

MINUTES - TRI-TOWNSHIP PARK DISTRICT

The regular monthly meeting of the Tri Township Park District Board of Commissioners was convened at the Senior Citizen building at 7:00 P.M. on December 11, 1991 with president Russell Wiesemeyer presiding. Commissioners answering present to the roll call in addition to the president were Dennis Alvis, Tim Greenfield, Alvin Loyet, Homer Pettus and Terry Taake. Superintendent Converse was also present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

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

Commissioner Wiesemeyer recommended that a Diner's Card from Randy's Restaurant be given to Andy Semanisin for his years of service in view of the fact that Andy's health did not permit him to participate in the retirement dinner that was planned for him upon his retirement. The Board agreed.

Commissioner Greenfield suggested that the Budget be reviewed. He will make an assessment before the next meeting.

Commissioner Wiesemeyer presented a letter from John P. Givens, Attorney, on tax objectors. Another letter was read from Attorney Cain regarding Cain's opinion on the requirement for Dram Shop insurance. After his review of the Liquor Control Act, Cain concluded that a liability does not exist if the liquor permit does not permit liquor to be sold. Commissioner Greenfield explained that for those functions where liquor is sold in the park, the sponsoring activities are required to have Dram Shop Insurance naming the District as co-insured. Commissioner Greenfield clarified that portion of the "Park Rules for use of the Park by Organizations" concerning review with the police department, as a courtesy to the Police Department to allow them to prepare for the event.

Commissioner Alvis reported on his search for a suitable air compressor. Motion was made, seconded and carried to table the purchase of an air compressor until after June.

The blueprints for additional lighting provided by Illinois Power have not yet been received. Commissioner Greenfield will identify the placing of the new poles. Additionally new more powerful bulbs will replace bulbs on the existing poles. Once blueprints have been received alterations can be made by the Board. Subsequently Commissioners Greenfield and Wiesemeyer will make arrangements with the City to include the additional lighting on the annual bill from the City of

Troy. Commissioner Greenfield hopes to have construction costs picked up by Illinois Power.

The Lions Club has approved the purchase of the door for the storage building which will be installed in January. The fiber glass doors on the sides of the storage building may also need replacing.

Commissioners Alvis and Pettus and Superintendent Converse reviewed the Police Ordinance making minor changes. The Ordinance will be referred to Attorney Cain and returned to the Board upon approval. Commissioner Greenfield noted that the Illinois Association of Park District's Legal Counsel recommended use of the police ordinance in a recent article in the IAPD magazine. The general consensus of the Board is that better police protection will follow.

Commissioner Taake provided costs for renting a chipper. Commissioner Greenfield volunteered to search out other sources for obtaining the use of a chipper.

Superintendent Converse reported that he has aerated and seeded ball diamonds, soccer fields, and playground area near the pavillion with a rented aerator which costs less than the most reasonable contractual bid. Commissioners Taake and Greenfield and Bob Hall will straw the bare areas. The Soccer Club will cover the cost of the work on the soccer fields.

In response to Commissioner Taake's question on who makes the decision on how soon the athletic fields can be used after inclement weather, the Board stated that Superintendent Converse is responsible for the ball diamonds and the Soccer Club is responsible for the soccer fields and the big ball diamond when used for soccer.

Commissioner Wiesemeyer reported that Commissioner Italiano did not think that Rick Gibbs would be receptive to selling his lighted ball diamond to the park for an annex. Commissioner Wiesemeyer also relayed an offer from Mearl Ottwein to make available to the Park District 33.3 acres adjacent to the west side of the park at \$10,000 to \$15,000 per acre. Commissioner Wiesemeyer expects that the property may possibly be purchased for less. Motion was made and seconded to obtain two appraisals and appoint a committee of two or three Board Members to get a firm price on the offer. Wallace of Collinsville and Rogier of Highland were suggested appraisers. All Commissioners answered affirmative to a roll call vote. Commissioners Pettus, Greenfield and Wiesemeyer were appointed to the Committee.

Superintendent Converse recommended that employees be considered for a raise. After discussion, motion was made and seconded to increase the wage from \$6.00 per hour to

\$6.50 per hour for Tim Converse and Richard Gilomen effective 1/1/92. All Commissioners answered affirmative to a roll call vote.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 P.M.

TERRY C. TAAKE
Secretary/Treasurer
Board of Commissioners
Tri-Township Park District