

Tri-Township Park Board Meeting
Park Board House
October 13, 2004

Approved
10/18/04
[Signature]

Meeting called to order at 7:00 by Phil

Roll call:

Phil Loethen, Randy Wiesemeyer, Terry Ball, Joe Eader, Jim Derby, and Norm Beck.

Absent: Kevin Woodring

Also in attendance: Tim Greenfield, Dave Roady, and Pat Cox.

Additions to the agenda – None

Approval of Minutes -

Motion: Approve minutes from September 23rd meeting. Terry/Randy 6-0

Citizens on the Agenda – none

Thank-You notes – None

Friends of the Park – Maryanne Barkley.

Maryanne said that the concert at the bandstand last Sunday had 90 to 120 people in attendance. The next meeting will be to discuss what needs to be done to complete the project.

Maryanne said she wanted to plant flowers around the bandstand now.

Randy said that the beautification committee would purchase the flowers if Maryanne could find someone to plant them.

Maryanne walked through the finances of the bandstand. \$30,520 has been raised to date. The park also has a bandstand balance of \$686. The total cost of the project to date is \$35,992.

Phil suggested that the FOP could save money if they were to drop their P.O. box and have their mail sent to the park office. He also suggested that they hold their meetings at the park office. They are currently meeting at the truck stop, and she said they have food during their meetings.

Terry asked if FOP was looking for direction for where to spend the park balance of \$686.

Norm said that if the FOP is short in paying for the bandstand the Park could help.

Maryanne said that the FOP wanted this to be a grass roots effort and paid for through donations.

Phil said he understands the FOP wants to complete this project on their own, and he appreciates their efforts, but if they are in need of financial help they should just ask the Park.

Correspondence –

ACS brochure and T-shirts

Mental health info

Statement of economic interest

Thank you note from Justin Stipes Eagle Scout

Thank you note and Chickie pictures (Phyl Hartman)

Thank you note from Tim Greenfield for receiving a plant during his illness.

Letter from Mark Von Nida regarding upcoming elections

Government report card on parks

Treasurer's Report – Dave Roady

Current balance sheet - \$737,217.30

ATTACHED

Phil reviewed the financial status, and budget. One major concern was it appears we are going to miss the projected rental income on the Wiesemeyer Center. It appears that we are giving away too many free rental especially on Saturdays. That is when we have the largest possibility of renting the center. We need to consider the free rental policy. Currently each commissioner and Tim gets two free rentals per year and each full time employee gets one free rental. Phil said that a couple of years ago, the commissioners were not using their rentals, now they are all being used. In addition this year we changed two commissioners and they both had used their rentals. These free rentals on Saturdays are costing the park to \$3,600 per year in lost revenue. Phil suggested that we look at consider for next year if we should reduce commissioners to one free Saturday rental and no free rentals to civic groups. The civic organizations can use the center on Friday nights and Sundays.

Motion: Accept Treasurers report. Joe/Randy 6-0 Ayes

Bills were reviewed. **ATTACHED**

Motion: Pay all bills totaling \$12,971.43. Norm/Jim 6-0 Ayes

Park Superintendent Report – Tim **ATTACHED**

Park map for water shutoffs – no activity
Fireproof cabinet – no activity
Tax Exemption on new property – completed
Water problem by trailers – no activity
Water on field #6 parking area – working on
Build playground by #8 pavilion – working on
Bandstand – working on
Remove secondary culvert and rip rap – no activity
Fall – electric diamond 3 – no activity
Fall – grass infields – no activity

10/15/09
Phil

Motion: Approve Tim vacation of October 20, 21, and 22. Terry/Randy 6-0 Ayes

Motion: Accept Superintendents report. Terry/Randy 6-0 Ayes

TBSL Report – Terry Ball

Nothing to report.

TSC Report – No one present

Norm said that he has heard the TSC coach and board member who had received a red card was planning on leaving the organization and pulling his kids out of the program.

