

Tri-Township Park Board Meeting  
June Regular Meeting  
Park Office  
July 12, 2006

7:04 PM Meeting called to order.

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

Absent: Randy Wiesemeyer

Norm tried to conference call Randy Wiesemeyer who had requested to partake in the meeting. There was trouble with the connection and Randy did not take part in the meeting.

Additions to the Agenda –

Phil asked that we add an Executive Session after Beautification to discuss Personnel.

Steve Giacoletto said that we could not do this as we would have to vote to go to Executive Session and you cannot vote on something that has been added to the agenda.

Phil asked that we consider having a special meeting next week to discuss personnel.

Phil said that we should always have an Executive Session on the agenda and that we can decide whether to use it or not.

Norm said that he would consider that.

Approval of Minutes –

Motion: Approve May 15, 2006 Special Meeting - Budget minutes. Jim/Terry 4-0-2 Ayes Roll call vote. Mary and Kevin abstained.

Motion: Approve June 21, 2006 Regular Meeting minutes. Mary/Jim 5-0-1 Ayes Phil abstained. Roll call vote.

Thank you notes/Get Well –

Get well cards sent to Tom Vitale and Margarete Roady.

Friends of the Park – No one in attendance.

Correspondence – Nothing to mention.

Treasures Report –

Phil said that there was more money spent on memorials than received.

George said that it could be that there was some left from last fiscal year where the income was received last year and the expense was recorded this year. George said that he would get with Dave and check this out.

Phil said that the park sign was under new projects for \$20,000. This is a new entry and is generally approved by the board.

Norm said that the board at the last meeting approved it.

Phil said that he would prepare a revised budget for approval at the next meeting.

Phil said that the roller and the tables for the Wiesemeyer Center were both budgeted and paid for. They are not showing up as expensed under those items. Phil said they may have been coded incorrectly or Dave may have made a mistake.

Terry said that this is Dave's report.

George said that he would get with Dave and see where these expenses were recorded.

Motion: Accept treasures report with anomalies listed. Phil/Terry 6-0 Ayes Roll call vote.

Pay Bills –

Bills totaling \$17,394.67 were reviewed.

Motion: Pay all bills for \$17,394.67. Terry/Kevin 6-0 Ayes Roll Call Vote

Audit Report 2004-2005 Luallen, Clarlock and Barth, LTD

Joe Barth discussed the audit. He recommended that the TSC use Quick Books instead of spreadsheets.

#### Proposals for Oiling Park Streets

George said that we have \$7,000 budgeted for oiling the roads. He said that he has asked for bids from different vendors. He said that he is currently working with Mike Maedge, who is doing all the oil and chip work for the City of Troy. Mike has submitted a two bid proposals where he will charge us the same rate as that charged to the City. One bid is for \$6,451.45. The second bid which covers much more road area is for \$8,460.70.

Phil said that four years ago he had bid out the oil and chip work Piasaw was the low bidder. The first year they oiled the roads it was runny. They used an oil for sealing cracks. The next year Phil said he made sure they used a different type of oil that wasn't as runny. We need to make sure that we use the same type of oil.

George said that he asked them for a bid and they had not provided one. The bid from Maedge is a very good price as it is the same price charged to the City. Maedge is able to lower his price based on the large amount being purchased by the City.

Phil said that based on the history of what we have done over the past three years he would recommend proposal #1.

Norm asked Steve Giacometto if we needed to even vote on this as it is in the budget and we have already voted to do this.

Steve said that technically we did not. However, George has a spending limit of \$5,000 without board approval and cannot enter into this agreement on his own.

Motion: Go with proposal #1 for \$6451.45, spending up to \$7,000. Phil/Mary 6-0 Ayes Roll Call vote.

George said that he is targeting completion of this project by August 1.

#### Proposal for Christmas Decorations –

George said that he has met with City Councilman Gerry Lanahan and has been working with the City to see if we could join with them on the type of decorations purchased and used. The City currently buys their decorations from Wayne Manufacturing and we can get in for the same price paid by the City. George said that he has also met with Gerry Lanahan and Wayne Manufacturing to discuss this. George said that Gerry has indicated that the City will be supportive in helping with the installation of the decorations.

