

MINUTES - TRI-TOWNSHIP PARK DISTRICT

The regular monthly meeting of the Tri-Township Park District Board of Commissioners was convened at the Jarvis Township Senior Citizens building at 7:30 P.M. on March 14, 1991 with president Russell Wiesemeyer presiding. Commissioners answering present to the roll call in addition to the president were Converse, Greenfield, Italiano, Loyet and Taake.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Perry Conour relayed to the Board a request from Otis Carver to use the pavillion on Wednesday evenings for meetings of Boy Scout Troop 91. The Board agreed that the pavillion could be made available if it is not rented. In response to Perry's request from the Adult Softball team to use park facilities for their games, the Board stated that a representative would have to approach the Board for approval. Perry also asked for the Board's approval for the Soccer Teams to use the lights on the large ball diamond. Commissioner Greenfield confirmed. It was noted that muskrats are becoming overabundant in the lake. Commissioner Loyet agreed to contact Charlie Malburt, Greenville Department of Conservation for a permit to trap.

As a result of lagging reservation requests, Commissioner Taake suggested that the pavillion rental terms be advertised in the Times-Tribune.

Barry Storm, Tennis Pro, presented his plan for league play and lessons for the summer tennis program. The Board opposed using all courts for four days per week plus Saturday morning for league play and lessons. After discussion, motion was made, seconded and carried to authorize Barry Storm to use all the courts two days per week during the Monday through Friday time frame. One court will be reserved for lessons six days per week Monday through Saturday. Storm's response to approved advertising will determine the actual days of use. Homecoming Saturday must be negotiated with the Lions. Storm agreed to provide a certificate of insurance, present a roster of players when program is firm, review his liability insurance for league player coverage. Storm will be providing T-shirts for the players with TRI-TOWNSHIP PARK DISTRICT TENNIS PROGRAM logo. Information Board for players was authorized to be posted at the pavillion. Also the same storage space provided last year will be available this year. No permanent advertising banners were authorized, however the Board agreed to permit photographs of banners for one day. The lights on the tennis courts will be available until 10:30 P.M. each evening.

The Treasurer's Report was read followed by the reading of

the bills. Motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the Treasurer's Report and pay the bills.

Commissioner Wiesemeyer submitted a claim to the insurance Co. for ice damage to the guttering on the storage building. Subsequently the company cancelled coverage on the mobile home and the storage building. The adjuster has not replied to the claim at this time. A discussion followed on review of insurance carriers. Commissioners Converse and Wiesemeyer will be conferring with representatives from IAPD for coverage provided through that organization.

Commissioner Wiesemeyer discussed proration of the cost of ballots for the coming election with other tax supported entities. He agreed to take care of publishing the sample ballot.

Commissioner Greenfield stated that Roy Hindrich, in charge of the Luekemia Bikathon, asked permission to use the park the first or second Saturday morning in May for two hours for that event. The Board agreed. Greenfield also announced that the bid opening for paving the parking lot will be early in April. Work is expected to be completed by Homecoming.

Commissioner Converse stated that Phillips Petroleum is planning to clear a 60 foot strip from the end of Wynone to the west end of the wing on the atom ball diamond. They will move all the trees with the exception of one pin oak which must be cut down. The Board agreed that the deed needs to be reviewed regarding easement rights of Phillips Petroleum. Commissioner Wiesemeyer agreed to do so and make a copy of the easement rights.

The Board discussed what type material to use on the playground areas. Converse obtained information on a maximum safety wood chip, to be used over a landscape mat, backed by a million dollar liability insurance coverage. Various other methods were suggested. The Board finally agreed to a rock-mat-sawdust approach. Commissioner Taake volunteered to call for prices on sawdust.

Commissioner Converse has been searching for a contractor or a do-it-yourself method for repairing the cracks in the tennis courts. In response to his call, St. Clair Tennis Club agreed to send a representative from McConnell and Associates. Converse will have contractor prices and material prices for the next meeting.

A discussion followed on the condition of the grounds which require fertilizing, seeding and deweeding. Motion was made, seconded, and carried to authorize Commissioner Loyet to obtain chemicals and fertilizer and a certified person to do the spraying later in the fall.

Conour's request to build a porch or an awning on the mobile home was approved. The Board asked that he obtain three pricings on the material. Conour's suggestion to paint and seal the pavillion floor was not accepted by the Board.

The Treasurer's Report and the bills were read. Motion to accept the treasurer's report and pay the bills was seconded and carried.

The Board authorized the transfer of \$5,532.52 from the Moneymarket Account at UIB and the current balance of the Troy Savings and Homestead Savings Account to the UIB checking account.

Commissioner Greenfield briefed the Board on his contact with Howard Lewis on the parking lot improvement. Bids will be requested around the 1st of March. The County has estimated that the work will cost \$29,892, but Lewis expects the cost to be in the neighborhood of \$23,000. There is \$25,000 available. Some trees, which were donated by the Fouceks, must be moved or destroyed. Commissioner Wiesemeyer will let Mrs. Foucek know that the trees are being moved or destroyed for the improvement of the park. Commissioner Greenfield assured Commissioner Italiano that there would be no watershed problem.

Commissioner Greenfield has been working on the sized down plans for the Multi Purpose building. He expects to get bids from two contractors. Various means of funding have been suggested. Low interest loans are available for 100% of the project cost. The Board authorized Commissioner Greenfield to set up a conference with Conservation Commission officials in Springfield to discuss low interest loans. Commissioner Greenfield will talk with the IAPD legal department about the maximum length of time that a park district can take to repay a loan. Other sources of funding were discussed including the Farm and Home Administration and Federal Grants, all of which will be examined. Commissioner Converse volunteered to call the IAPD attorney about zoning.

Commissioner Converse briefed the Board on his attendance at the Grounds Maintenance School at the Gateway Center. Equipment required and advantages of aerating the lake was discussed in addition to turf management.

Commissioner Converse reported that:

1. The concrete rings for the fountains have been made.
2. Low spots in the walking path need drainage improvements.

Commissioner Converse asked for a closed session for the remainder of the meeting. Motion was made, seconded and carried for same. Converse asked to be considered for employment as Superintendent and Groundskeeper. He discussed his qualification and provided a list of duties he would

Commissioner Converse asked about his proposal to work for the park. The Board members stated that they will have a separate meeting and have a definite outline for the next meeting.

Commissioner Taake volunteered C. & M. Cable labor for seeding the area below the dam in exchange for the Board's purchase of the seed. The Board agreed. Motion was made, seconded, and carried for funding the building of a catch basin and the necessary concrete work at the rear door of the lower level of the Senior Citizen building.

Motion was made, seconded, and carried to pay for seed and fertilizer to be used behind the dam and by the Soccer Field where dirt was stockpiled.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

TERRY C. TAAKE  
Secretary/Treasurer  
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