

Tri-Township Park District
Park Board Meeting
December 12, 2012

Meeting was called to order at 7:04pm by Kevin Woodring, Park President.

The pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissioners present: Bud Adelhardt, Dave Nonn, John Owens, Kevin Woodring

Commissioners Absent: James Newcombe, Tim Flint

Motion made to approve minutes of November 14, 2012 meeting.
Adelhardt/Owens 4 Ayes/0 Nays

People requesting to be on the agenda:

Greg Gomez – Gateway Baptist Church/52 churches will be doing mission projects in the Madison County area on March 16th. They would like to bring a group of 7 to 10 children, grades 1 through 6 with 3 or 4 adults into volunteer clean up in the park anywhere that it's needed.

Motion for Gateway Baptist Church to volunteer in the park:

Adelhardt/Nonn 4 Ayes/0 Nays

Executive Committee –

Secretary/Treasure's report & Bills to be paid for December 2012.

Motion to approve: Nonn/Adelhardt 4 Ayes/0 Nays

Bills to be paid in December 2012

Motion to approve the paying of December bills:

Nonn/Owens 4 Yes/0 Nays

James Newcombe joined the meeting at 7:18pm.

Spin City Skate updates – from Bennie Parr, Manager

Updates on # of skaters, the # of skates that have been sold, renting the facility to 2 soccer teams on Tuesdays and getting birthday parties booked. The back door will be replaced next week (week of Dec. 17th), the alarm has been installed.

The skating floor needs to be repaired on the area that was damaged due to the faulty back door with raised boards that could become dangerous for skaters in the future. Mr. Parr has gotten a bid to refinish the skating floor down to \$9,600.00 from \$15,200.00, with him going some of the work himself. The company will completely refinish the floor plus replacing the damaged boards; if they find more damage when those boards are removed the company will be responsible for the extra cost. The company can start the work on the floor about the first of January so the grand opening can be done around the end of January. This really needs to be done as soon as possible to avoid problems/accidents. The floors would need to be refinished every 2 to 3 years. But the next time the cost would be cut almost in half.

Motion to approve \$9,600.00 to have the skating rink floor refinished:

Nonn/Newcombe 5 Ayes/0 Nays

Since the opening of the rink Mr. Parr has had a lot of enquires for inline skate, the inline skates that the rink currently has are not safe or not useable. Mr. Parr feels that 28 pairs of inline skates need at this time at the cost of \$1,736.00 plus shipping.

Motion to approve up \$2,000.00 to purchase new inline skates:

Nonn/Newcombe 5 Ayes/0 Nays

Tax Levy 2012-2013 – The board agreed in November 14, 2012 meeting on a 4.95% increase.

Motion was made to sign the Tax Levy Ordinance 2012-05 with the 4.95% increase.

Newcombe/Owens 5 Ayes/0 Nays

Bonus checks for park employees – Christmas bonus checks for full time employee's get \$50 and part time employee's \$25. Regular part time employee will receive bonus checks, season workers will not.

Newcombe/Adelhardt 5 ayes/0 Nays

Park Appreciation Dinner to be held on Feb 9th at the Community Ctr for full time, part time, season employees, the volunteers from baseball and soccer.

Motion to hold the Appreciation Dinner:

Newcombe/Adelhardt 5 Ayes/0 Nays

Naming of the Skate Park Area – The Board decided that as tragic as it is to lose a child at any age they don't feel that being a taxing body and public park they would not be able to do this. The park has memorial benches for that type of activity. The park would be willing to help with a fund raiser for a memorial bench to honor this young man and place the bench at the skate park area.

Operations Committee –

Review of Troy produce co-op. Per the park attorney Steve Giacoletto said that even with certificates of insurance from the beef/meat farms if someone gets sick they will come back on the park. It depends how much the park wants to be liable and he recommended that the park get a certificate of insurance from the co-op themselves. The commissioners like the co-op they want to see it do well but were concerned with the meat being kept cool during the warm summer months (the handling of the meat). The concerned with several commissioners is the meat farmers aren't benefiting Troy they aren't giving anything away they are selling stuff. There isn't anyone else in business in Troy that's getting a free place to operate out of. They are operating in the park at the expense of the park and putting nothing back into the community of Troy. The park provides a dumpster, maintenance will make sure that the pavilion is clean for them to use. The co-op is provided with a free building, parking, and free trash hauling cost that the park is incurring. The board agrees that getting the fresh produce at a reduced rate is good compared to the local grocery. To be fiscally responsibly is the park doing the right thing with this, the co-op only serves about 600 people and the Tri-Township Park District serves about 13,200 people in the Jarvis Township area. The board feels that the meat and dairy is not something that the park needs. The co-op committee offered, at the Nov

meeting agree to replace the co-op leader at this point this has not happened. The co-op has operated at 2 other locations before they came to the park.