Terry asked when we need to make a decision on this.

George said that the prices we have been quoted are good for 30 days and will go up each month, as we get closer to Christmas. George said that this expense is not included in the budget. He said that he recommended we light 10 poles this year. There are 31 to 33 total poles in the park and we could do 10 poles per year for three years until the entire park was decorated.

Motion: Spend up to \$4,675 for the purchase of Christmas decorations from Wayne Manufacturing and installation. Terry There was no second to the motion.

#### Park Director Report – George Bryant

July 4<sup>th</sup> fireworks - Very successful. The fireworks were outstanding. Good community event. There was a tremendous crowd.

Norm said that he wanted to thank the City and acknowledge what a great job they did.

Park Christmas Decorations – Already talked about.

Recycling grants – Will be submitted by the next meeting. This grant is available all throughout the year. Phil said we had budgeted and planned for this last December, and it keeps getting postponed. We need to retire the old fiberglass tables. It would have been nice to have the new tables before the homecoming. Phil said that if George needs help he would be willing to write the grant.

Park Mapping – This is ongoing and still adding items to the mapping.

Phil said that we need to have the locations of the water shutoffs added to the mapping project.

George said that he anticipated this project being completed in the next 60 days.

Art Under the Stars – This is going well. Working with the Chamber of Commerce. Attendance appears to be up with up to 150 in attendance at the concerts.

Movie Night at the Park – This went very well. It was very well attended.

Norm said that he was there and counted over 275 in attendance. He said that the free ice cream was gone before the movie ever started.

George said that all the free food was donated and he is working on sponsorships for future events and are planning another movie for September 22.

Ball Fields status – Dry weather has been a problem. We are more than 7 inches shy of normal rainfall.

Fountains #3 and # 14 – George said that the fountain on #14 was installed yesterday. They are working at installing the fountain at #3.

Kevin said that he thought there was a problem with the water pressure on the fountain at #9.

George said that would check on this.

IPARKS – George is working with Kevin on this.

Park Entrance Sign – Norm said that the boring is completed. He said that he discussed additional boring with Terry Hime to get water to the center island at #14. He said that Terry Hime agreed to do it without additional charge. Norm said that we are now running the electric. He said that rock and stones are due in by the end of the week and we are just waiting on the volunteers to place them. Norm said that Ready Mix donated the concrete. Terry Hime donated some of the boring. A bricklayer has volunteered his time to place the bricks. Fetters have donated stone to build the pillars. Norm said that he wanted to thank everyone who has helped out with this project.

Phil asked what were planning on doing with the sign that the Lion's Club donated to the park.

Norm said at the last meeting we discussed putting this sign at the entrance by the Wiesemeyer Center.

Norm said that we would need to get electric to the sign.

Phil said that electric is already run to diamond #1. He said the line may be broken but it is there.

George said that he could check on this.

Phil said that this line needs to be placed in conduit. He said that we need to make a motion that anything laid under the ground or under water needs to be in conduit.

Phil said that he read where we passed the prevailing wage ordinance at the last meeting. He said that this must be immediately published with the State, and then within 30 days published in a local newspaper. He asked George if we had done this since he had not seen a newspaper bill.

George said that he was waiting on a signature form Norm for the ordinance. He had received that tonight and would quickly comply with all State regulations.

Phil said that our One Year plan called for a recycling effort. He asked if would could get a drum for the purpose of collecting aluminum cans. He said that this would be a great thing and that we need to find one in a catalog and get it. He said that he is trying to encourage recycling.

Phil asked what the status was with the Veterans Memorial.

Norm said that Brian was working with the VFW. Brian is in the process of developing a plan and we have heard nothing back from him.

George said that the VFW is supposed to be working on a plan and we are waiting to hear form them.

Phil said that the Veterans Memorial is leaning and we need to do something before it falls over.

