

Tri-Township Park District
Park Board Meeting
June 12, 2013

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Kevin Woodring, Park President.

The pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Swearing of Newly Re-elected Commissioner – Terry “Bud” Adelhardt

Commissioners present: Bud Adelhardt, Jessica Dudley, Tim Flint, James Newcombe, Dave Nonn, Kevin Woodring
Commissioners Absent: George Vogt – Out due to surgery

Motion made to approve minutes of May 8, 2013 meeting:
Flint/Newcombe 6 Ayes/0 Nays

People requesting to be on the agenda: None

Executive Committee –

Secretary/Treasure’s Report and Bills for May 2013:

Motion to approve Park Treasures Report:

Adelhardt/Dudley 6 Ayes/0 Nays

Bills to be paid in June 2013:

Motion made to approve the paying of June 2013 bills:

Newcombe/Nonn 6 Ayes/0 Nays

Spin City – Update – Bennie Parr attended a National Skating Assoc. convention in Reno. Looking into the program “Kids Skate Free” after examining this he does not feel that the Spin City is not ready for this program. The program donates 2 free passes every week to every child in every household and currently it would take away too many admission fees that are now used to run the business. This program is

designed to generate a contact list which the park is already using “Constant Contact”. The cost to belong the kids skate free is \$350.00 to sign-up and then \$150.00 per year to belong, the startup fee is \$500.00. Currently there is a discounted admission card for residents and they will be doing free admission days where they will only pay for skate rental.

Realignment of Committees - Motion to approve the committee realignment list of commissioners: Flint/Adelhardt 6 Ayes/0 Nays

Adopt Proposed Budget – Park & Spin City 2013-2014

Motion to approve the budget for Spin City with the adjustment to the property tax net of negative \$125,400.00:

Roll call vote: Newcombe/Nonn 6 Ayes/0 Nays

Motion to approve the budget for the Park \$981,400.00 for the fiscal year 2013-2014

Roll call vote: Adelhardt/Nonn 6 Ayes/0 Nay

Schedule Appropriations Ordinance Hearing and Special Hearing

Meeting: Schedule for June 21, 2013 2pm Park Office 409 Collinsville Rd. Notices of the hearing/meeting was placed in the Edwardsville Intelligencer and the Times Tribune newspapers.

Discuss New Park Attorney – They feel that the park needs to have an attorney that is more knowledgeable of park law. If the park has legal questions we have in the past called the attorney department from IAPD and had our questions answered. We need to look into getting a new attorney for legal business for the park.

Operations Committee –

Kids Skate Free – Bennie Parr, Spin City Manager stated that with this program every household would get 2 free tickets per child per week up to 4 under the age of 14 years old. Mr. Parr feels that this is a good program but Spin City is working with Constant Contact that the park already has in place with the contact list of kids that are using the park for baseball/softball and soccer so that they can take advantage of getting free passes and discounts cards for the skating rink.

Roads and Grounds -

Roads-City will help by donating a machine to help us with road work for this upcoming month. Maintenance will be filling pot holes on the roads getting ready to have the tar and chipping done, when weather permits. The cost of this will be the same as last year it will be close to \$18,000.00.

Trail – The trails will be worked when the weather permits, haven't been able to address them too much with all the rain. Need to get bids paving the walking trails. The possibility of look into getting some equipment and having maintenance do the paving in the off season. Might look into the purchasing a piece of equipment that would pave the roads and to do the repairs on the roads.

Playground Areas - There have been some complaints about gumballs on the playgrounds. Maintenance might need to use a leaf blower on the gumballs to get them out of the playgrounds.

Petting Zoo – The board needs to discuss keeping the petting zoo versus removing the petting zoo. The petting zoo is a lot of work to keep it up to code for USDA and they eat a lot in feed. Maintenance takes 2 – 2 ½ hours to clean the pens, disinfect the feeding/water bowls, checking and repairing the fencing for all the pens. The petting is a zoo is a big attraction to the local people. Need to open this up to the public as to how they feel about this.

