

Minutes - Tri-Township Park District

The regular monthly meeting of the Tri-Township Park District Board of Commissioners was convened at 7:45 P.M. February 15, 1977 at the home of Commissioner Leonard, with President Russell Wiesemeyer presiding. All members reported present to the roll call with the exception of Commissioner Langenwalter. Also present was Attorney Robert Cadigan.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and the bills were presented. Motion to accept the Treasurer's report and pay the bills, made by Commissioner Arth, was seconded by Commissioner Leonard and carried.

Commissioner Wiesemeyer reported that the \$15,000. subsidy offered by the Lions Club for construction of a Tennis Court, was reaffirmed at the first meeting in February 1977.

Commissioner Wiesemeyer reported that he had contacted the prospective judges for the forthcoming Park Board Election. They are Jule Gaertner, Norman Frangen, Thelma Huston, and Robert Maynard. Confirmation was received. Helen Seneczyn has also been suggested and the Commissioner feels relatively sure that she will accept, but he has not been successful in making the contact. The Commissioner will also arrange for a sixth standby judge. Arrangements have also been made with the City for loan of the ballot box. Commissioner also reminded that ballots must be printed. Commissioner agreed to do so.

Commissioner Leonard reported that he had contacted Mrs. Schmalz regarding the George Schmalz Memorial, which she approved, noting that she would contribute any difference in cost, if the amount of the original contribution was exceeded. The location was set at the left of the main entrance gate. Mrs. Schmalz also asked that a concrete walk be constructed from the road into the Memorial and the concrete pad be extended on all sides to create a walk around effect with flower plantings at the edges. Commissioner Gindler moved for acceptance of the project as drafted. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Arth and carried.

Communications read were as follows:

1. Statements of Economic Interest received by Commissioners Leonard and Wiesemeyer were accomplished and mailed.
2. Letter from Lewis J. Krause concerning allocation of additional allotments for 1977 from Madison County Community Development Program, established at \$1.00 per capita taxpayer. Tri-Township Park District was not a recipient.

3. Letter from Madison County Community Development to Paul Riebold on the distribution of Discretionary funds for 1976. Funds in the amount of \$2,083.62 were reallocated for Park Roads, which must be expended before 7/1/77.
4. Letter dated 12/30/76 to Paul Riebold on statement of expenses paid by Madison County Community Development on Jarvis Township Bridge, which produced a remaining balance \$2,083.62, in turn allocated for Park Roads.

Pat Huch and Eric Rinderer, members of the steering committee for a Swimming Pool, joined the meeting at 9:00 P.M. Their purpose for joining the meeting was to get a determination from the Board as to what service the Committee could perform, in light of a foregone conclusion that funding a Swimming Pool thru a tax referendum would be questionable at this time, due to the current tax increases in progress in the County.

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Commissioner Wiesemeyer reported that he was attempting to have the District placed on the mailing list for the Federal Register, which provides timely announcement of government grants being made available. The cost of this service is \$105.00 for 1st class mailing or \$80.00 for second class mailing.

Commissioner Wiesemeyer also reported that SWIMPAC Newsletter dated 1/1/77 carried conditions of resubmittal after 7/1/77 for funding from the Public Works Program, to which the District unsuccessfully submitted application for funding of a Swimming Pool Complex in December 1976.

Mrs. Huck reported that she has attended meetings with SIU and U. of I. representatives, who suggest that surveys be made in the District on all recreational activities (not be confined to a swimming pool oriented survey). They also suggested that it is easier to obtain grants for other recreational facilities than swimming pools. Mrs. Huck also suggested the possibility of private grant applications in lieu of government grant application.

Commissioner Wiesemeyer pointed out that a survey was made, thru the Tribune, in 1967, which revealed that 75 to 80% of the District population were most interested in a swimming pool in the Park. Mrs. Huck noted that this survey was probably not only outdated, but inconclusive, since only those who read the Tribune carefully and chose to respond, did so.

After much discussion on making surveys, etc., it was agreed that the Committee should remain in tact on a holding action. Mr. Rinderer suggested that the present priority for assistance would be in the nature of contributions or any type financial assistance on the Tennis Court Project. All Commissioners agreed.

Motion for adjournment by Commissioner Gindler, was seconded by Commissioner and carried.

Leland Ed Leonard
Secretary Treasurer
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