Phil said that he had received virtually no feedback from the TSC on this topic but given this information was assuming that the situation had been resolved.

Financial – Phil

To do list.....

Park benches – Three have been delivered, one more is on the way, and four more are to be ordered.

Webpage has been updated

Dog drinking fountain – Phil said that frost-free drinking fountains cost approximately \$900. He found a frost-free drinking fountain that has a dog drinking fountain and bowl attached for \$1,250 plus shipping. He suggested that as we phase out the old water fountains that are not frost-free. If we replace the water fountain by diamond #5, this would leave three of the old fountains in the park with two back-up fountains. We can no longer get parts for the old fountains. Phil said their has been some requests for a dog drinking fountain.

Terry said that it was odd he had read in the local paper that we had already purchased two of these fountains for significantly more money than this fountain.

Motion: Spend up to \$1,450 for a drinking fountain. Norm/Joe 6-0 Ayes

10/14/08
Muel

Oil and Chipping – Completed.

New Internet Service – in progress.

MEPRD Grant – finished. Phil said that we would bid out the trail work soon and plan to open bids at the December meeting.

All Purpose Erectors replace baseball electrical – working on this week.

OSLAD – Completed. The check is in the bank.

Roof Leak #14 – status unknown

Phil said we need a large BBQ grill at the new pavilion (#14), and we should replace the two small grills at #8 pavilion with one large one. Phil showed the commissioners pictures of the two grills he was proposing.

Randy said since pavilion # 12 doesn't have a grill shouldn't we one for it?

Phil suggested that we take one of the ones from pavilion #8 and install it at #12.

Motion: Spend up to \$1,300 for two large BBQ grills for #8 and #14 pavilions. Norm/Randy 6-0 Ayes

Phil said the OSLAD project is complete and the funds should be returned to the rec and general accounts.

Motion: split the grant fund 50-50 and return the money to the rec and general accounts. Terry/Randy 6-0

Phil said that he had planned to ask for a motion to re-establish a swimming pool fund and to move \$50,000 into it. He asked that we table this for this meeting but to go and think about it and come prepared to discuss at the next meeting.

Phil said that back in the late 80's, Herman Heck had left in his will a large amount of money (\$20,000?) to the park for the purpose of a swimming pool, but the will also stated that the money could be used for other park needs if a pool did not come to fruition.

Tim said the Lions Club and other organizations also raised money for the pool fund. This fund grew to around \$50,000. In 1988, the park tried a tax referendum for a pool and it failed. The park then asked their lawyer what to do with the fund. The park went to court in 89 and a judge approved the swimming fund being absorbed into the park. The park then established a multipurpose building fund. The remaining money was absorbed into the fund and was spent.

Randy said that putting \$50,000 back was the noble and right thing to do but it won't pay for a pool. He did not believe we could build a pool without a tax referendum and he did not believe the community would support a tax increase.

Phil said the park is in great financial shape and if there ever was a chance to build a pool this is it, he suggested saving for a pool.

Phil said that he also wanted to table a proposed amended budget, and a discussion on priorities between the lake, trail, Meadow Drive playground, Skateboard Park, and the repayment of debt.

Ryan Fultz Eagle Scout project – numbered signs for the ball fields. No word.

No vandalism in the park and no water leaks.

Phil said that the lake and bandstand completed everything in the 5-year plan that we adopted three years ago. It was time to look at the future direction, and we may want to consider having public meetings to help us decide. He said that he would like to challenge Terry to develop another plan with input from the other commissioners. We have over \$600,000 in contingency funds and need to have a plan for what to do with this money.

Athletics – Norm absent

The volunteer appreciation dinner is now planned for Friday, Dec 10th at the Wiesemeyer Center and it will be catered. Norm said that we need to plan ahead and mail out RSVP's along with personal invitations. Phil said that he would take the lead on this.

