

Tri-Township Park Board Meeting
~~February~~ ^{APRIL} Regular Meeting
Park Office
April 12, 2006

7:00 PM Meeting called to order.

In Attendance: Phil Loethen, Terry Ball, Randy Wiesemeyer, Norm Beck, and Mary Kmetz.
Absent: Kevin Woodring and Jim Derby

Additions to the Agenda –

Phil said that he wanted to discuss defibrillators under his area.

Approval of Minutes –

Motion: Approve Mar 15, 2006 minutes. Randy/Mary 5-0 Ayes Roll call vote.

Motion: Approve Mar 15, 2006 executive session minutes to remain sealed. Note: executive session minutes will remain sealed. Mary/Randy 5-0 Ayes Roll call vote.

Thank you notes/Get Well –

We received a thank you note from Pam Bohnenstiehl for flowers sent to her during her recent stay at the hospital.

Friends of the Park – No one in attendance.

Correspondence –

Nothing to mention.

Brian Clifton VFW/American Legion presentation –

Park employee and VFW member Brian Clifton made a presentation on the Veterans Memorial in the park. Brian said that Roger Alons was very excited about the plan to remodel this memorial. The Memorial was designed improperly and has drainage problems. The entire sidewalk area goes underwater during and after any rain. Brian said that they have noted that we are lacking additional stones for wars since it's construction. There are cracks in the bricks and in the foundation.

Brian said that the VFW and the American Legion is requesting that we tear down and rebuild the entire memorial using as much of the existing structure as possible. The current location is fine.

Brian said that they would like to have a community design contest. They will ask drafting art design, and engineering classes at Triad High School and at SIUE to submit proposals.

Brian said that they would like to involve local news, the Chamber of Commerce, the Lion's Club, and the City in this project.

Terry asked George if he could handle this end of the project and make it a top priority.

Treasures Report –

\$466,425 in the bank.

Motion: Accept treasures report. Terry/Norm 5-0 Ayes Roll call vote.

Pay Bills –

Bills totaling \$29,374.24 were reviewed.

Motion: Pay all bills for \$29,374.24. Randy/Terry 5-0 Ayes Roll Call Vote

Park Director Report – George Bryant

Park Lighting Status – George said that the February bill was for \$267. The March bill was \$471. He thinks the February bill may have been a partial. This equates to \$5,600 a year. We had been paying \$1,000 a year to the City before it jumped to \$6,700 a year. We are still looking at getting a franchise agreement with Ameren.

Speed Bumps – Haven't met with Jim yet. Have reordered one speed bump for installation on Riggin Road. Looking at possible options for trees along Riggin instead of no parking signs. Will meet with Norm and Randy to decide on how to proceed.

Grants –

PEP Grant – Received two Skaggs mowers this week. The John Deere is due in a couple of weeks.

City Grant – Did not receive. Will work with Chamber of Commerce for development of new logo.

Recycling Grant – This is available throughout the year. Plan on applying for this in July.

Dogg Mitt Status – These are installed.

Lake Fountain Repairs – This work is done. Need to tie into electric. This will be completed by the end of April.

Park Mapping – This is going well. Gave a map of the park boundaries.

Gazebo Status –

Railing – Randy said the design phase of this whole project has been a fiasco. While the FOP work was appreciated, we need to be involved in this in the future. The total cost to do this right will be in excess of two times what they budgeted.

Motion: install remaining railing at an additional cost of \$1,296 from the Deck and Fence Store.

Norm/Terry 5-0 Ayes Roll Call vote

Edging – waiting on the electric.

Electric – Norm asked if this electric will handle all that will use it, like lights, electric guitars, etc.

Phil said that it would be the same as what we had last summer and that worked fine.

George said that it has a 30-amp breaker and that will be sufficient for what is being used.

Motion: Spend \$2,000 to bury electrical line to Gazebo and install outlets. Norm/Randy 5-0 Ayes
Roll Call vote.

Picnic in the Park – Planning in coordination with the summer concert series.

YMCA Day Camp – Starts June 6

Movie Night in the Park – Still being planned.

