

Tri-Township Park District

Park Board Meeting Minutes

November 13th, 7 PM

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

Roll Call: Bud Adelhardt, Dave Nonn, James Newcombe, George Vogt and Kevin Woodring.

Absent: Steve Barbour, Toby Mitchell.

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

People requesting to be on the agenda:

Jeff Mueller: Gives the Board an update on the RC Crawler course. Signs and fencing have been placed and held an event on November 10th as a grand opening there was approximately 70 people that showed up to use the course and see what it was about. Construction has stopped for the winter and will start back up in the spring.

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 if the group had certificate of liability for the group and how many people would be in attendance in a typical meeting. Commissioners also ask that she come back to the December Board meeting as they would like to have time to discuss with the Seniors about use of their building to hold the meetings and what dates that they have available. This will be tabled until the December meeting.

Executive Committee:

Secretary/Treasurers report: Sandy Pensoneau reports that we have received around $\frac{3}{4}$ 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 Vogt seconds the motion. 5 Ayes 0 Nays.

Bills to be approved and paid: Sandy reports that the bills are high again this month due to grant work. Commissioner Newcombe makes the motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$58445.97, Commissioner vogt seconds the motion. Roll call vote was taken 5 Ayes 0 Nays.

Tax Levy: Commissioners look over the several options for the tax levy and discussed the options, Commissioner Newcombe asks the Board to consider the 4% tax levy due to the new minimum wage requirements that will start in January 2020 and will continue to go up every year until we hit the maximum rate. Commissioner Woodring asks the Board to stay steady on the levy. Commissioner Newcombe makes the motion to accept the 4% increase, Commissioner Vogt seconds the motion roll call vote was taken 4 Ayes 1 Nay. Commissioner Woodring votes against the increase.

Employee Life Insurance: Commissioners look over the Resolution for the option of Employees to purchase life insurance through IMRF. Commissioner Newcombe makes the motion to accept Resolution

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2019-05 to let employees purchase life insurance through IMRF and use payroll deduction to pay for it, Commissioner Vogt seconds the motion. Roll call vote was taken 5 Ayes 0 Nays.

Concession Stands: Commissioners look over financials from the concession stands from 3 fiscal years to see where we can make adjustments on them financially. Commissioner Newcombe would like to shut down the concession stand for soccer and keep open during baseball softball season, Commissioners discuss the option and consider it best to close during soccer season to see if that helps. Commissioners also ask that another vending machine be put out at the soccer concession stand for patrons to purchase drinks.

Operations Committee:

Activity Center: Ann Byrd reports that skating will be picking up and they have scheduled several events at the center. Ann also reports that there are soccer and baseball practices scheduled every night. The roof on the Activity center needs more repair work done on it, there were a few bids on the fix and Ann will contact them to get details on the invoices and get the roof fixed. Commissioner Adelhardt asked if we can get more lighting done on the parking lot it is very dark. Jim Smith and EJ Rahar are going to look into LED lighting for the parking lot.

Roads and Grounds: Commissioner Nonn reports that the retention pond is complete with the exception of a few cosmetic things that need to be finished. Commissioner Nonn also thanked the Township for the help with dirt removal.

Athletic Committee: Commissioner Newcombe reports that sign ups for baseball/softball will begin in January, tournaments are set and turf is almost complete on all the fields.

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 pavilion 5 roof has been repaired and they have replaced the skylights that leaked in the maintenance shed. Maintenance crews have inspected all playground equipment and cleaned up trees and winterized restrooms.

Office Manager: Sandy Pensoneau reports that everything is going good in the office. Adventure Night was a huge success this year we had over 700 people attend this event. Audit is nearly complete and will set up a time for the Auditor to come speak to the Board about the Audit. Sandy also reports that all Ordinances and financial reports will need to be filed at the County Clerks office in December. The Easter Egg hunt will be April 4th from 1-3 pm.

Consent for approval: Commissioner Woodring makes the motion to approve all of the donation requests, Commissioner Newcombe seconds the motion. 5 Ayes 0 Nays.

Comments from citizens not on the agenda: Michelle Cochran talks to the Board about adding sensory items to the park, they would like to build a pathway by a playground. The Girl Scout troop has a budget of \$4700.00 they will be seeking donations and fundraise the money for the project. Commissioner

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Newcombe wants to have them look towards the soccer fields for the area. Commissioners table this until the December meeting.

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. 5 Ayes 0 Nays.