

Tri-Township Park District

Park board meeting minutes

September 9th, 2015

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM and The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call: Bud Adelhart, Tim Flint, Dave Nonn- absent, Toby Mitchell- Absent, James Newcombe, George Vogt, Kevin Woodring. Mark Miller maintenance supervisor, Sandy Thompson office manager, David Roady accountant, Bennie Parr Spin City.

August 12th Park Board meeting minutes were read by the Commissioners. Commissioner Newcombe makes the motion to approve the minutes, Commissioner Vogt seconds the motion, Commissioners Bud Adelhart, Tim Flint, James Newcombe, and George Vogt were in favor, and Commissioner Kevin Woodring abstains.

People requesting to be on the agenda:

Maryann Miller Senior Center: Thanks the board for hearing her tonight. Seniors are in the process of building up the senior group, the seniors no longer offer van services or meals because of the State and Federal level there is no money to fund the seniors any longer. The seniors are looking forward to a great working relationship with the Park Board, seniors are formally putting in a request for the senior group to move to the Park office and letting the park have back the community center. The Seniors put together a list of their needs and are as follows: Have access to the park office Monday – Friday 9 AM to 2 PM with 1 room exclusively for the Seniors with a locked door, a small space for storage, use of the Wiesemeyer Center on the 1st Thursday of every month from 9 AM to 9 PM April through December, 9 AM to 3 PM January through March to hold their Corporation meeting dinner and entertainment. Cabinets in the kitchen of the Wiesemeyer Center to remain locked so the seniors can store kitchen items to be used for the Corporation meetings. Seniors would also like to ask for 2 Fridays a year to hold fundraisers and 1 Saturday to hold a Mrs. Clause Day. Consideration of the Park on providing phone and internet access for the senior group. Commissioner Flint clarifies the days and hours that they are requesting the use of the Park office and Wiesemeyer Center. Commissioner Flint asks for a time frame that the seniors were looking at and Maryann said that they should be able to move out of the Wiesemeyer Center by November 15th. Commissioner Newcombe asks if the smaller office would fit their needs, Maryann is 100 percent positive that the smaller office will fit them perfectly, Commissioner Newcombe asked if there is a possibility that if they did grow if they were going to want to make another move and Maryann said that they would not want to switch again, the Corporation meeting draws the biggest crowds for them and the daily activities that the seniors offer usually only have 5 to 15 people come to them. Commissioner Flint asked Sandy Thompson if the seniors did their Corporation meeting during business hours if that would interfere with daily business. Sandy said that it would not interfere with daily business due to the times that they hold their daytime meetings is during the winter and the office is usually slow during this time and the park office is closed for lunch from 12-1 during part of the time that the seniors are going to be using the building. The board will hold a special meeting later this month to talk about it.

Executive Committee:

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Secretary/Treasurers report: David Roady reports that expenses are high and income is not as high, the balance sheet things are getting tight, part of the problem is a \$65,000 bill for a building even though we will get that money back, we are borrowing money from other funds to keep the general fund in the bank out of the red, until we get the money back from the grant it will be a little tight. Commissioner Flint asks Mark Miller where the construction company is at in terms of being done with the building, Mark Miller was not sure when they will be done with the building since the construction company had not returned to doing the building in over a week. Outside of the building is done but the inside of the building needs to be finished. David Roady has made the check out to the construction company and the board will like to hold onto the check until the project is finished. Commissioner Woodring makes the motion to approve the Secretary/Treasurers report and Commissioner Adelhart second the motion, all are in favor.

Bills to be approved and paid: David Roady says the only bill that is out of the ordinary is the \$65,000 bill on the building that is not finished which we will hold until the work is complete. Bills were in the amount of \$104,636.24 and holding the check for Litteken Construction until completion of the building which puts the total at \$39,591.24. Commissioner Newcombe makes the motion to approve the bills and Commissioner Vogt seconds the motion a roll call vote was taken 5 Ayes 0 Nays.

Merrill Ottwein Property: Commissioners looked at the information on the Merrill Ottwein proposal before the meeting. Commissioner Flint met with Mr. Ottwein and they are wanting to put a retention pond on their property for run off drainage and they are wanting to put a spill way on our property which will come into the park about 20 x 25 feet in one area. Mark Miller says that some of the runoff water will come onto the park property, Commissioner Newcombe asked if there would be any additional water drainage coming onto the park property, and the park does not need further drainage issues than we already have. Mark Miller said that the retention pond would help divert some of the water onto the park property. Commissioner Flint suggests that they contact Mr. Ottwein and ask more questions. Mr. Ottwein would also like to put up fencing and a gate to have access to the walking trail. Commissioner Newcombe asked when Mr. Ottwein needed a response and Commissioner Flint said that Mr. Ottwein would like an answer soon. Commissioner Newcombe asked to table this until the October meeting and have Commissioner Nonn talk to Mr. Ottwein and get a better picture of what they are wanting to do. Mark Miller and Commissioner Flint are going to look at the area that they were looking at. Commissioner Woodring does not think that the pond will have any effect on the drainage from Bradley R. Smith Road.