Ball Fields – Warning track on field #4 is done. The electric to field #3 is done.

Fountains – Phil talked a little about the fountain we are looking at buying. It is frost-free. It is the same fountain as what we have on diamond #5 except without the dog bowl. This fountain will be installed with a concrete pad flush to the ground. It will be ADA compliant.

Norm said that it would not be installed until the end of June.

Motion: Purchase of a frost-free drinking fountain for field #3 at a cost not to exceed \$1,500.

Norm/Terry 5-0 Ayes Roll Call vote

George said that we will try and repair the fountain at the #14 pavilion.

Director's comments –

George said he wanted to talk a little about his turf plan. He has been applying a slow release fertilizer in fields. He said that we would hit them again with a broad leaf fertilizer in May. He said that they are working on fertilizing the entire 32 acres. George said that what he is doing is different that what has been done in the past. He said that they would hit the dandelions when they become a problem and then they will seed and fertilize in the fall.

7:35 Jim arrives.

Randy said that he thinks the dandelions should be taken care of right away.

George said that if you do this now they would just come back. He said he is concentrating on the feed half of the weed and feed.

Randy asked if we couldn't just do the weed part now.

Norm said that he understood what George is trying to do.
Randy said that he would talk off line with George about weeds.

TBSL – Terry Ball

Terry said that the TBSL has 845 kids signed up and playing on 68 teams in Troy. Counting St. Jacob, we have over 1,000 kids playing on 81 teams.

TSC –

Bill Beguhn said that soccer signups had just started. They had 99 on the first day, which is very good. The next signup is on Thursday and then there is another one on Saturday.

Phil said that he had been approached by a TSC board member about bathroom capacity.

Bill said that on occasions during the peak of the season there are lines but he was unaware of any capacity issues.

Financial – Phil

Strategic Plan –

Phil said that he had asked the board to come prepared to discuss the strategic plan for the coming year. He handed out what he had put together.

He noted that we have had two public input meetings and have received a lot of ideas.

These ideas included a golf course, pool, spray pool, bathrooms on Meadow Drive, more walking trails, an ice skating rink, a dog park, more sports fields, fencing the skateboard park, lighting playgrounds, and recycle barrels for the TBSL and the TSC areas.

Phil said that of these ideas, he thought the recycling barrels are an excellent idea and should be implemented as soon as possible. He said that the dog park idea also has merit. He said that he felt that on the walking trail, we should wait for the next MEPRD grant and reapply for the walking trail around the 32 acres.

Randy said that he felt the walking trails on the 32 acres should be a top priority.

Phil said that his near term ideas or daily list were maintaining the existing areas, completing the bandstand, repairing the fountain, installing the park sign, mounting all the memorial benches on concrete pads, and implementing the recycling barrels.

Phil said that he had several ideas for new projects. They include repairing the Veterans Memorial, satellite parks, electric clean up by the #1 pavilion, adding a CXT bathroom, electric clean up at the Wiesemeyer Center, and improving athletic fields.

Phil asked the board for other ideas and to rank the importance.

The ranking was as follows –

- 1) Veterans Memorial
- 2) Satellite Parks
- 3) Electric in the Wiesemeyer Center'
- 4) Security on #14
- 5) Walking trail on 32 acres
- 6) Improve athletic fields
- 7) Spray Pool
- 8) Electric Clean up by #1 pavilion

Motion: Work on the daily first and then pursue projects as ranked. Norm/Mary 6-0 Ayes Roll Call vote.

Satellite Parks –

Phil said that developer Norris Brase is interested in donating a piece of property that is about an acre. The property has a lake. Phil said that we could put a playground and a picnic pavilion in. The key will be homeowners surrounding the property. All of the park district residents will have access to the property.

Phil said that we might get more property donated if we do this and we do it right.

Jim asked how long until the property is to be developed.

Phil said that we need to get a contract with Norris Brase and work through the lawyers and get public input.

Norm said that he was interested in pursuing this.

Terry said that he was too.

