

Tri-Township Park District
Park Board Meeting
November 13, 2013

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Kevin Woodring

The pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissioners present: Bud Adelhardt, Tim Flint, James Newcombe, Dave Nonn, George Vogt, and Kevin Woodring

Commissioners Absent: None

Motion made to approve minutes of October 9, 2013 meeting:

Vogt/Adelhardt – 6 Ayes/0 Nays

People requesting: Curtis James – Cub Scout Webelos Lumberjack Challenge March 2014 – The Cub Scouts had this Challenge in the park 2012. They would like to add several new events: they would like to add BB sling shots and fire building. These are scout skills for 4th and 5th grade boys. Every safety precaution will be taken for the boys as well as for the park. Areas will be blocked off not only for the boys but for anyone watching the challenge. The challenge will mainly be on the soccer fields and 2 baseball fields (#2&3). They will be shooting to have this challenge on March 1st.

Motion to donate the use of the park to the Cub Scout Webelos Lumberjack Challenge:

Nonn/Newcombe 6 Ayes/0 Nays

Executive Committee –

Secretary/Treasurer's Report and Bills:

Motion to approve Park/Spin City Treasures Report:

Plus paying off the loan for the 1998 purchase of land balance \$33,540.80. Paying off this amount saves the park a year's worth of interest.

Park-Adelhardt/Vogt – roll call vote - 6 Ayes/0 Nays

Spin City – Newcombe/Flint – 6 Ayes/0 Nays

Bills to be paid in November 2013:

Motion made to approve the paying November 2013 bills:

Newcombe/Adelhardt – 6 Ayes/0 Nays

The computer that is currently being used at the maintenance shed has quit working. New computer to be purchased for the park office and the current office computer to be moved to the maintenance shed.

Motion to purchase a new computer for the park office for up to \$750.00, moving the office computer to the shed for maintenance.

Nonn/Newcombe roll call vote - 6 Ayes/0 Nays

Letter of Resignation of Park Commissioner Jessica Dudley.

Motion to accept letter of Resignation from Jessica Dudley:

Adelhardt/Newcombe – 6 Ayes/0 Nays

Tax Levy Ordinance for 2013-2014/rate study. The commissioners will need to go over the tax levy/rate study and decide what percent/dollar amount that they would like to have presented to the county for funds to receive next year.

This will be put on the December agenda to be voted on.

Operations Committee –

Spin City – October 2013 has been the busiest month this fiscal year, work on the painting the outside of the building is progressing and will continue as weather permits. There is a one year anniversary party planned for the weekend of black Friday.

ADA Self Evaluation and Transition Plan Workshop covered how to make sure that all areas of the park are handicapped accessible – what to look for that needed to be changed and to have a plan in place has to when the corrections would be done, on a time line when they will be brought up to ADA compliant.

Roads and Grounds –

There has been 1500 lbs. of grass seed put down in the park.

Madison county PEP Grant 2014 – to be placed on December 2013 agenda.

Aerator for the park lake – The cost is about \$7,000.00 to put a new aerator in the lake to try to help avoid the killing of fish when the lake turns over. This will be discussed further and if approved the amount will be budgeted for next year. An aerator would help to keep the lake cleaner, helping with the duck/geese waste. A lake turnover is a natural occurrence and hasn't happen until this last fall in years and feels that this is a major expense. The board will talk about this expense when they start planning for the budget workshops for next year.

The fence for behind the maintenance shed does not include the back tree line to the south of the shed. The expense does not include that area, the park employees and volunteers will be putting up that fence line.

Athletic Committee –

There will be an athletic meeting for baseball/softball in December. The 3 mounds have been ordered and after the first of the year athletics will be looking at ordering 2 additional mounds.

SISL/Soccer League made a request to use the soccer fields in the park for a spring 2014 (the months early February, March, April and ends the first of May). SISL will pay to rent the soccer fields to use the park as the home fields, they will pay the park \$25 per game with approximately 500 games being played on weekends. Other than placing the goals and mowing the grass, SISL will handle making the fields, run the concession stands, they will measure the fields and line them if needed. They will need to know if the park will allow them the use of the soccer fields by SISL's December meeting. Athletic committee will have baseball/softball and soccer meeting to discuss starting baseball/softball season and having SISL rent the soccer fields next year. Athletic meeting scheduled for November 22, 2013 to be held at the park office.

Maintenance Supervisor/Office Manager:

Maintenance Supervisor –

1. Resignation letter of Christian Kuethe going from fulltime to part-time due to his schooling/resignation letter accepted by the board
2. Purchase of Road barriers for the maintenance area.
Maintenance would like to purchase road barriers, we are currently having to contact to us the Township's barriers or from the City of Troy.
The Troy Lion's Club has agreed to pay for half of the purchase price of new barriers. Maintenance has its expense budget and the barriers will be purchased out of this budget, the board agrees.
3. Hiring Taake equipment for playground removal to be replaced with ground covering. Terry Taake (park employee) will run his equipment working on park time with the park paying to rent the equipment about \$400 per day with the job taking up to 2 days at the cost of \$800 total. This playground cannot be install now until next spring. The weather conditions have to be dry and over 50 degree. The playground can be dug out and get it ready for next spring, with the new swing set being placed, several park benches will be moved and several trees that are dead to be removed.
4. Santa's Village is currently being put together.

Office Manager - Written Communications/Thank You cards/Letters:

1. Cub Scout Webelos Lumberjack Challenge (March 1 or March 8)
This was discussed earlier in the meeting.

Comments from Community not on the agenda/before 9pm – None

Media Comments/Questions:

Will need applications to replace a commissioner in the office before the next board meeting.

When the lake turned over due to the temperature drop did the park lose a many fish? The park lost approximately 200-300 fish which did not affect the lake a great deal, 150 fish have been replaced and another 150 fish will be added in the spring.

Closed session – None

Motion to adjourn at:

Newcombe/Adelhardt 6 Ayes/0 Nays