Motion was made to give the Troy Produce co-op 3 months to find another location for deliveries:

Nonn/Adelhardt 5 Ayes/0 Nays

Update on Santa's Village – New Christmas lights have been installed in Pav. #1. Three new outside Christmas lighted decorations were purchased by the Lion's Club and donated to the park for Santa's Village. These decorations have already been vandalized and repaired.

Roads and Grounds – The city will be loaning the park a paving machine and a man to operate the equipment when time permits with the city. The repair needs to be done before tar and chipping is done this spring. Mr. Nonn met with Mr. Ottwein, walked the property in question they were looking to put in a new lake. Mr. Nonn does not see how it's possible to put in a lake between the city water line and the high pressure gas lines. The lake would only be 5 ft. deep and that would create problems. The board does not feel that this is a good use of the park land, that a lake needs to be at least 6 ft. in depth.

The park has used Collinsville soccer seeder in the past. Seeding is done twice a year with the current system puts the seed on the surface which waste a quarter of the seed. Mr. Nonn would like to get approval to spend \$5000.00 for a seeder that spikes the ground to put the seed in the ground. They are looking at a used system that would fit tracker the park has.

Motion to approve research and spend up to \$5000.00 for a grass seeder that works best for the park:

Newcombe/Adelhardt 5 Ayes/0 Nays

Athletics – Baseball/softball will be starting soon after the first of the year. Soccer is done; some of the teams have been referred to Bennie Parr for indoor practices at Spin City.

Jr. Grizzly's is asking to use the fields again this year around the rec league they will pay \$500 to the park to use of the fields.

Motion to allow the Jr. Grizzly's the use of field #4 as home field about 40 home games to be scheduled around the park rec games.

Newcombe/Nonn 5 ayes/0 Nays

On March 30th they are asking to use field #4 for a "Dominic Luchesi Day" to retire this young man's uniform number from the Jr. Grizzly's.

The games would be held at 10am, 12pm and 2pm. The concession stands would be open that day.

Motion was made to allow the Jr. Grizzly's use of field #4 on March 30, 2013 for "Dominic Luchesi Day"

Newcombe/Nonn 5 Ayes/0 Nays

Maintenance Supervisor/Office Manager –

Mark Miller – soccer nets have been stored for the year. The skate park area has been kept cleaner since the fence has been installed. The Titans park lot has been lined with large boulders and signs to stay off walking trails. New handicapped swing has been installed at the playground across from the maintenance shed and is being used. Santa's Village has been put together and is ready for Dec. 15th. The park lost a lot of trees this last summer due to the heat and they are ear marked to be removed. The trees will be replaced as expenses can be afforded. The dumpsters in the park will be going on winter schedule, 3 dumpster will be taken out of service for winter months. IPARKS came into the park on Nov. 27th for our annual park inspection. Tri-Township Park got a 100% and an excellent rating.

Office Manager

Written Communications/Thank You cards/Letters:

Anderson Hospital Auxiliary is asking to have the upper level for a fund raiser for Oct. 25th, 2013.

Motion to donate the Community Ctr for a fund raiser on Oct. 25th, 2013:

Nonn/Adelhardt 5 ayes/0 Nays

Boy Scout Troup #91 requesting the lower level & Pav #8 for the 2013 year;

Motion to donate lower level & pav.#8 for 2013:

Nonn/Adelhardt 5Ayes/0 Nays

Chamber of Commerce-Movie nights, Fall Fest, City wide yard sale

Asking for use of the park on these dates:

Movies June 14th, July 12th, Aug 9.

City Wide Yard Sale: June 15th & Sept 7th

Fall Fest: Sept 7th

Motion for the Chamber of Commerce the use of the park on these dates:

Newcombe/Adelhardt 5 Ayes/0 Nays

Comments from Community - None

Media Comments/Questions – Where is the handicapped swing?

Playground #2, across from the maintenance shed.

Is the IPARKS a yearly inspection? Since the park had the storm last year they will be coming in to check for a while.

Nothing for close session.

Motion to adjourn at 8:21pm

Nonn/Newcombe 5 Ayes/0 Nays