

Tri-Township Park District Park Board Meeting Minutes February 9th, 2016 7 PM

Meeting was called to order at 7 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call: Bud Adelhart, Tim Flint, Toby Mitchell, George Vogt and Kevin Woodring were present.

Late: James Newcombe and Dave Nonn.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioners reviewed January meeting minutes. Commissioner Woodring makes the motion to approve January meeting minutes, Commissioner Vogt seconds the motion. 5 Ayes 0 Nays.

People requesting to be on the agenda:

Gary Smith: Gary comes before the board to request use of the park for their annual Bradley R. Smith 5K run. Gary is requesting use of all areas in the park that have been previously used in the past for the run. Commissioner Mitchell makes the motion to approve the use of the park on September 9th and 10th for the Bradley R. Smith 5K run. Commissioner Woodring seconds the motion. 5 Ayes 0 Nays.

Commissioner Dave Nonn joins the meeting at 7:05 PM.

Jamie Myers and Colleen Kremitzki: Come before the board to ask if the Park District has any plans on renovating Meadow Park. Jamie and Colleen have been meeting with the City to talk about plans for the park and were interested in knowing if the Park District would meet with the City and put a plan of action together. Commissioner Flint asked for them to set up a time that everyone could meet and see what everyone could work out.

Tim Greenfield: Thanks the park for use of the lower level of the community center for Santa's Village. Tim reports that this was the 2nd biggest year so far. The Lions Club has requested Tourism funds to use for this year's village. Tim has requested use of the upper level for this year's event due to numbers rising and wanting to re-vamp the event and make it bigger for the kids. He asks that the board consider the move.

Executive Committee:

Secretary/Treasurers report: David Roady reports that nothing out of the ordinary is happening and everything is right on track. Commissioners review the Secretary/Treasurer report. Commissioner Adelhart makes the motion to approve the Secretary/Treasurers report, Commissioner Vogt seconds the motion.

Bills to be approved and paid: Commissioners review the bills to be paid. Commissioner Mitchell makes the motion to approve the bills to be paid in the amount of \$18,709.57. Commissioner Woodring seconds the motion. Roll call vote was taken. 6 Ayes 0 Nays.

Jennifer Mumper Girl Scout troop 578 water project: The Girl Scouts had presented a water project to the board at last month's meeting and the troop is looking to start their project with the board's approval. The board looked over the different options for a pet water station and came to the

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conclusion that we would need something that is ADA compliant for the park. Commissioners agreed that the ADA drinking fountain with dog bowl would be the best fit for the park, and that the Park District would match what the Girl Scouts raised dollar for dollar. Commissioner Mitchell makes the motion to let the Girl Scouts do their water project in the park and that the Park District would match them dollar for dollar. Commissioner Nonn seconds the motion. 6 Ayes 0 Nays.

Security System: Jeff Leason of CAVI had sent in a proposal for putting in a new security system in the park. Commissioners would like Jeff to come to the March meeting to break down the proposal and answer questions that the Commissioners may have.

SAT Practice testing: Commissioner Flint met with Tushar Sayankar with HiFiKids Corporation to talk about SAT Practice testing being done at the park. The test would consist of 9 days an instructor from the area would teach the kids and prepare them for the SAT test. The Park District would receive 30% of the tuition for use of the space. Commissioners tabled this for the March meeting and are doing some research as to if this would work in the area.

Operations Committee:

Spin City: Bennie Parr reports that January has been the biggest month so far they had 2,283 skaters and February is off to a great start. All January events went really well and some of the February events are a Mardi Gras skate and a Valentine's Day Skate. School and Church parties are filling up fast. Hockey league sign-ups still going.

Going green: Commissioner Mitchell would like to see the park to start going green by ways of tablet or computer for the Commissioners use during meetings to cut back on paper. Commissioner Mitchell researched different tablets and computers for the Commissioners to review. This will be tabled till the March meeting so more research can be done.

Commissioner Woodring leaves the meeting at 7:41 PM.

Commissioner Newcombe joins the meeting at 7:44 PM

Roads and Grounds:

Pavilion update: Commissioner Nonn reports that the pavilion has been put on hold.

Grant: Grant paperwork was turned in on 2/8 and we should receive a check in 4 to 6 weeks. Commissioner Nonn asks the Commissioners to get a grant committee together and have a meeting to get together ideas and plans for the new grant.

Gall: In January Commissioner Nonn talked about Gall being on the Pin Oak trees in the park and possible ways of taking care of the problem, Commissioners are doing more research on how to treat the gall problem.

Athletic Committee:

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Baseball/Softball updates: Commissioner Newcombe reports that baseball/softball registration is up to 200 kids so far, The Athletic Committee has decided to offer a \$20.00 discount for the girl's rookie division to try to encourage girls to play. A couple of the tournaments that have been scheduled in the park have now been canceled. Dominick Luchesi Tournament is still on schedule and almost full on teams. We also have an ASA Softball tournament scheduled in the park that is still on schedule. Father McGivney has come to board members asking for use of soccer fields and baseball fields, this will be discussed at the March meeting.

Special Olympics Kickball Tournament: The kickball tournament has been scheduled for August 6th, Last year was the first year in the park and it was a huge success. Special Olympics would like to continue to use the park for their event.

Maintenance Supervisor: Mark reports that at the end of January he attended a conference in Chicago for IAPD, he went to several classes and really got the most out of the exhibit hall talking to the vendors getting ideas for the park. Mark also did a video for the Chamber of Commerce with Dawn Mushill on the petting zoo. Mark reported that all of the equipment have been maintained for the winter and are ready for the spring.

Office Manager: Sandy reports that at the end of January she attended a conference in Chicago for IAPD, she went to several classes on grant writing. Friday she had dinner with the lawyers that the park uses in Chicago and got to meet a couple of partners in that practice. Saturday Mark and Sandy went on a dinner cruise where they got to meet some other people from different park districts. Sandy reports that the weekend was informative and a lot of fun. Sandy also reported that the new credit card machines are up and running in the office and we are also going to try taking credit cards in the concession stand this year.

Consent for approval:

Commissioners reviewed the requests from various organizations. Commissioner Vogt makes the motion to approve all requests on the consent for approval, Commissioner Adelhart seconds the motion. 6 Ayes 0 Nays.

Comments from citizens not on the agenda: None

Media comments/questions: None

Closed Door Session: Commissioner Newcombe makes the motion to go into closed door session to discuss personnel and policy matters. Commissioner Vogt seconds the motion. Roll call vote was taken 6 Ayes 0 Nays. Closed door session began at 8:30 PM.

Commissioner Mitchell makes the motion to come out of closed session at 9:03 PM, Commissioner Vogt seconds the motion. Roll call vote was taken. 6 Ayes 0 Nays.

Commissioner Vogt makes the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 PM, Commissioner Adelhart seconds the motion. 6 Ayes 0 Nays.

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