

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 the Sr. Citizen Center at 7:30 P.M. on July 12, 1989 with president Russell Wiesemeyer presiding. Commissioners answering present to the roll call in addition to the president were Converse, Greenfield, Italiano, Loyet and Taake. Attorney Cain and Mae Grapperhaus were also present.

The first order of business was the public hearing for the increase in the 1989-1990 tax levy which exceeds 105% of the previous year. Those present for the hearing were Mr. & Mrs. Ely Burk, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Ebl and Mr. & Mrs. Russell Klaustermeier. Questions and answers put forth were:

1. Q. What does the advertisement of the increase mean?
A. Commissioner Wiesemeyer explained that the Board has operated as frugally as possible, keeping the levy around 7 cents since the park was formed in 1964. $17\frac{1}{2}$ cents is the maximum that Parks can receive and the majority of Districts go for the maximum. Last year, in response to public demand for more facilities in the Park, the Board levied for 15 cents but due to incorrect formatting of the levy only 10 cents will be received for the 1988-1989 fiscal year. Next year the levy will be for 15 cents to provide funding for major improvements involved in the Board's 5 year plan which includes a multi purpose building, additional lighting, another comfort station, completion of the fencing, etc.
2. Q. Was the increase voted in?
A. No. Commissioner Taake and Greenfield explained that this same process of conducting a hearing was accomplished last year because the Board assumed that the formatting of the levy would produce 15 cents for the current year. There were no objections from the public at the time.
3. Q. Who will sustain the cost of the damage to the Park after the Homecoming?
A. Commissioner Wiesemeyer replied "The Lions Club."
4. Q. Why are we raising taxes for the Park when we voted down a tax increase for education?
A. Commissioners Taake and Greenfield explained that Park Districts ^{are} entitled to $17\frac{1}{2}$ cents maximum. Therefore raising from 10 cents to 15 cents does not require a referendum. However when taxes for the District are increased in excess of 105% of the previous year the public must be advised that any concerns will be heard at a public hearing before the levy is filed. It is the concensus of the Board that, since the school tax referendum did not

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pass, it is even more important that more facilities and activities be provided by the District to replace activities which will be curtailed by the School Board due to the defeat of the school tax referendum.

No other comments were received and the hearing was closed.

Motion was made by Commissioner Greenfield to adopt the 1989-1990 Tax Levy for the period 4/1/89 thru 3/31/90 in the amount of \$97,000. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Italiano. All Commissioners answered affirmative to a roll call vote.

Attorney Cain made it known that he did not feel responsible for the loss of \$22,000. in revenues for the current fiscal year. He said that he merely has the Board revise the figures each year and he has the Levy typed and filed. Commissioner Wiesemeyer replied that the Board does not know the laws on formatting a levy and the percentages allowed for each category. This is one of the main reasons for having a lawyer to review any paperwork that requires professional knowledge of the law. Commissioner Greenfield responded that the County Clerk had explained to the Board that the levy was not filed in the proper categories. In conclusion it was noted that, since 10 cents is the maximum allowed for the General Fund, and the Board has never levied more than 7 cents, there has never been a requirement to maintain more than the one General Fund. Consequently when the need arose for something more than 10 cents, the filing of the levy simply was done in the same manner as the previous year. When the levy for the General Fund was in excess of 10 cents, the additional 5 cents could not be recognized as filed.

The minutes of the previous meeting and the special meeting were read and approved. At the special meeting Mr. Perry Conour was selected from a group of applicants to manage the park pavillion and provide other grounds maintenance in the park as partial rental for the mobile home on the Park premises. Commissioner Wiesemeyer noted that he has so notified those applicants who were not accepted. He also noted that Mr. Conour would have to be provided with a set of keys. Commissioner Greenfield suggested that keys no longer be given to those who rent the pavillion on a daily basis. He suggested that the pavillion be unlocked and locked by the manager as necessary.

Commissioner Greenfield reported that:

1. All plans for the Homecoming are on schedule.
2. The roads have been oiled and chipped. That 20 foot section of the road inside the park fence leading to Route 162 has been graded, oiled and chipped by the City, which will bill the District.

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3. Rakers Electric finally called about the lighting but not before Commissioner Greenfield had contacted Alert Electric who agreed to provide two poles, junction box and lines. All electrical equipment will be donated by Fritz Electrical Supply. The Lions will set the poles and Alert will install the power lines and junction box. This installation will be a permanent part of the long term lighting plan. Alert will also bid on the timers for the Ball Diamond Lights. One bid was received from Mike Hampton for Ball Diamond timers in the amount of \$2,375.00. Abel Electric also submitted a bid on the timers in the amount of \$1,109.00. Rakers Electric has agreed to put in the coaxial cable for the scoreboard at no expense to the District.
4. Other Multi Purpose Buildings are being studied. Commissioner Greenfield has arranged a visit to Ball State University for that purpose. Motion was made by Commissioner Italiano to approve expenses for three persons to review the multi purpose building at Ball State University. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Loyet and carried.

Commissioner Italiano suggested that all gates be locked and the ball diamond and tennis court lights be left on all night during the Homecoming. The Board agreed.

Commissioner Wiesemeyer noted that Marcella Lindsay asked to purchase from the District the land suitable for a building on the 7+ acres on the southwest corner. Motion was made by Commissioner Italiano, seconded by Commissioner Taake and carried that no park land be sold at any time.

