

Tri-Township Park Board Meeting
Park Board House
April 7, 2004

Approved
5/12/04
Phil

Meeting called to order at 7:00 by Phil

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call: Phil Loethen, Randy Wiesemeyer, Terry Ball, and Kevin Woodring
Absent: Todd Moore, Doug Brendel, and Norm Beck

Also in attendance: Tim Greenfield, Dave Roady, Greg Hunt, Zach Lynn, Scott Haines, Jeff Hunt, John Lynn, Tracey Buente, Katherine Scheller, Steve Cooper, Bruce Scheller

Additions to the agenda –
None

Approval of Minutes -

Motion: Approve minutes from March 10, 2003 meeting. Randy/Terry 4-0 Ayes

Citizens on the Agenda –

Jeff Hunt, Eagle Scout candidate –

Jeff handed out his presentation. **ATTACHED** The presentation included the proposal, equipment needed, materials, schedule, layout, and various notes pertaining to landscaping the medians in the new 32 acre parking area.

Phil said that the Troy Titans have been discussing installing concrete curbs and this would negate the need for the railroad ties.

Randy said that he might want to add to the mix of the trees selected and that he would work with Jeff on this selection process.

Phil asked when Jeff would be planning on doing this project.

Jeff estimated the middle of May.

Motion: Spend up to \$1,000 to support Jeff Hunt's Eagle Scout project. Randy/Kevin 4-0 Ayes

Phil said that the Troy Titans have indicated they may want to donate the labor to install concrete curbs. Phil suggested that the board approves enough money to do the work, assuming the Titans are volunteering. Phil asked Jeff if he OK with doing less work.

Jeff said he was OK with doing less.

Tim said that the total amount of materials needed would be around \$1,500.

Motion: Spend up to \$1,500 for the installation of concrete curbs in the parking area of the 32 acres.
Randy/Terry 4-0 Ayes

Zach Lynn, Eagle Scout candidate –

Zach presented his plan to wash and seal the decks and walkways around the park office. He estimates two days of power washing. He suggests one gallon of cleaner to combat the mildew. He would then seal. The sealant needs 24 hours drying time. He estimates the total area to be covered at 2,500 sq. ft. The cleaner is \$10 and the stain will be \$17 per container. Zach estimated the entire project would cost between \$180 and \$265.

7:25 Norm arrives.

Zach is targeting June 17th through the 20th for his project.

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Motion: Spend up to \$250 to support Zach Lynn's Eagle Scout project. Kevin/Randy 5-0 Ayes

Phil asked Norm if the Titans were still considering volunteering and helping out with the concrete curbs. Norm said he thought so but Mike DaCruz would be the man responsible for organizing.

Tracey Buente, Select Soccer –

Tracey said that she is the parent of a player on a select U-9 team. She said that her son's team has played its first year in the park and that it has been a rough start. She is taking over managing the team and they are looking at changing clubs. She said she is looking for board approval to continue playing in the park and asked what the board would need from her going forward.

Norm said that someone named Stu, from her club had called him in March and said that someone named Tom would call him with the details of teams, rosters, and coaches. Tom agreed to fax this information to Norm, however Norm did not receive a fax. Tom then contacted Tim Greenfield requesting soccer field preparation and work. Tim said he can not work on any fields until he has heard from Norm. Norm called Tom again requesting the fax information. Norm then received it. Norm said that last year, two teams attempted to use the park and only one paid. One gentleman representing the club became obnoxious dealing with the park. Norm said that he wants select soccer teams to use the park. He reminded everyone that we kept the fee at \$200 for In-District teams and had raised the fee to \$600 for Out of District teams.

Tracey said that her club had gotten rid of the person who was obnoxious and had created all of the problems. She said her team was working with the local Metro club and would possibly be changing clubs.

Phil said that we have made the changes to the fees because we have premier soccer fields and now that we have lights and bathrooms, every team in the St. Louis metro area has inundated us with requests to use the fields. While we want the activity, we need to protect and reserve the fields for the taxpayers of the district.

Norm said that Both of Tracey's teams, U-9 and U-10 are now paid for.

