

Tri-Township Park Board Meeting
November Regular Meeting
Park Office
November 8, 2006

7:00 PM Meeting called to order.

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

Additions to the Agenda –
None

Approval of Minutes –

Motion: Approve October 11 2006 Regular Meeting minutes. Randy/Mary 4-0-1 Ayes Roll Call vote. Phil abstained.

Thank you notes/Get Well –
None

Treasures Report –
\$538,337.90.

Dave reminded the board we sometimes write checks immediately after a meeting to cover bills and those these show up on the treasures report. These bills do not make the bills list. These are typically deposit refunds. This is okay as we are approving the payment by voting to approve the treasures report. We will now be getting a monthly report on any checks that fall into this.

Motion: Accept treasures report. Terry/Randy 6-0 Ayes Roll Call Vote

7:08 Kevin arrives

Pay Bills –
Bills totaling \$12,454.08 were reviewed.

Motion: Pay all bills for \$12,454.08. Randy/Terry 6-0 Ayes Roll Call Vote

Adventure Night Report –

George said that rather than tell the board what happened he felt that it would be more appropriate to have one of the story tellers from Adventure Night tell the board the story of what happened.

George introduced Mary Ann Miller who is President of the Troy Women's Club and who helped coordinate this event.

Mary Ann said that Adventure Night was a fantastic thing. She said that it was basically George's idea. She said that the people of the community were overwhelmed by the event and appeared to be genuinely excited. She explained about the Hay Rack ride that was sponsored and provided by Troy Grain. She said that after the hayrack ride people went to the petting zoo and then across the bridge and into the entrance of Adventure Night. Tickets were given out and 456 total tickets were taken although she was certain that a couple of hundred more people were there who did not get tickets. The event had music, three face painters, and four different story-telling stations.

The senior's were responsible for the Three Billy Goats Gruff story telling accompanied by Billy goats.

The Women's Club was responsible for the Mary Had a Little Lamb story telling accompanied by a lamb.

The Children's Librarian from the Library was responsible for the Little White Hen story telling accompanied by a white hen. We had to change this, as we did not have a red hen.

The Women's Club was responsible for the Three Little Pigs story telling accompanied by the baby pigs.

The Boy Scouts manned and maintained the bon fire.

The Principal from St. Paul's Lutheran School read stories by the fire.

We went through 15 gallons of Hot Chocolate.

MEB

Mary Ann said that the event went over very well. She said that we had many generations of families all showing up together and that the Board should be so proud of what happened for the community. George said that he also wanted to recognize Darwin Meyer who was also in attendance. Darwin said that he manned the petting zoo while hundreds of people worked their way through it. He said that he had a good time and a lot of people fed the animals. George introduced Louise Rinkel from the Women's Club. Louise had read the story of Mary Had a Little Lamb. Louise said that having a lamb there really helped, as the kids liked being able to pet the animal. George said that at closing time there was a lot of work to be done and the Boy Scouts volunteered to help and it went very quick. George said that he would be talking to different organizations and potential sponsors for future cooperative events. Terry and Randy said that they worked as greeters at the event and heard many positive compliments.

Audit Report 2—5-2006 – Scheffel and Co. PC

Auditor Howard Held presented the audit. He said that he had gone through everything and didn't see any issues. He said that we have \$534,585 in unrestricted reserves. He said that this represents nine months of expenses in reserve.

Phil asked Howard if he had any recommendations for the future.

Howard said that there was nothing major. He said that we did an appropriation ordinance. This gives us the right to spend money. This ordinance is structured around a budget. He said that to avoid having to amend the ordinance we shouldn't appropriate the budget.

2007 Park Board Monthly Meeting Schedule –

George presented a listing of all the proposed meeting dates for 2007 to be voted on.

Norm asked if anyone minded if he reviewed the list for possible conflicts and has the board vote on it at the December meeting.

No one did.

Park Director Report – George Bryant

George said that everything he had wanted to communicate to the Board other than Adventure Night had already gone out in updates. He said that he didn't have anything else to add.