Commissioner Converse reviewed his plan for remodeling the comfort station to improve the facility and provide for the handicapped. Motion was made by Commissioner Taake to appoint Commissioner Converse to provide the specifications for the alternations and advertise for bids on the comfort station. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Italiano and carried. For the present, Commissioner Greenfield moved to order two portable latrines for either side of the comfort station for the remainder of the season. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Italiano and carried.

Commissioner Italiano will install new locks on the pavillion at no charge for the installation outside of materials used. Motion was made by Commissioner Greenfield to authorize Commissioner Italiano to rekey the locks to a master key system. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Taake and carried. Commissioner Italiano abstained.

After discussion about bids for the purchase of a new tractor, the Board agreed that it would be more practical to confine bids to John Deere dealers since the other park tractor is a John Deere and attachments will be interchangeable. Commissioner Taake will prepare a proposal for submission and pricing to three or four John Deere dealers.

Commissioner Converse has been surveying the need for tools and

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equipment. He stated that the present weed eater is too big. Commissioner Taake stated that he has two of the smaller weed eaters with which he is quite satisfied. He volunteered to get information and prices on these weed eaters and a push mower.

Commissioner Wiesemeyer suggested that it would be helpful to mulch around the trees to hold moisture and cut down on trimming. Commissioner Taake stated that Illinois Power occasionally has mulch available at no cost when they are trimming trees. However he suggested that the project be tabled for the present.

After a discussion on the need for an air compressor and drills, motion was made by Commissioner Greenfield, seconded by Commissioner Loyet and carried to authorize Commissioner Converse to purchase the necessary tools and equipment to maintain park machinery and recreational equipment. The purchase of a large sprayer was tabled until spring.

Commissioner Wiesemeyer has been in contact with Gametime to determine the status of the bleachers which were picked up by that organization for repair. Gametime was unable to provide any information but they promised to have information on the bleachers soon.

The Board agreed that the baseball backstops will be in place by next spring. Commissioner Greenfield stated that the baseball teams should get involved in the project.

Commissioner Converse noted that the backstop on the big ball diamond needs repair. He volunteered to work with Mr. Semanisin on the repair.

Commissioner Converse noted that the two poles at the end of the lake are sinking. Commissioner Taake volunteered to pull them out with his tractor.

Commissioner Converse checked with Architect B. Thompson on the stress load of the concrete planks as a roof for the dugouts. Thompson replied that there would be no problem if they are set on concrete blocks. The Board agreed that the project could be completed in August.

Commissioner Converse will follow through with Roy Halleman on changing panels in the doors on the storage building.

Commissioner Greenfield noted the annual meeting of the Illinois Association of Park Districts to be held in January in Peoria.

Commissioner Italiano presented memorials on behalf of Guy Italiano in the amount of \$20.00.

Commissioner Wiesemeyer suggested that all memorials be placed in a separate account to be pooled for a future memorial

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of substance to all those for whom memorials have been received with no specific designation. Motion was made by Commissioner Greenfield, seconded by Commissioner Taake and carried to establish a memorial account in a passbook savings.

Commissioner Italiano suggested that a tree Committee be named to map and tag all of the trees.

Commissioner Converse provided a copy of the work order which he designed and gave instructions for it's application.

The treasurer's report was read and the bills were presented. Motion to accept treasurer's report was made by Commissioner Italiano, seconded by Commissioner Greenfield and carried. Motion to pay bills presented was made by Commissioner Italiano, seconded by Commissioner Converse and carried.

Commissioner Wiesemeyer presented a bid from Clarence Holmes in the amount of \$875.00 to fill and smooth over the cracks in the tennis courts. Motion was made by Commissioner Greenfield to accept the \$875.00 bid from Clarence Holms and authorize Commissioner Wiesemeyer to work out a plan with Mr. Holmes on accomplishment of the job. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Italiano and carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 P.M.

TERRY TAAKE
Secretary/Treasurer
Board of Commissioners
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Attorney Donald Rickley was in attendance to review the 1990 tax levy. He explained the categorization of the Levy and the limitations within each category.

General Fund	.10
Insurance	.075
Handicapped	.05
Recreational Fund	.075
Capital Fund	.10
Recreational & Community Center	.075

The 1990 levy for District reflects the following:

General Fund	\$51,500	\$51,500
Recreational & Community Center		\$33,500
Insurance		\$12,000
		<u>\$97,000</u>

Mr. Rikli explained to the Board that it will be necessary to renotify the public of the 147% increase in the 1990 levy. He also suggested that the notice be accompanied by an explanation of the inadvertent presentation of the 1989 levy resulting in a loss of \$22,000 in tax receipts. In response to questions from the Board, Mr. Rikli said that a larger amount can be appropriated than levied. Never appropriate less than the levy. The levy should reflect how much tax monies are needed.

Mr. Rikli then reviewed the current levy making a few suggestions as to format. He volunteered to take the the levy back to his office for retyping. He stated that the tentative budget must be posted 30 days before the June meeting and the levy can be adopted up through August. Publication of the hearing must be 7 - 14 days before the date of the hearing. Hearing for the 1990 levy will be held immediately preceeding the July meeting.

Mr. Rikli told the Board that his fees are based upon time and material. His rates are \$125. per hour. He further stated that, in order to keep down costs, he has an assistant who handles the majority of questions for tax supported entities. The assistant's fees are \$30. per hour. He stated that at the beginning of each year he reviews the statutes for any changes and updates his assistant accordingly. All entities are placed on a mailing list and periodically informed of any changes through a newsletter.