

# Tri-Township Park District

## Park Board Meeting Minutes

### August 11<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM

**Swearing in of New Commissioner:** Sandy Pensoneau Swears in New Commissioner Dan Broska.

**Roll Call:** Bud Adelhardt, Steve Barbour, Dan Broska, Brian Byrd, Gary Byrne, and James Newcombe.

**Absent:**

**Approval of Minutes:** Commissioners reviewed July meeting minutes. Commissioner Barbour makes the motion to approve June meeting minutes, Commissioner Byrne seconds the motion. 6 Ayes 0 Nays.

**People requesting to be on the agenda:**

**Tim Greenfield:** Mr. Greenfield gave the Board an update on the Veterans Memorial project and reports that he has redone the design of the Veterans Memorial project he has cut back on how much concrete we will need and cut out putting curbing on the street around the memorial. Commissioners ask Mr. Greenfield to go through his layout and explain where everything is going, how close will the benches be together, and where the Purple Heart stone will go. Commissioner Byrne makes the motion to accept the layout and blueprint with the notion that things can be moved around as needed, Commissioner Adelhardt seconds the motion 6 Ayes 0 Nays.

Commissioners go over the proposed Memorial Stones, Tony from the VFW would like to see the correct official seals of each Military branch on the stones. Commissioners go over the dates that are on the drawings on the stones and several of the dates are incorrect these will need to be corrected and some of the wording on the stones need to be removed. Commissioner Newcombe states that these dates will be triple checked before we approve the drawings. There was discussion about the 9/11 stone and that it should include all lives lost not just the EMS.

Mr. Greenfield also received some quotes on concrete and material to run the electric to the flag poles for lights and podium. Mr. Greenfield also asks the Board about the addition of a statue of a Vietnam Soldier the VFW would like to see one in the Memorial. Tony the Commander from the VFW said that the VFW would be holding fundraising to help with the funding for this project. Commissioner Byrd makes the motion to add the Vietnam Soldier up to \$4,500.00 in cost, Commissioner Byrne seconds the motion. Roll call vote was taken 6 Ayes 0 Nays.

Mr. Greenfield gave a brief update on the Harvest Fest.

**Laura Niebruegge:** No show.

**Will Hellrung:** Will approaches the Board about doing his Eagle Scout project making 3 – 4x8 raised garden beds for our Community Garden. Commissioner Newcombe asks Will to get with Jim, EJ, and Sandy to complete his project. Will asks the Board if the park had any extra dirt and rock for the beds, Jim Smith responds that we could get some for the project.

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**Dana Proffitt:** Commissioner Newcombe introduces Dana Proffitt to the Board, Dana's family has been in the Recreation Baseball program in the park for many years and her kids have played in select baseball, every year they do a bowling fundraiser to help raise money for the kids on the select team to help pay for costs. This year the kids are grown, and they still wanted to do the fundraiser and give the money that was raised to the parks recreation program to help the kids that cannot afford to play to have the opportunity to do so. Dana's fundraiser raised \$1150.00 for the youth recreation program.

#### **Executive Committee:**

**Secretary/Treasurers report:** Sandy Pensoneau reports that we are halfway through the year and things are looking good so far. Commissioner Broska makes the motion to accept the Secretary Treasury report, Commissioner Byrd seconds the motion. 6 Ayes 0 Nays.

**Bills to be approved and paid:** Sandy reports that bills are very high this month due to grant work being done and the new AC unit was put in. Commissioner Byrne makes the motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$78,933.87, Commissioner Adelhardt seconds the motion. Roll call vote was taken 6 Ayes 0 Nays.

**Nominations for Vice President:** Commissioner Newcombe makes a nomination for Vice-President of Steve Barbour. Commissioner Byrne makes the motion to appoint Steve Barbour for the Vice- President position, Commissioner Byrd seconds the motion. 6 Ayes 0 Nays.

**Re-Alignment of Committees:** Commissioner Newcombe addresses the board about rearranging the Committees due to losing a few Commissioners.

**Umpire Room:** Commissioner Newcombe addresses the Board about naming the Umpire room after the late Commissioner Vogt, he asks the Board to produce a name or idea to name the room. Commissioner Adelhardt makes the motion to name the umpire room after the late Commissioner Vogt, Commissioner Barbour seconds the motion. 6 Ayes 0 Nays. This will be tabled until the September meeting.

**Seniors:** The senior's group had addressed the Board in the July meeting asking the Board about moving their office and all supplies over to the park office. Commissioner Newcombe starts the conversation asking the Board what their thoughts are on moving the Seniors over to the Park Office. Commissioners agreed that there was no room to accommodate another office in the Wiesemeyer building, but they would still give them storage space, and give them use of the building when it was available to hold their programs and events.

**Chairman Comments:** Commissioner Newcombe appreciates everyone for what they do for the park, we still need to keep in mind that all ideas need to be brought forth to the Board for conversation and approval when it comes to running the park. Let's keep each other informed.

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#### **Operations Committee:**

**Activity Center:** Sandy Pensoneau reports that Day camp is over, and it went really well, the roof is completed and so far no leaks. Birthday parties are starting to pick up and open skate will begin September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Commissioner Barbour asks why the refunds were high, and Commissioner Byrne asked if kids would have to wear masks while at the skating rink. Sandy lets the board know that as of right now there were no mask mandates for skating and when that happens, we will address it at that time.

Commissioner Newcombe let the Board know that there was a situation that had happened over the summer, a few kids had drove through the park and shot a water pellet gun at the day camp kids. The kids were caught, and charges are being pressed against them.

**Roads and Grounds:** Jim reports that the oil and chipping will be done August 25<sup>th</sup> Lake and Wynona will be closed that day to complete the project. The culvert has also been replaced with the help of Jarvis Township.

**Athletic Committee:** Commissioner Newcombe reports that baseball/softball is over, and soccer is underway. There have been some questions about the excessive heat warnings and practices in the park, Coaches have been given instructions to give enough water breaks and slowing down the practice to only doing skills and drills instead of running. Jim Smith reports that all soccer fields have been set up and they are ready to go.

**Maintenance Supervisor:** EJ Rahar reports that maintenance crews have built a concrete box for culverts and Jarvis Township helped with getting the old culvert out and replacing the new culvert that work will continue on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>. Cold patch on the Roadway has been placed and Jarvis Township has helped with that project too. Soccer fields are ready, and we have ordered paint since there is a paint shortage hopefully, we will have enough for the soccer season.

**Office Manager:** Sandy Pensoneau reports that she had received a quote from Lager Monuments on the “Non-slip” stones for the Commissioner walkway, these stones do not need to be removed to engrave them. Black stones like we currently have run from \$1150.00 to \$1350.00 per stone depending on if we order them domestically or not. Currently looking at a federal grant for tourism funds for events in the park. Sandy also reports that there will be a blood drive in the park August 20<sup>th</sup>, and she is also getting things lined out for the upcoming events Family campout in the park and Adventure Night as well as the monthly craft classes that will be offered at the park office. Sandy is also waiting on a few camera companies to contact her with a time to come out and give a quote on the security cameras.

**Consent for approval:** Commissioners look over the requests for donation letters that we have received from 2 Girl Scout troops, Commissioner Byrd makes the motion to approve the requests, Commissioner Adelhardt seconds the motion. 6 Ayes 0 Nays.

**Comments from citizens not on the agenda:** None

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**Media comments/questions:** None

**Closed Door Session:**

**Adjourn:** Commissioner Adelhardt makes the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 PM, Commissioner Barbour seconds the motion. 6 Ayes 0 Nays.