

Tri-Township Park District

Troy, Illinois 62294

MINUTES - TRI-TOWNSHIP PARK DISTRICT

The regular monthly meeting of the Tri-Township Park District Board of Commissioners was convened at 7:30 P.M. October 27, 1982 at the pavillion meeting room with president Russell Wiesemeyer presiding. In addition to the president Commissioners Foucek, Langenwalter and Leonard answered present to the roll call. Police Chief Quinley and Attorney Cadigan were also present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Commissioner Wiesemeyer discussed receipt of communication from Department of Conservation stating that since the District application for land grant funding did not exceed \$400,000. that consideration would be reduced from 50% to 40%. They requested confirmation of the District's ability to provide funds for the 10% difference. Confirmation was provided.

Attorney Cadigan requested and received approval of the ad which he worded as follows for Watchman:

WATCHMAN - Tri Township Park District. Individual or couple needed to act as night watchman for the Park. Housing furnished in lieu of salary. Contact Russell Wiesemeyer or Leland Leonard.

Commissioner Wiesemeyer opened the vandalism topic with referral to his call from Howard Wood, Tribune Editor, citing his conversation with Mary Reinacher regarding the absence of any news items concerning vandalism. Chief Quinley also cited various conversations with concerned citizens. Commissioner Wiesemeyer reviewed the District's proposal for erecting a cyclone fence around the most vulnerable areas and the night watchman position which will be advertised. Chief Quinley reported that he has posted a plain clothes officer in the Park from 8 P.M. to 4 A.M. on ten different nights during which time no vandalism occurred. He also said that Dave Ewing volunteered to report any vandalism which he might see during the soccer season. Chief Quinley reported that the mini barn was broken into the friday previous. He stated that he has been concerned about the Park vandalism since he took office in 1976. He says he has stepped up surveillance but has been unable to make any arrests in the recent epidemic of vandalism. He has suspicions but cannot prove them. Regarding the charge that the police have not been responsive to calls, he claims that he is unaware of deliberate unresponsiveness, unless it is due to the fact that either officers are on other calls or vehicles are not available.

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He suggested that a recurrence of lack of response should be reported to him personally. He stated that he called surrounding towns regarding their Park vandalism. Reply was anywhere from minor to much damage. Glen Carbon hired a guard and their damage stopped. Quinley stated that he has been extremely dissappointed with the Courts handling of those vandals who have been apprehended. He has been using what he calls "station house adjustment" (a work it off around the police station kind of punishment) on those who have been apprehended. He summed his statements by saying that he will try to put more emphasis on patrol and would appreciate any suggestions the Board has to offer.

Commissioner Wiesemeyer also mentioned the vandalism to the turf on the ball diamond some 3 years ago when an arrest was made. It was the Board's understanding that the person was supposed to make restitution to the park on a monthly basis but nothing has been received. The Chief vaguely remembered the incident but he said he would check it out - although he does think it was a probation sentence with no restitution.

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

Commissioner Leonard said he would have the park winterized by November 1, 1982.

Motion to adjourn by Langenwalter at 10 P.M., seconded by Foucek and carried.