

Tri-Township Park District  
Park Board Meeting  
April 14, 2010

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Kevin Woodring.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissioners present: Bud Adelhardt, Norm Beck, Wayne Brendel, James Newcombe Dave Nonn, John Owens, and Kevin Woodring.

Minutes were presented for past meetings with motion for approval.

Motion: To approve the minutes from March 10, 2010 with the noted changes. Adelhardt/Beck 6 Ayes

People requesting to be on the agenda: Stephanie Williams from Friedens Church requesting permission to host a drumming event in the Park on August 8, 2010. After much discussion, the event was okay and the event will take place in the park free of charge.

The Athletics Committee recognized the Soccer club at this time. They announced that the first soccer sign-ups will be held on Sat. April 17, 2010 from 10-4 pm at Henning School. Fran was instructed to order the sign-up signs for around town reminding the parents to sign-up and flyers to send home with the children from school.

John Owens, Secretary/Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's Report for March 2010 and the bills to be paid for April 2010.

Motion: To approve the Treasurer's Report for March 2010 Beck/James 6 Ayes

Motion: To approve and pay the bills for April 2010. Adelhardt/Nonn 6 Ayes

A copy of the 2008-2009 fiscal year audit was presented to each commissioner. No action was required.

The tentative budget for 2010-2011 was presented by John Owens. There was discussion on various elements of the individual funds. The tentative budget will be posted for 30 days on the website and Park Office and notice will be posted in the local newspaper. A public hearing will be set before the next regularly scheduled meeting on May 12, 2010.

The 2010 PEP Grant was awarded to the Park in the amount of \$39,837. Paperwork needs to be followed-up with the county in order to receive a notice to proceed with the project. The project will be the soccer concession for 2010. The current builder, Unterbrink Builders from Moro will be contacted for update of bid and any changes to be made.

There was discussion about how to pay for the building. The Park District could pay for it internally or apply for a low-cost loan through the county. The general consensus was to apply for the low-cost loan.

The special events card was not available at this time.

There was a wrap-up of the Easter Egg Hunt for 2010 presented by Heather Stirling and Maureen Clark. There was great attendance for this free event that was held April 3, 2010 and open to the public.

Motion: To give a donation of \$2,500 to Heather Stirling and Maureen Clark to make the 2011 event even bigger and better. Newcombe/ 6 Ayes

A reminder was given for the April 16, 2010 Chamber Auction. Tickets were distributed to the commissioners.

Under the operations committee, John Owens, chair, presented a list of items totaling \$56.94 which were reported stolen from the Jarvis Township Senior Storage Room. The kitchen keys will be checked to make sure they do not open the storage room.

Motion: To reimburse the Jarvis Township Senior Citizens for \$56.94 for items reported stolen from the storage room. Beck/Newcombe 6 Ayes

The 2 new diesel mowers have arrived. Dave Nonn has taken them out for a test drive. The mowers will be put to good use.

James Newcombe discussed his view of the Park. He felt the Park was in disarray. The Basketball courts were a mess. The bathroom in the bunker had not been opened. There was trash around the playgrounds. There was equipment broken on the playground and everything needed painting. He noted the soccer concession has dirty words written on it. He was very disappointed in the condition of the Park in general and maintenance specific. Kevin Woodring left at 8:35 and VP Wayne Brendel took over the meeting.

Motion: To enter into closed Executive Session to discuss personnel issues. Newcombe/Nonn  
Discussion to conclude regular business meeting and have Executive Session later.

There was discussion about using community service worker to trash pick-up and cleaning bathrooms.

Roads and Grounds Committee chair, Dave Nonn presented minutes from the workshop held 4-13-10. He gave an update on the petting farm and vet inspections. He also wanted a petting zoo daily cleaning sheet to be completed daily.

Dave Nonn had spoken with Louie Meier concerning the 40 acres undeveloped land on the south and west side of the Park. Mr. Meier didn't know if he would be able to farm all 40 acres as rocks needed to be removed from land. He was currently getting estimates for rock removal.

Dave Nonn also spoke with Dale Grapperhaus concerning the farming of the same 40 acres. Mr. Grapperhaus indicated that he would be interested in farming the same 40 acres as is with his rock removal in exchange for farming the same 40 acres, rent free for 1 year. He agreed to a 2/3 - 1/3 split the second and each succeeding year. If the Park decides to sell the top soil on the 40 acres, Mr. Grapperhaus would be reimbursed for his costs incurred.

Motion: To allow Dale Grapperhaus to farm Park's 40 acres for one year rent free and the second and succeeding years for a 2/3 - 1/3 split. 6 Ayes

Motion: To enter closed Executive Session to discuss personnel issues. Newcombe/Nonn 6 Ayes

The Board of Commissioners went into a closed Executive Session to discuss personnel issues at 9:25.

The Board of Commissioners reconvened at 10:30 pm on April 14, 2010

Motion: To give Fran Colter, Office Manager a \$2.00 per hour raise to \$13.50 per hour. To hire Jon Mersinger full time seasonal at \$12.00 per hour with reviews at 30, 60 and 90 days. To hire Dennis Jones at \$10 per hour with reviews at 30 and 60 days and to hire Chris Willhite at \$8.50 per hour to mow grass. All three men are subject to drug screening and physical. Background checks had already been performed. Nonn/Newcombe 6 Ayes

There were no comments or questions for the citizens not on the agenda and no questions or comments from the media.

Motion: To adjourn. Beck/Newcombe

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35.

Submitted by Fran Colter