

Tri-Township Park District
Park Board Meeting
November 14, 2012

Meeting was called to order at 7pm by Kevin Woodring, Park President.

The pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissioners present: Bud Adelhardt, Tim Flint, James Newcombe
John Owens, Kevin Woodring
Commissioners Absent: Dave Nonn

Motion to approve of minutes October 10, 2012 meeting.
Flint/Adelhardt 5 Ayes 0 Nays

People requesting to be on the agenda:

- A. Merle Ottwein – New Lake Project – was not present at this time.
He did come into the meeting at 7:15pm.
- B. Naming of the Skate Park area – Tim Lambert, Anthony Warner and Brent Rubin are residents of Troy. They proposed to the City of Troy 10 years ago to get the skate park build in the Tri-Township Park which the city council passed. They are now proposing to the Tri-Township Park District that the skate park area be named in honor of Andrew J. Warner who passed away on June 23, 2012 from an accident. The family and friends of Andrew Warner are proposing to raise the money necessary to name the skate park, the sign telling everyone who Andrew Warner was and why the skate park was named after him, and that the family and friends are prepared to handle all responsibilities in regards to the care and maintenance of the proposed sign.

The park board will go over all this information and will make a decision about this request after the board has talked it over.

Executive Committee – Secretary/Treasurer’s report & Bills to be paid for November 2012.

Secretary/Treasurer’s report: Motion to approve:
Adelhardt/Newcombe 5 Ayes/0 Nays

Bills to be paid in November 2012

Motion to approve the paying of November bills:
Flint/Adelhardt 5 Ayes/0 Nays

Spin City Skate updates – from Bennie Parr, the carpet has been cleaned, the snack bar equipment has been installed, there will be about 17 part-time employees, the video machines have been delivered. The curb sign is being revamped and there will be a new sign on the front of the building installed. The health department will be in for a final walk through this week. The opening date for the skating center will be Friday Nov. 23rd, Thanksgiving weekend, being open Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Tuesday.

Tax Levy – David Roady explained about making no changes to the tax levy about increasing the levy to 4.95% (approximately .10 per \$100), how this increase will effect the taxes of the home owners, how much of an increase the taxes would be to an average home in the district. Mr. Roady listed his suggestions of how the levy would be funded to each category for the park district at the 4.95% increase. The board voted to increase the tax levy by 4.95% for the next year.

The list of dates for the Tri-Township Park District Board Meetings for 2013.

Motion to approve the 2013 meeting dates:
Owens/Flint 5 Ayes/0Nays

Holidays to be observed in 2013 by the park.

Motion to approve the holidays to be observed 2013:
Adelhardt/Newcombe 5 Ayes/0 Nays

Operations Committee –

Troy Co-op....The board has questions about the liability of the park with having the meat products from the farmers in the park and they are requesting that Steve Giacoletto, Attorney for the park become involved at this point to answer the questions before the board makes its final decision. This will be placed on next month agenda.

Santa's Village – Opening on Dec. 15th to Dec. 23rd with the reindeer available on Dec. 18th for photos, photos with Santa available every night. The Troy Lion's Club got a grant from the City of Troy, they will be providing monies to help with the replacement of some Christmas lights, cookies, hot cocoa, & other things for Santa's Village.

Roads and Grounds – Mr. Nonn was unable to be present at the board meeting, Mr. Nonn had dropped a check from Dale Grapperhaus Farms from the sale of beans from the park acreage that he leases from the park the check was for \$10,747.78. Mr. Nonn will have a road repair report for next month's meeting.

Athletics – Soccer meeting notes are in the packet for everyone to read, the season is over, they are talking about raising the athletic fee's for next year. All our sport fees are a lot less than everyone else's. We have people contacting the park to rent several of our fields but the rentals will not effect our teams league. Soccer is wanting to look at doing some inside practices at the skating rink, that will be handled by Bennie Parr, manager of Spin City. The maintenance is working on the baseball fields to get them ready for next year's season. Mr. Newcombe thinks that the baseball has a buyer for the old pitching machine and he will talk to Brian Willis about selling it.

Maintenance Supervisor/Office Manager –

Mark Miller – Sand has been hauled in for the ball fields, the volleyball has sand that has been put down as well. The fencing at the skate park area has been completed today. IPARKS will be in the park for inspection on Nov. 27th, and he doesn't expect any problems. The bathrooms are currently being winterized, #4, the one next to Pav. #1 they are locked for the rest of the season. The rest of the bathrooms will

be winterized within the next couple of weeks and they will be closed for the rest of the season as well. Santa's Village decorations will be going up on Nov 19th to get it ready. The tennis lights are on a timer that turns on about 6:30pm until 10pm each night does the board want to leave them on that time table or change it. Mr. Woodring said to leave the timers turned on people are still using the tennis courts that since the courts have been resurfaced people are still playing to leave them on, just don't leave them on after 10pm.

Written Communications/Thank You cards/Letters:

The seniors are requesting dates for the use of the community hall in 2013, 1st Thursday of each month for monthly meetings, every Wednesday night for Zumba, Feb. 22 & 23 for Trivia Night & Silent Auction Fundraiser. The Zumba may have to be moved to the basement if the Board meeting has to be held at the center on the 2nd Wednesday of each month.

Motion to approve the above date for the Seniors:

Newcombe/Flint 5 Ayes/0 Nays

Troy Historical Society, Troy Genealogical Society, Troy Women's Club requesting to have the upper level of the community center to be donated for the fund raiser March 9, 2013.

Motion to donate the center for March 9th, 2013:

Newcombe/Adelhardt 5 Ayes/0 Nays

An email, from a Troy resident, about having the co-op allowing farmers selling meat in the park that they must have all the proper paperwork in place before they should be allowed in the park.

Girl Scout Troup Troy is requesting the use of the upper level for the Brownies & Daisy Princess Tea on Jan. 19, 2013.

Motion to allow the use of upper level for the Daisy & Brownies:

Aedhardt/Newcombe 5 Ayes/0 Nays

Kathleen Andria requesting the use of the upper level community for a vendors show case to help raise monies for the food bank with a portion of the profits – 10%. The board refused to approve this due to the amount.

Comments from Community - None

Mr. Ottwein addressed the board concerning the grounds to the west of the undeveloped land, he would like for his group to put in a retention lake for drainage from his property to a new lake on the park property. His group would like to see about the possibility of donating the monies to the park to pay for having this lake put onto the park property. This is not a proposal this is to see how the board feels about this possibility of doing this and to see if it's at all possible to have a lake put onto that property. It's not an ideal spot for a lake, there is a gas pipeline across the property and the city has a 12 inch water line on the property. The lake would need to be dug and at the deepest point would be 7 to 8 ft. It would be a long low dam, 650 ft at the top with 2 levels of the dam. This is not the perfect place of a lake but it is a possibility. If the board is interested in this, then his group would continue to look at the possibility of having a lake put in. The lake would have to have a depth that fish could survive during the winter, but the board felt that saying that it's not a perfect location is very off putting. But the board will talk further and Mr. Ottwein will look at the possibility of using that location for a lake. Mr. Ottwein will have more testing done and will get back to the board with the finding.

Media Comments/Questions – None

Closing door session 8:30pm: Motion to go into close door session:
Newcombe/Flint 5 Ayes/0 Nays

Motion to adjourn out of close door session at 8:47pm