Randy asked what the fee covered.

Terry said that we cover the select season, which includes both the fall and the spring. Terry said that if Tracey gives Tim a schedule of her games, the fields would be lined and prepared. If the fields are not playable because of weather, that will be Tim's call.

Tracey said that she is aware of an adult baseball league with Troy teams who are all traveling to Alhambra to play and she felt that our park is nicer than anything they have to offer.

Thank-You notes –

Dr. Flickinger (IAPD) – for writing the letter to the city.

Nancy Klaustermeier – picks up trash in the park every day.

Dave Bode – donated a female swan to the park.

Motion: Approve up to \$25 for a plaque. Randy/Norm 5-0 Ayes

Friends of the Park –

Mary Anne Barkley said that FOP had met with Merrill Ottwein and Randy Wiesemeyer to discuss site location for the bandstand. Merrill had a local architect draw up pictures to show the site locations. These were displayed. Site #1 is on the west side of the Wiesemeyer Center. Site #2 is on the east side of the Wiesemeyer Center. Site #3 is where the current TeeBall diamond is located.

Phil said we have been talking about which site for month's. It is time to make a decision.

Mary Anne said that Merrill and the FOP preferred the site east of the parking lot.

Motion: Approve Site #2. Randy/Norm 5-0 Ayes

Steve Cooper, Bank Loan –

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Steve Cooper from the Bank of Edwardsville addressed the board about our \$600,000 loan. He said that there had been some confusion on how the financing would occur and wanted to explain the process. He said that taxing bodies couldn't get loans like individuals. Historically, bonds are issued. When Phil had first approached the bank about borrowing \$600,000 to purchase the 40 acres this is where we started. Steve said that General Obligation Debt Certificates are a cheaper alternative to bonds. These are a way for a taxing body to obtain a loan without issuing bonds. Bonds require that taxes be levied. The difference is that General Obligation Debt Certificates cannot be taxed for and must be paid out of the park budgets. Steve said that this alternative was highly preferable given the strong financial condition of the park district. The loan rate will stay at 4.8% for 20 years. The park will pay no costs for any work already started on the bonds. The total closing costs to the park will remain the same as originally agreed upon. Steve said that this is the easiest, cheapest, fastest way for the park to buy this property.

Motion: Approve Ordinance 2004-04. Norm/Terry 5-0 Ayes

Correspondence –

Letter from Dr. Flickinger to Mayor Caraker.

Letter from Mayor Caraker with potential meeting dates.

Letter from Dick Cain to review and approve Ordinance 2004-04.

American Red Cross blood drives request for July 4.

Contract for Madison County Grant playground.

New commissioner cards.

IAPD Certificate.

PTO request for donation, K-the grade "Spin to Win".

Request Physics Cardboard Boat race Sunday, May 16th – Kris Kleeman Triad High School.

Treasurer's Report – Dave Roady

There is \$426,355 in the bank. **ATTACHED**

Phil went through the income and expense report **ATTACHED** for the year completed. Phil said that we are entering the budgeting season and he explained how he would structure the planned expenditures for this year. One other interesting item was noted that only \$15,000 was budgeted for pavilion income and the year ended with \$22,000 in rentals. This was in spite of the fact the Wiesemeyer Center was un-rented for three months while the construction was being completed.

Motion: Accept Treasurers report. Kevin/Randy 5-0 Ayes

Bills were reviewed. **ATTACHED**

Motion: Pay all bills totaling \$59,931.36 Norm/Terry 5-0 Ayes

Park Superintendent Report – Tim **ATTACHED**

Paint Lee Leonard – late April

Soccer kickboard – not scheduled yet

Weed & Feed – the entire park is done

Grass & Fertilizer – working on

Fish for lake – April 17th

Lights on diamond #4 – one bank of lights is out. Bad wiring.

Tim said that he had conversation with Conoco-Phillips about the pipeline under Meadow Drive.

Phil also spoke with them and said he thinks we can put a basketball court on top of the pipeline if we provide them with a detailed drawing.

Tim said he would do the drawing.

Tim presented a plan for alleviating the water drainage issues by diamond #6. The plans expense would be \$6,442. No action was taken.

