 sec. 2c1 Terry/Randy 5-0 Ayes Roll call vote taken

8:00 Reconvene meeting.

Motion: Adjourn the meeting. Randy/Jim 6-0 Ayes Roll call vote

Submitted by

Terry Ball, Secretary