

Tri-Township Park District

Park Board Meeting Minutes

October 9th, 7 PM

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

Roll Call: Bud Adelhardt, Steve Barbour, Toby Mitchell, Dave Nonn, James Newcombe, and Kevin Woodring.

Absent: George Vogt

Approval of Minutes: Commissioners reviewed September meeting minutes. Commissioner Woodring makes the motion to approve September meeting minutes, Commissioner Newcombe seconds the motion. 6 Ayes 0 Nays.

People requesting to be on the agenda:

Tim Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield gives an update on the Veterans Memorial; the Committee has gone to several businesses looking for either Monetary donations or In-Kind donations. Mr. Greenfield has also started looking for different grants to help fund the project.

Jeff Mueller: Mr. Mueller gives the Board an update on the RC Crawler Course. He has started the Metro East RC Crawlers Club and has received support from different organizations, businesses, and private donors to help fund this project. Mr. Mueller would also like to do something in the park after the course is completed to bring people out. Mr. Mueller asked the Board if he could place a few signs in the area and if the Board could help in the cost with fencing for the area. Commissioner Newcombe suggest the signs be placed by the project area and that he will need to work with Jim Smith and EJ Rahar for signage placement.

Commissioner Adelhardt makes the motion to approve Mr. Mueller to place a fence in the area up to the amount of \$300.00 and the Park will reimburse him after the project is complete, Commissioner Newcombe seconds the motion. Roll call vote was taken 6 Ayes 0 Nays.

Rebecca Shea: Requests donation of a meeting space for a peer run support group to deal with grief and Substance use disorder. Commissioner Newcombe asks what they are asking from the park and what type of meeting will be held, Commissioner Barbour asks who would be in attendance to these meetings, and Commissioner Adelhardt asks if they have seen if any churches in the area would have space for their meetings.

Commissioners ask that Mrs. Shea come back to the November meeting with more details.

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Stacy Sayuk: Stacy and Michelle ask permission from the Board to do a sensory project on a playground in the park for a girl scout project. They were looking into possibly a walkway around a playground with flowers, herb or vegetable garden, musical elements and bright colors. Commissioner Barbour asks if this type of project can be done by the walking trails instead of by a playground. Commissioner Nonn asks them to put together a plan and come back to the November meeting.

Executive Committee:

Secretary/Treasurers report: Sandy Pensoneau reports that we have received over half of the tax deposits for the year so far. Budget is looking good. Commissioner Newcombe makes the motion to approve the Secretary/Treasurers report, Commissioner Woodring seconds the motion. 6 Ayes 0 Nays.

Bills to be approved and paid: Sandy reports that the bills are high again this month due to tar and chipping the roads. Commissioner Newcombe makes the motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$46313.09, Commissioner Woodring seconds the motion. Roll call vote was taken 6 Ayes 0 Nays.

Tax Levy: Commissioners look over the different options for the upcoming tax levy and were asked to consider what has been presented to them, the Tax Levy Ordinance will need to be voted on in the November meeting.

Employee Life Insurance: Sandy reports that an employee was interested in purchasing life insurance through IMRF, she explains to the Commissioners that this will be an elective benefit that the employee would have to purchase on their own through payroll deduction. IMRF requires the Board to pass or adopt a resolution to the policy manual for this option. Commissioners are good with offering this benefit to the employees if they choose to do so. This will be voted on in the November meeting.

Operations Committee:

Activity Center: Sandy reports that skating has started back up on the weekends, there have been several rentals and private parties booked. Currently working on holding a special event once a month and sensory skating.

Roads and Grounds: Commissioner Nonn reports that tar and chipping has been completed on the roads, the retention pond project will start on October 13th and the apparatus for the retention pond is almost complete. Commissioner Nonn is currently working on the sidewalk at the Activity Center. Commissioner Woodring asks the Maintenance crew to check out Pavilion 5 the roof is leaking.

Athletic Committee: Nothing to report

Maintenance Supervisor: EJ Rahar reports that maintenance crews have applied Turface to fields 2,3,7,8,9, and 10. All baseball and softball fields have been aerated and seeded except for field 4. EJ also reports that the asphalted trails have been sealed and maintenance crews have repainted and repaired the skate park.

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Office Manager: Sandy Pensoneau reports that everything is going good in the office. Hearlands Conservancy would like to include out park in their Annual Jingle Bell Hike and the Library would like to hold free yoga classes to the public in our building during February – April. Commissioner Newcombe makes the motion to approve these requests, Commissioner Mitchell seconds the motion, 6 Ayes 0 Nays.

Consent for approval: Commissioner Newcombe makes the motion to approve all of the donation requests, Commissioner Mitchell seconds the motion. 6 Ayes 0 Nays.

Comments from citizens not on the agenda: None

Media comments/questions: None

Closed Door Session: None

Adjourn: Commissioner Woodring makes the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM, Commissioner Newcombe seconds the motion. 6 Ayes 0 Nays.