Tim presented a plan for a lake rehab project. Possible cost of \$70,000.

Phil suggested that after the budget is complete we should review all pending jobs and prioritize what needs to be done.

Tim said that 13 people have applied for the grass cutter positions. He said that he would interview the candidates and select.

Terry said that Tim should hire as many as he needs to keep the grass cut and the weeds whacked.

Norm said that he did not want to see Tim with a weed whacker in his hands at all this summer.

Motion: Accept Superintendents report. Norm/Kevin 5-0 Ayes

TBSL Report – Terry Ball

Terry said that TBSL is now ahead of last year in sign-ups. The biggest year on record is 759 kids. To date, there are 792 kids signed up and it appears that we may top 800.

TSC Report – Bill Beguhn

Phil asked Bill if John Fuesting was no longer a TSC board member.

Bill said that John Fuesting was not a board member.

Phil said that we should buy John an appreciation plaque for volunteering.

Bill said he should never had been listed as a board member he was a paid employee.

Phil said John will be removed from the TSC board member list.

Bill presented a map of the preferred fields for the upcoming season.

Phil noted that there were two fields on diamond 4. Phil said that he wanted the TSC to stay off the ball diamond if at all possible. That should be used for the Titans. Phil said that he didn't care if the TSC used diamond 4 for day games, but it would keep everything a lot easier if both organizations had their own lighted fields.

Bill said they would need this field with their current schedule.

Terry said that he wanted to recognize all of the efforts and donations of the Troy Titans and provide them the lighted big diamond on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Terry asked Bill to look at their schedule and find a way to operate without this field on these nights.

Randy asked how we could get around this.

Tim suggested that the TSC schedule different nights. Several are open and available.

Bill said they would review the schedule, and they are gearing up for sign-ups.

Financial – Phil

The baby changing station has been delivered to the park and will be installed soon.

Playground & Volunteer weekend activities are progressing.

Playground contract is signed and paid.

Installers are scheduled.

T-shirts for the volunteers are in the office.

Food and drink will be ordered.

Phil noted that we would need Todd's Bobcat for the tree planting.

162 Bridge walkways –

Phil said that Alan Dunstan says that he supports the project.

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Phil said that we have MEPRD recommendation. Phil said that he had called Bud Klaustermeier (City Administrator), and asked him to see if the city supported the project. He had followed up the call with several emails to keep Bud informed. Phil also stated that he had emailed City Councilman Darrel Hampsten and that Darrel had replied that he supported this plan.

Terry noted that today the Mayor sent out an email today stating that he was unaware of this request from the Park as it had never been officially made to the City. The Mayor's email listed seven different phone and fax numbers where he could be reached. Terry said that it was very apparent to him that direct contact with the Mayor is the only appropriate and official way to communicate with the City. The City will not acknowledge any discussions or emails with Councilmen or the City Administrator.

Terry said that he had been told that the City is against this request because they have to pay for the entire bridge and that adding a walkway would be cost prohibitive to the City.

Phil said that one alderman had told him the sidewalks to the bridge would cost \$614,000. Phil said that he would attempt to schedule a meeting with IDOT and the City to discuss. IDOT has stated that they will support the walkway if there are sidewalks to and from the bridge.

Terry said that he has been told the \$614,000 cost is to run the sidewalk from Clay Street to the bridge. Terry suggested that we only need enough sidewalks to get the pedestrian walkway built.

Phil said that it was incredible that it would cost \$614,000 to put in sidewalks as for that amount of money, we had leveled and moved 30,000 cu yards of dirt, installed roads, parking, lights, water, sewer, electrical, and two playgrounds for about the same amount of money.

Randy said pay me \$500,000 and I'll do it.

Meadow Drive –

Phil said that we still have had no word from the City.

Terry said that a city councilman had told him Monday night that Bud Klaustermeier had assured him that the title transfer was complete and that the park owned the property. On Tuesday the Mayor sent out an email saying that the property transfer was a result of the City Attorney and that he was on vacation.

Norm suggested that we tell the City we are no longer interested in the property and that they can keep it.