Norm said that he liked George's update reports and wanted to compliment him on this. He said that he liked the communication. It has just the right amount of information and helped him to stay informed about everything that was going on.

TBSL – Steve Putz and James Long

Steve Putz said that he was the current vice president of the TBSL. He has two kids who had gone through the program and were now done playing. He said that he had been involved with the TBSL board for about 10 years. He said that we had approximately 920 kids play ball in the program this past year. He said that he wanted to commend both George and the Board as he can call George with requests or issues and they are addressed quickly. He said that it was nice working with George and the Board. Steve said that with his boys done playing he might be moving on after this year. James Long will be replacing him and covering the high school boys program.

James Long said that he had been involved with the TBSL board for about three years. He said that we tried to start a fall league for the high school boys for the last couple of years and were finally successful this past year. We had four teams play fall ball this year. He said that the league plays by TBSL rules with the exception of pitching. He said high school boys want the opportunity to pitch. The fall league only allowed a pitcher to go for three innings. Given that they played three games in two days each weekend, this allowed for a lot of kids to get to pitch. James said that the fields were fantastic for the season and said that George was always very helpful with whatever was needed.

George said that James's interest and enthusiasm were what allowed the Park and the TBSL to establish a fall baseball league.

James suggested that we look into some way to play the national anthem before games. He said that it would be proper and show respect.

TSC – Ernie Walker

Ernie said that there were 775 kids in the TSC program this past year. There were 64 total teams ranging from U6 to U15. There were 98 coaches and assistant coaches. He said that the TSC only had one rainout day the entire season. All teams played a 14 game season. He said that the TSC has three new people on the board and was currently looking at three additional prospects. HE said that they have a new web page that

can be viewed at www.tsc.il.org. He said that the TSC does not currently have a president. Elections will be held in January. He said that with no rain virtually all season it made it almost impossible for George to get the fields rolled. He said that the concession stand needs electrical work and has definite size constraints. The TSC is looking at the possibility of getting a new building through donations of labor and materials. He said that the goals are getting in need of repair. He said that the number of teams and the season length might make them start the season earlier next year. He said that the TSC is considering the possibility of starting a select club under their jurisdiction and control.

Financial – Phil

Phil said that he had received some paperwork on possible guidelines for tree cutting safety. He passed these to Safety & Personnel Chair Terry Ball for review.

Phil said that he felt the employees should be given a policy manual to review and sign off that they had read it.

Phil said that he has talked to Norris Brase and that all the paperwork on the satellite park is completed. Norris has told Phil that he is working on another development and hopes to make another piece of land available in a subdivision he is developing on Bauer Road.

Phil said that the tentative levy for next year is usually done about this time.

George said that he would get to work on this and have for the next meeting.

Phil said that he has not updated the park web page for about six months and his schedule would not allow him to maintain it. He said that we should consider hiring someone to do this.

Athletics – Norm

Norm said that he has heard from several select baseball teams and they should be getting letters into George very soon.

Insurance – Kevin

Nothing to report.

Grounds – Jim

Jim was absent.

Norm said that he knew Jim was still working on the drainage issues on the 32 acres so that we could get to work on extending the walking paths there.

Special Events – Mary

Mary presented the list of requests for waiving of rental fees for 2007.

Motion: Approve request to waive rental fees for 2007 rentals - attached. Mary/Phil 6-0 Ayes
Roll Call vote.

Personnel & Safety – Terry

Mary asked why the office secretary was still working.

Terry said that we wrote the job description as part time intending to work full time in the summer only or part time intermittently throughout the year.

Dave Roady agreed stating that the position was set up for IMRF to be worked at 999 hours a year.

Terry said that there has been a lot going on the past few months and that the office had been very busy and he understood why we still had someone working.

Beautification – Randy

Randy presented a picture of the proposal for beautification and landscaping of the island in the 32 acres.

8:35 Motion: Adjourn the meeting. Terry/Randy 6-0 Ayes

Submitted by
Terry Ball, Secretary