Wisper: Wisper came out to the park to give a quote on getting WI-FI in the park. The estimated cost to get it up and running throughout the whole park is \$8,500 that includes equipment and labor which will be a onetime cost, after the initial cost it would be \$100 a month for WI-FI and \$50.00 a month for maintenance. Commissioner Newcombe wanted to know if we needed all of the areas that were quoted. Commissioner Adelhart does not believe that this is an expense that we need right now. Commissioner Vogt has agreed with Commissioner Adelhart about the expense and our budget. Commissioner Newcombe wants to look into what we can get that final price down to and see if that is a little more affordable. Commissioner Vogt requests that Wisper come back and answer some questions. Commissioner Flint asked if the City of Troy was using their services and David Roady said that the City

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of Troy is using it for e-mail, not for free WI-FI for everyone. Commissioner Newcombe would like to table this until they can talk to Wisper and ask more questions about the service.

Roads and Grounds:

Pavilion: Commissioner Flint would like to see the pavilion up and see about doing it soon. Commissioner Vogt is in contact with the laborers and can't get a date set with them to volunteer their time to put the pavilion up. Commissioner Flint does not believe that we can wait any longer for volunteers to commit to getting the pavilion up and if we need to rent a crane to do so and have the maintenance crew erect the pavilion and get it finished. Commissioner Woodring would ask Robert Plummer if we could borrow equipment to do the job.

Operations Committee: Bennie Parr from Spin City gives his report, they had 571 skaters this past month which is up a little bit from last year. The Chamber of Commerce is having skating this Friday night from 5-7 PM and the City of Troy is paying for it. Bennie has booked a few schools for skating parties and fundraising events for them. Bennie reports that they are back to a full skating schedule and offering a cubs-cards game ticket give away on September 20th. Bennie has started using Groupon at the rink for giving customers discounts. Bennie also has signed up to do Business after hours with the Chamber of Commerce. David Roady adds that there will be a new line on Spin City's financial report to track the Groupon coupons.

Athletics: Commissioner Newcombe reports that soccer is going and working through the bumps with the new soccer board. Ann has jumped in and really started to help with soccer and in the office, she has done a great job! Backstops on fields 2, 3, 4, and 5 have been painted they look brand new. Maintenance is starting to get the Baseball/Softball fields ready they will be getting the lips cut off and dirt put on the fields for next year. We are still looking into getting some sod placed in the goalie boxes to help promote the turf to grow look into that next year. We have replaced some nets and we replaced some goals.

Maintenance Supervisor: Mark Miller reports that American Aeration came out and straightened up the fountains and put a new head on the one side now both sides match, they have put more chemicals in the lake to keep the algae down. Bradley R. Smith run, Fall Fest, and City wide garage sale all going on this weekend trying to accommodate everyone's needs. Litteken Construction should be getting ready to finish up the building, get things moved and cleaned up.

Office Manager: Sandy Thompson reports that there are several groups that have requested donations.

We have Cub Scout Pack 4038 requesting donation of the Wiesemeyer Center on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of every month, Commissioner Newcombe makes the motion to approve the request Commissioner Vogt seconds the motion. 5 Ayes 0 Nays.

Cub Scout Pack 38 requesting donation of the Park Office on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of every month. Commissioner Newcombe makes the motion to approve the request and Commissioner Woodring seconds the motion. 5 Ayes 0 Nays.

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Troy Jaycees requesting donation of the Wiesemeyer Center for November 15th to hold a trivia night. Commissioner Newcombe makes the motion to approve the request Commissioner Woodring seconds the motion. 5 Ayes 0 Nays.

Troy Fire Department asking for a donation for their fundraiser. They are asking for either a monetary donation or a raffle donation. Commissioner Newcombe suggests that we give them a free rental certificate for the upper level of the Wiesemeyer Center. Commissioner Newcombe makes the motion for the raffle donation of the upper level of the Wiesemeyer Center, Commissioner Vogt seconds the motion. 5 Ayes 0 Nays

Cub Scout pack 91 requesting donation pavilion #7 for a campout in the park on October 24th. Commissioner Newcombe makes the motion to approve the request Commissioner Woodring seconds the motion. 5 Ayes 0 Nays.

Mike Myler request to put a memorial bench in the park. Commissioner Woodring asks if the bench is comparable to ours, Commissioner Newcombe is worried about kids skateboarding on it and the bench getting vandalized. Commissioner Newcombe and Commissioner Adelhart suggest putting the bench by the park office. Commissioner Woodring brought up that other people have asked to put their statues, benches etc. And we have not let them place their memorials in our park. David Roady suggests that we suggest to Mr. Myler to ask the City of Troy for placement of the bench in Spencer Park where there would be less chance of it being vandalized or destroyed.

Troy Lions Club requesting donation of the upper level of the Wiesemeyer Center on Nov. 18th, March 16th, and June 15th. Commissioner Newcombe makes the motion to approve the request Commissioner Woodring seconds the motion. 5 Ayes 0 Nays.

Pack 91 requesting donation of the upper level of the Wiesemeyer Center on December 11th for their annual Christmas party. Commissioner Newcombe makes the motion to approve the request Commissioner Woodring seconds the motion. 5 Ayes 0 Nays.

Comments from Citizens not on the agenda: None

Media Comments/Questions: None

Closed door session: None

Adjournment: 8:10 PM Commissioner Adelhart makes the motion to adjourn the meeting Commissioner Vogt seconds the motion. 5 Ayes 0 Nays.

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