Terry said that while he agreed with Norm, it would come across to the public like we were not interested in bettering the community. We need to stay the course and hope that eventually the City will do the right thing and stop holding up the process.

Dedication dates for the TBSL and the OSLAD projects are still to be determined.

OSLAD –

Drinking fountains and water lines are progressing.

New backstops – The TBSL agreed to finance additional fencing and dugouts on the 32 acres.

Motion: Accept Mike DaCruz bid of \$2,300 to install new benches. Norm/Terry 5-0 Ayes

Phil said the new playground is ordered, the contract was signed and mailed with a check on April 2.

Phil said the Madison County Grant contract is here and signed.

The new basketball courts are complete except for the nets.

Illinois Power should deliver and install the new light poles next week.

Concession Stand building –

Motion: Approve \$280 for plumbing extras. Terry/Norm 5-0 Ayes

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5/1/04
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Recycling Grant – The new picnic tables are in and assembled.

No vandalism in the park and no water leaks.

Background Checks –

Phil said that he is ready to start and there are a lot to do.

The web page should be updated by Friday with some very good pictures of last weekends Easter egg hunt. There were thousands of participants searching for the 40,000 eggs that were hidden.

Phil said that the planning meeting with the City has been cancelled for next Monday. The Mayor appointed a councilman (Jay Evans) to meet with Phil to discuss the city and park relationship.

Open Sealed Bids –

The sealed bids were passed to the commissioners and opened.

	<u>Van</u>	<u>Freezer</u>	<u>TV</u>	<u>#1 Foes</u>	<u>#2 Foes</u>	<u>P Pong</u>	<u>Canon Copier</u>	<u>Canvas Cots</u>
Steve Cooper		\$25			\$176	\$51		
Roger Gum		\$126.1						
Mike DaCruz	\$1,325		\$1					
Ray Bean	\$900							
Terry Cleeter		\$101		\$76			\$48	
Ted Greenfield				\$36.25				\$1.27 each
Tom Munie	\$1,200	\$50		\$50	\$25	\$20		5 @ \$2
Dennis Habison	\$2,800							
Norm Beck		\$75		\$75	\$50			
Laura Wise				\$101	\$26	\$30		
Rusty Jameson	\$1,001.02					\$30		
Dawn Mushill		\$75					\$20	
Terry Ball				\$75				
Terry Johnson				\$75				
ES Fam Church				\$40	\$40			

	<u>Archery L Bows</u>	<u>Archery S Bows</u>	<u>Archery Arrows</u>	<u>Mirror Ball</u>	<u>Glass Table 1</u>	<u>Glass Table 2</u>	<u>Dell Computer</u>	<u>Typing Table</u>
Ted Greenfield	2 @ \$6	3 @ \$6.27	50 @ \$.28					
Tom Munie			67 @ \$.10	\$1	\$5	\$5		
Tim Greenfield							\$101	
Laura Wise	1 @ \$10	2 @ \$15	24 @ \$.15					\$5
Rusty Jameson								\$20
Dawn Mushill				\$15				

High bids are boxed in.

Decisions on whether to accept all bids will be made at a later date.

Tim suggested we accept the high bid on the van.

Motion: Accept Van bid of \$2,800. Kevin/Terry 5-0 Ayes

Phil reminded the board that he will be out April 14-19.

Athletics – Norm

The TBSL has a new member to be recognized. Her name is Pam Brannon.

Motion: Approve Pam Brannon as a TBSL board member. Norm/Randy 5-0 Ayes

Motion: Approve TSC request for Soccer Camp June 14-18. Norm/Randy 5-0 Ayes

Motion: Approve TSC request for Soccer Camp July 19-22 Norm/Randy 5-0 Ayes

Phil said that last year we paid a contractor to spray the ball diamond infields to kill the grass. Then it rained and the defoliant spread off the diamonds and killed a lot of grass we didn't want killed. He said that he plays softball at Softball Central and their infields are always clear of grass. He contacted Randy Ackerman and asked what he used. Randy said that he doesn't spray anything. Dragging the diamonds keep the grass from growing. Phil suggested that we not spray the diamonds this year and try it out.