Rip Rap around Lake – The rock under the bridge needs to be replaced and James Newcombe will look into getting community service persons to help place the rip rap under the bridge.

Area behind maintenance shed – dirt fill has been placed to help level that area out to make it easier for larger trucks to use that area and it is almost ready. When that area is ready there is a plan in place to fence that area in. Bids will be gotten to fence that area in with a large gate close to the back of the petting zoo.

Commissioners Walk/stone on the bridge – The stone mason will be contacted to update the commissioners walk with names of new commissioners and dates of service for ex-commissioner John Owens. Looking at the possibility of hiring 2 part-time seasonal workers to help take care of other areas of the park the rest of this season and then have

1 or 2 other employees that are experienced to work the baseball/softball fields. An ad will be placed in the Tribune Times as soon as possible to get applications in for interviews. The part-time season people need to start about the first of April to get a jump on the season. Look at the possibilities of using products for the flower beds to help control weeds. Talk about the possibility of bringing in a group of volunteers to help with a beautification of the flower beds.

FEMA Grants – they have some grant money for new building, adding onto building, redoing buildings for storm shelters, heating/cooling shelters, ect. The park district is prime for these grants. We would like the park to be able to look into these grants. The board approved researching the FEMA Grants.

Athletics – Need to price replacing of home plates for several ball fields, need to look at having the ball fields looked at as to what can be done to improve the drainage of the fields. Look at drainage, placing drain tiles and a tarp for field #4, the possibility of sloping all the ball fields. Get a site survey to expand the 40 acres for expanding baseball/softball, soccer, botchy ball, add more walking trails. Expanding the ball fields would make it possible to bring in more ball games, tournament games which would help with tourism for the city. Dr. Arthur Lambert would like to offer his help with any problems that the athletics may have. We have had problems with having a umpire coordinator, we have hired a group to help with the scheduling of the umpires for AA Boys and AAA Boys games. Due to the weather a lot of games were cancelled and they will be rescheduled and made up.

Soccer would like to have a discount for the soccer board members for their kids to play soccer and offer them a \$25 discount for registrations. Motion to offer the Soccer Board Members a \$25 per child for soccer registration to play:

Roll Call Vote - Newcombe/Nonn 6 Ayes/0 Nay

Fall ball will need to have a minimum of 6 teams to have a league this year.

Maintenance Supervisor/Office Manager:

Maintenance Supervisor –

Wants to place a back hoe attached up for bids that is currently in the shed and is not being used and hasn't been used for over 5 years, an ad will be placed in the paper to open it up for bids.

The maintenance crew is working on the walking trails to take care of the washed out areas and to get ahead of the weeds, the rain has put some upkeep areas behind.

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

1. Friedens United Church of Christ-donation of Pav.#1Sept. 29th, 2013
Approved: Dudley/Adelhardt 6 Ayes/0 Nays
2. Jarvis Senior's request Upper Level donation/Mouse Race-Oct,5, 2013
Approved: Nonn/Newcombe 6 Ayes/0 Nays
3. Washington Kettle Korn Company/4th July 2013
Approved: Flint/Adelhardt 6 Ayes/0 Nays
4. Pack #91 & the Webelo's/use Pav#5 & #2 for listed dates
Approved: Newcombe/Flint 6 Ayes/0 Nays
5. St Jerome Church/outdoor mass/Barbeque in the park/Sept 29th
Tabled-Pav #1 already booked/move to Pav#10
6. Troy Community Band/perform at the Gazebo-6/28 & 8/30
Nonn/Adelhardt 6 Ayes/0 Nays

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

Media Comments/Questions – Toby Mitchell Troup 226 & pack #91 to hold a boat regatta in August with card board boats for one person each, to be on next month agenda.

Closed session – for employee issues

Motion to adjourn at 9:10pm