Norm said that he would be more than happy to take this project on personally if the board wants him to.

George suggested that we notify the VFW that we are ready and waiting on their recommendation.

#### TBSL – Terry Ball

Terry said that the TBSL season is winding down and should be complete in the next week or two.

Phil asked if we have been getting any complaints on the fields. Phil said he had only heard of only two complaints all year.

George said that the vast majority of input has been positive.

Norm said that in the near future we would need a walking path to the far western fields past #14.

Phil said that he walks around the games and gets nothing but compliments on the fields.

Jim said that he has heard complaints from the Rookie coaches and said that we need to address the parking situation.

Phil said that we are missing one or two sets of bleachers.

Norm said that if we get bleachers to put over there that they need to be set on concrete pads.

#### Financial – Phil

Phil said that he has talked with Norris Brase about the donation of a satellite park. Norris says that only one resident was not in favor of the idea. The attorneys will be drawing up the paperwork for the property transfer and will then forward it to Steve. They will probably want us to pay for the attorney fees. Phil said that property has willow trees that will probably need to be removed. He said that we should do this and plant more trees in the fall. He said that we should consider the Madison County Grant in the spring and use this to put a playground and a pavilion here.

Phil said that he was not prepared to discuss the ethics ordinance this evening.

Phil said that he wanted to discuss communication and teamwork. He said that the boring of the water line was not board approved and not communicated to the board that it was going to be done. He said that he knew absolutely nothing about this and does not want to be surprised. He said that this type of decision should be brought to the board and discussed and then approved.

Phil said that we are spending contingency funds for the park entrance sign that are not replaceable. We should talk about options for spending that money.

Norm said that we have been talking about a park entrance sign for the past three years. We discussed this project in detail at the last meeting that Phil was not at for over 30 minutes. It was a good long discussion and a unanimous board vote to move forward with the plan. Norm said that during the discussion the board gave him approval to do the boring and to have the water lines ran. Norm said that he did not inform the board that we had the additional boring to run water to the island on #14 because it was donated.

Norm said that he will keep communication lines to all commissioners open at all times.

Phil said that he read the minutes and when it is not discussed or voted on it should not be done.

Norm said that as he had already stated, it was discussed at length and voted on and approved unanimously by the board.

Phil said he read the minutes and was aware of the sign but installing the other water line wasn't discussed. When we drive through the park we should only see maintenance and board approved projects being performed.

#### Athletics – Norm

Nothing to report.

#### Insurance – Kevin

Working on IPARKS property valuation with George.

#### Grounds – Jim

Jim said that the speed bumps are installed. He said that we need to look into a walking path up by #14 to and around the ball fields.

#### Special Events – Mary

No special requests.

#### Personnel & Safety – Terry

Terry said that Gorge was hired on August 1 of last year. The employment contract given to George requires that he be a resident of the district within one year of employment. Terry said that he has had extensive conversation with George on this topic and is confident that George will be relocating his family residence inside the park district boundaries very soon.

Phil said that he thinks this discussion should be in executive session.

Terry presented a modification to the employment contract that extended the residency timeline from 12 months to 18 months.

Motion: Accept amendment to agreement for employment. Terry/Jim 3-3 Roll Call vote

Terry asked Norm to schedule a special meeting so that we can again have discussion on this topic and vote again when commissioner Randy Wiesemeyer will be in attendance.

#### Beautification – Randy

Norm said that we are looking at getting into the Master Gardner's program. He said that the grass at the Wiesemeyer Center is looking very good. He said that we need some work on the rose garden.

Norm said that we have someone who is interested in donating hundreds of hasta plants.

Norm said that the bandstand is looking good.

Phil said that the memorial trees are dying from lack of water.

Norm said that George had already mentioned that we are more than seven inches behind on normal rainfall and that we have had this problem of trees dying during drought for the past two years.

8:40 Motion: Adjourn the meeting. Phil/Kevin 6-0 Ayes

Submitted by  
Terry Ball, Secretary