Insurance - Kevin

Nothing to report on insurance.

Kevin said that he has been working with Tim and a local contractor to put together a lake rehab plan. He said that he has met and talked with a woman from IPARKS insurance and she had voiced concern to him about the slopes of the banks.

Kevin said that we need to rehab the lake as soon as possible and dredge it to a depth of at least 10 feet. He said that 30 years ago this lake was over 20 feet deep. He said that it would cost approximately \$11,000 for every foot of depth excavated.

Terry said that based on 20 feet of depth 30 years ago, the lake fills in by two thirds of a foot every year. If we spend \$44,000 to dredge it out four feet deeper, we can expect this to be filled back in, in only six years.

Phil said that he recognized the lake banks need work, but in his opinion the lake was for ducks, geese, and swans. People sit in the swings and watch the fountain. We should stock it every year but not try to make it a deep fishing lake, this would be a major investment. We should look at spending our money on something else that would serve a larger population, like a skateboard park.

Kevin said that if you repair the banks, you should go ahead and dig the lake out too. If you decide to dig it out later you would just destroy the bank work you have done.

Phil said two people have drowned at a park lake in Belleville in the past year. Phil suggested we don't need to make our lake deeper.

Kevin said that you could drown in a foot of water and the lake needs to be dredged out.

Phil said that we have a lot of people that would like to come and work at the park, another solution would be to buy the gabion baskets and hire part time seasonal employees to put them together and fill them with rock to shore up the bank.

Terry said that we should get bids on both and find out what it will really cost. Get a bid on dredging out four feet and get a bid on simply repairing the banks with Gabion baskets.

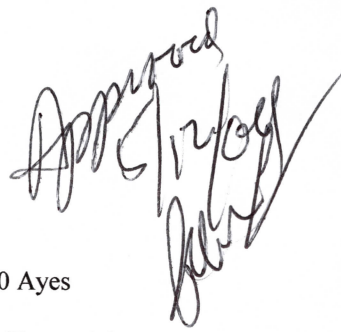
Motion: Get bid on dredging out lake four feet deeper and adding 4 feet of riprap. Kevin/Terry 5-0 Ayes

Motion: Get bids on Gabion baskets. Norm/Terry 5-0 Ayes

Approved
Randy
Kevin

Grounds – Todd (absent)

No report.



Special Events – Doug (absent) – Phil gave the report for Doug.

Motion: Approve annual Physics cardboard boat race for Sunday, May 16th. Norm/Randy 5-0 Ayes

Motion: Approve blood drive upper level of the Wiesemeyer Center July 4th, 4-8 PM. Randy/Terry 6-0 Ayes

Motion: Approve use of Wiesemeyer upper level Oct 23rd and Nov 21st for Troy Titans. Terry/Norm 5-0 Ayes

Motion: Approve use of Diamond #4 for Softball Central softball tournament on 7/31-8/1, 8/7-8/8, and 8/21-8/22. Light fee will be charged at \$15 per hour. Randy/Terry 5-0 Ayes

Motion: Approve use of #1 pavilion for Saturday July 10th for Trail West Cub Scout training team – Brenda Jarman. Randy/Norm 5-0 Ayes

Personnel & Safety - Terry

Tim is reviewing grass-cutting applications and will interview and hire as needed.

Beautification – Randy

Norm volunteered to paint the roof of the big pavilion and any other roof in the park if the park would buy the paint.

10:40 PM Motion: Adjourn to executive session. Terry/Randy 5-0 Ayes

11:00 PM Return from executive session.

Election of Officers –

Phil said that it is time to elect officers and assign committees for the coming year.

Randy said that he was happy with the way things are and asked Phil if he would continue to be President.

Phil said that he would do it for another year. He said that then we should consider hiring a Park Director to replace him.

Motion: All officers remain the same. Terry/Randy 5-0 Ayes

Motion: All committees remain the same. Terry/Randy 5-0 Ayes

11:05PM Motion to adjourn meeting. Randy/Norm 6-0 Ayes

Respectfully submitted by

Terry Ball, Secretary