

Tri-Township Park Board  
Proposed Property Tax Public Hearing  
Dec. 12, 2001 – 6:30  
Wiesemeyer Center

Meeting called to order at 6:35 by Phil

Commissioners in attendance; Phil, Terry, Barb, Randy, and Norm

Pledge of allegiance

A list of concerned citizens that attended the meeting is attached to these minutes.

Phil informs the audience that he will give a 10 – 15 minute presentation regarding the \$370,000 proposed tax levy. Following the presentation the audience can ask questions. The meeting will be adjourned at 7:15, so the board can start the regular business meeting.

Todd arrived at 6:43

A copy of Phil's presentation is attached to these minutes.

Following the presentation there were a number of questions from the audience.

Charlie Burcham asked if the park was going to collect more tax dollars. Phil answered yes, but using the park's assumed tax rate of .2126 and that the property owner's assessed valuation doesn't increase over 3%, each property owner will be pay less.

There were some questions about the park and the baseball program.

Why does the park for the umpires and referees? Terry answered that the park doesn't pay these cost they are paid for by the various sports programs.

Another question was why doesn't the park wan the kids from St. Jacob playing in the park? Terry again answered that the park has no problems with any kids playing in the park. "We welcome them to our park."

Barb Wright made the comment that the park is decreasing the tax rate and saving the taxpayer money. There are people at the meeting tonight complaining because the park will collect extra money, but these same people last spring supported a proposed Sports Mall that would have been a 250% tax increase.

Charlie Burcham, commented the park should not get any additional tax revenue from last year.

Phil responded that the cost are all going up and the park is in the midst of a major expansion, that will increase the park size by 57%. All of the park's operational expenses

will also be going up, and the park has cut over \$26,000 in annual cost to help meet those obligations.

Mr. Ray Hicks asked Norm Beck, is there a lighted football field in this expansion plan. Norm said, "I don't know."

There were several other questions. One man asked is this proposed 6.5% increase on top of the 9.3% growth, and Phil tried to explain that the park doesn't automatically get the EAV increase. The park has to levy for it.

The meeting was adjourned 7:30 (Randy/Terry) 6-0

Respectfully Submitted

Phil Loethen