10/18/04
Chick

Norm said that the Titans have approved a donation of \$250 to the Park for "as needed"...seeding or repair of grass and things like that.

Norm said that with all the new ball diamonds coming available next year we need to advertise the availability of diamond #4 so that more select teams could come and play.

Norm said that he felt we needed to do some seeding on the 32 acres if we were going to have successful grass infields.

Norm said that a new Titans committee had been formed to discuss the building in the park.

Insurance - Kevin

Kevin was absent

Phil said that we have been waiting on the completion of the new insurance survey and that he would take care of this.

Grounds - Jim Derby

Motion: Approve allowing the seniors to remove a kitchen cabinet and install a new water line. This will be for a new refrigerator/freezer that will be used only by the seniors. Approve seniors putting a freezer in one of the secure areas in the basement of the Wiesemeyer Center. Randy/Joe 6-0 Ayes

Lake bank restoration bids are out and are due back for the December meeting.

Joe asked for discussion on where to place the sheds for diamonds #2 and 3 for pitching machines.

It was decided that shed could be plastic and placed between the two fields and moved after each baseball season.

Special Events - Joe Eader

Jeff Hunt Eagle Scout project/Titans curb effort - looking at late completion after football season.

Motion: Approve \$250 for the 2005 summer concert in the park series. Randy/Norm 6-0 Ayes

Motion: Approve Veterans Day (Nov 7), activities (John Willshire VFW letter 9/22). The request is for approval of a parade terminating at the Veterans Memorial at approximately 1:15, and for the park to supply bleachers, chairs for band members, a lectern, and speaker system. Terry/Jim 6-0 Ayes

Motion: Approve Sun Room use for Sandy Korba wedding on October 16. Norm/Joe 6-0 Ayes

Motion: Approve Christmas party for Troy Police Explorer Post 9104, on Tuesday December 14 or Saturday December 18, 2004. Joe/Norm 6-0 Ayes

Motion: Approve use of upper level of the Wiesemeyer center for Cub Scout Pack 91 if the day is open. Joe/Randy 6-0 Ayes

Motion: Approve use of #1 pavilion on November 20 for scouting for food. Norm/Terry 6-0 Ayes

Motion: Approve use of the Wiesemeyer Center (upper and lower levels), and pavilions 1-9 for the Cancer Walk on Friday June 17th. The event will last until noon on Saturday the 18th. Joe/Norm 6-0 Ayes

Motion: Approve NAMI Madison County walk for mental health on September 24, 2005, with the free use of the #1 pavilion. Terry/Joe 6-0 Ayes

Personnel & Safety - Terry

Terry said that he and Randy had met with Jay Evans and Duane Hughes. A letter had gone out earlier this week to all of the Chamber members asking for support for the skateboard park. The due date on the support letters is the 15th. The next City Council meeting is the 18th. The next skateboard meeting will be the 19th.

10/10/07
Phil

Phil said that St. Paul's Lutheran Church will be discussing and voting on at the next council meeting (Next Wed). Their survey will be late.

Phil asked Terry the status of the survey of students.
Terry said he was still planning on doing the school survey.

Phil completed the survey for the park and asked Phil to deliver it to the city.

Terry said that recently we had a situation where a park employee had a medical issue and that upon his return to work we had asked for a medical release from a physician. It became apparent then that we have no policy on this topic. It is important to have this type of policy to protect both the park's and the employee's welfare.

Motion: Add the following to our personnel manual: An employee returning to work after a medical leave, hospital stay, or an injury may be required to provide his/her immediate supervisor a written release from a physician to resume job duties. The releases will be placed in the employee's file. Terry/Randy 6-0 Ayes

Beautification – Randy

Randy said that Image Works is working on the sign for Meadow Drive.
Randy said that new bench locations have been picked and he is still working on others

Phil said there was no need for an executive session.

8:30PM Motion to adjourn meeting. Randy/Jim 6-0 Ayes

Respectfully submitted by

Terry Ball, Secretary