

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 Citizen Center at 7:00 P.M. on January 13, 1993 with Vice-President Tim Greenfield presiding. Commissioners answering present to the roll call in addition to the vice-president were Italiano, Loyet, and Taake. Superintendent Converse was also present.

Commissioner Greenfield instructed the Board members to review copies of the Treasurer's Report and Listing of Bills after which questions would be in order. Commissioner Loyet noted that the portable latrines were still being billed for use after the park closure date. Commissioner Greenfield explained that since the park is still open to walkers and all other restrooms have been winterized, the portable latrine facilities are still required. Motion was seconded and carried to accept the Treasurer's Report and pay the bills.

Review of the Superintendents report was noted as follows:

1. The large slide on the pavillion playground has cracks in it which the Superintendent has found to be irreparable and he suggested that the slide be replaced. Motion was seconded and carried to purchase a replacement slide for an estimated \$650.00.
2. The Superintendent requested permission to attend the Southern Illinois Grounds Maintenance School to be held at the Gateway Convention Center on February 3rd and 4th at a cost of \$43.00. Motion was seconded and carried to authorize the \$43.00 registration fee for the attendance of Supt. Converse at the Southern Illinois Grounds Maintenance School.
3. A request to use the park for an American Kennel Club Dog Show was referred to the Board by Supt. Converse. The individual was provided the date and time of the meeting. However, no one appeared.
4. A bill was presented for a new flag on the Veteran's Memorial. The Superintendent noted that the cost of the flag would be reimbursed to the District by the VFW and the American Legion.
5. Further items of work accomplished in the interim between December and January meetings were noted by the Commissioners.

Commissioner Greenfield reported that the Shadwick family has been provided with the District's offer of \$68,000. for the property adjacent to the Park. The Shadwicks replied that

their bottom price is \$85,000. Motion was seconded and carried to make another offer not to exceed \$75,000.

Some discussion followed about abandoning the land purchases being considered and going ahead with the multi purpose building, a facility which would be available for year around usage. A Morton building could possibly be purchased and erected for approximately \$500,000. The Bank of Edwardsville has stated that they can finance at 7% on a 20 year loan with a 25% down payment. Since the building fund is now at \$154,000. the down payment could be managed. Commissioner Greenfield agreed to get more definitive information from Morton Buildings and to contact Edwardsville Bank about present interest rates.

The forthcoming election of commissioners was discussed, noting that two Commissioners will be up for re-election and two Commissioners, who are serving as appointees will be up for election. Notices have been published and two people, in addition to the incumbents, have taken out petitions. Period for filing petitions, which require at least 25 signatures, is February 1st through 8th.

Commissioner Greenfield noted that the Troy Homecoming is set for July 23rd and 24th to be held in the park as usual. Further improvements will be made by the Lions Club on park grounds to include a new concrete patio behind the pavillion area, and a new roadway from the walking trail to the patio, and the concrete base for the new pavillion. Work will start in early Spring.

A joint proposition is being discussed for Collinsville, Granite City, Belleville, and Troy to purchase the old railroad right of way to make a walking trail and bicycle path from Troy to Granite City. Commissioner Greenfield asked for volunteers to participate with the other Communities.

Communcations were read by Commissioner Taake.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

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