

MINUTES - TRI-TOWNSHIP PARK DISTRICT

The regular monthly meeting of the Tri-Township Park District Board of Commissioners was convened at the Park Office meeting room at 7:00 P.M. on 9/11/96 with president Terry Taake presiding. Commissioners answering present to the roll call in addition to the president were Byrne, Eberhart, Italiano, Jarman and Loyet. Park Director Greenfield was also present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was discussed and the bills were presented. Motion to accept Treasurer's Report and pay bills in the amount of \$68,947.29 was seconded. All Commissioners answered yes to a roll call vote.

All Commissioners were advised that business communication pertaining to each Commissioner would be placed in their respective mail boxes on a daily basis. Junk mail and advertising will be disposed of by the Director. Commissioners were asked to pick up their mail on a regular basis.

President Taake announced his selection of Committees, copy of which is attached. The President announced that he will abide by the open meetings act with 48 hours notification to the press. This includes Committee Meetings as well as Board Meetings. In the event of an emergency situation - notification need not be published but notification by posting at the meeting place is required.

The Board recommended that requirements be determined for stocking the lake and brought to the next meeting. Discussion followed on the need for a new supply of grass carp for the lake. Commissioner Loyet said that 10 to an acre is recommended. Motion was seconded and carried to appoint Commissioner Loyet to order 10 grass carp at a unit price of \$8.00.

Commissioner Taake suggested that Treasurer Jarman prepare the new tax levy which is due in December and have ready for the next meeting.

Commissioner Italiano reported that the baseball club will pay the \$50.00 insurance deductible remaining on the claim for Kathy West. He also presented the offer from IPARKS on a \$1,000. deductible on Workmen's Compensation Insurance. Upon inquiry to IPARKS he learned that there is no change in premium and that no other park insured with IPARKS has chosen to apply for the deductible. Motion was seconded and carried to disregard the offer.

Director Greenfield reported on the progress of meetings of the Committee for Restoring the War Memorial.

It was suggested that the cost of maintaining the Community Center be compared to the revenue from rentals to determine if the rental fee should be increased.

In reply to inquiry about the office sign, Commissioner Eberhart stated that he needs to know where to erect the sign and about the availability for electricity. The Director will work with the Grounds Committee on the details and Commissioner Eberhart will prepare a diagram for the Board's approval.

The Lake fountain has been received. The Director expects to install the equipment in mid lake with electrical connections from the Maintenance Building within the next week.

On the subject of special events, it was noted that the JayCees have been dissolved. There is no indication that there will be an auto show this fall. In reply to Commissioner Eberhart's inquiry about procedures for applying for the use of the park for special events, the Director volunteered to prepare an application packet to be made available at the Office to anyone requesting use of the Park for a special event.

From the Athletic Committee, Commissioner Byrne has been gathering information on cost of fencing on the ball diamonds. The big diamond has been diagrammed. Further research is underway. He also expressed the Baseball Club's concern about soccer use of the big diamond for regular games as well as practice games. The Director stated that due to lack of space, the large ball diamond could not be confined to a single user organization. He explained that two soccer fields have been set up on the big diamond with alternating use on Saturdays and two games will be played on Tuesday and Thursday nights. No practice games will be permitted.

Commissioner Taake asked Commissioner Byrne to research the possibility and the cost of lighting the soccer field with lights previously donated to the park which have never been utilized.

Commissioner Eberhart was given permission to research the cost of changing the fuse boxes on the big ball diamond to a circuit breaker system. Randy Rainwater has offered to donate his services for the project.

Upon the inquiry about Committee responsibilities on the various aspects of the construction and furnishings of the War Memorial, the Board was advised that there will be some dovetailing of Committee responsibilities on the project.

Since the District's 1996 Application for Land Grant has been disapproved, the Buildings and Grounds Committee was asked to bring recommendations to the Board on further pursuit of land acquisition. The President noted that the District definitely needs more space.

Rhonda Harvey appeared before the Board representing the Select Soccer Teams to discuss problems with availability and fees for using the soccer fields.

The necessity for slowing of traffic through the park was discussed. Commissioner Italiano noted that an ordinance would be required to erect any new stop signs. It was noted that a Boy Scouting project could possibly be assigned to creating speed bumps and cross walk markings. The Board agreed that the Buildings and Grounds Committee should assess the problem with some direction from legal council and possibly a special meeting to get the project moving quickly.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:02 P.M.

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