Mary said that if the people who live around the property are okay with this than she is too.

Motion: Pursue with Norris Brase and clear with the homeowners who live there. Norm/Terry 6-0 Ayes Roll Call vote.

Ethics –

Phil said that when a commissioner does something wrong there should be a penalty. Currently there is none available to the board. He said that he mentioned this to Steve Giacoletto and Steve wrote an ordinance. Phil asked Steve if there was existing precedence for this ordinance.

Steve said that he wrote the ordinance but it was based on what other cities have done.

Phil said that he would send out to the commissioners and have every review it and see if they are interested in adopting it. If they are, we will adopt at the May meeting.

Budget –

Phil walked the board through the proposed 2006-2007 budget.

Motion: Approve the budget as presented. Norm/Randy 6-0 Ayes Roll Call vote.

Phil said that he had personally paid for all of the trees planted along the walking trail. He asked the board for permission to place a plaque to commemorate this.

Motion: Approve plaque for tree donations. Randy/Norm 6-0 Ayes

Wiesemeyer Center –

Phil said that the seniors have requested permission to install an office window in the Wiesemeyer Center. They will pay for all of it.

Motion: Approve installation of office window that will be paid for by Jarvis Township.

Terry/Jim 6-0 Ayes Roll Call vote.

Chairman comments –

Phil said that he had priced defibrillators and they cost \$1,495. He said that he felt the board should buy two of them and keep one at the Wiesemeyer Center and one at the Lee Leonard building.

Terry said that he felt there should be one at the TBSL concession stand.

Norm said that there should also be one available at the TSC concession stand. He said that we should just buy one for athletics and share, as they don't cross seasons.

Phil said that George could make this purchase within his spending limit but would like a motion just to approve the purchase.

Motion: Buy four defibrillators. One for the Wiesemeyer Center, one for the Lee Leonard building, one for the TBSL concession stand, and one for the TSC concession stand. Contact the TBSL and TSC and see if they are interested in sharing this expense. Norm/Terry 6-0 Ayes Roll Call vote.

Athletics – Norm

Norm said that he has a quote for \$3,180 for a gang roller.

Motion: Spend up to \$3,150 for gang roller. Norm/Randy 5-1 Ayes. Roll Call Vote. Phil was the no vote.

Insurance – Kevin

Kevin was absent.

Grounds – Jim

Nothing to report.

Special Events – Mary

Mary presented a proposed fee structure for rentals that had an increase for out of district.

Phil said that we should table this for now and decide what we want to do with this starting in January of 2007.

Motion: Approve the following requests:

Triad Hockey Club – June 17 at Shelter #14

Pat Perry Baseball camp – July 24-27, at Shelter #14 and assorted baseball fields

Illinois Trekkers Walking Club – August 12, at Shelter #9

Triad High School – Physics boat race, May 7, with May 9 as a rainout date at Shelter #9

Mary/Terry 6-0 Ayes Roll Call Vote.

Chairman comments –

Mary said that we need input for Homecoming in the Park. We need to be talking to whoever is in charge of this event.

Phil said that he had talked to Lion's Club President John Myers and John volunteered to be the liaison between the Lion's and the park.

Phil said that he would like to continue with 4th of July sales if there is an interest. He said we have historically OK'd the request if they were a charitable organization and asked for a percentage of the profit if they were a business. The only concern is if multiple organizations want to sell the same things.

Personnel & Safety – Terry

Nothing to report

Beautification – Randy

Nothing to report.

Election of Officers –

Phil said that he has been President of the Park Board for 5 years. He said that he has one granddaughter and two more grandkids on the way. He said he is going to be very busy in the coming year and that it is time for someone else to step up and take this position.

Motion: Norm for President. Randy/Jim

Motion: Randy for Vice-President. Norm/Mary

Motion: Terry for Secretary. Randy/Mary

Motion: Phil for Treasurer. Norm/Randy

Motion: Vote for the entire slate of unopposed candidates. Randy/Mary 6-0 Ayes Roll Call vote.

9:20 Motion: Adjourn the meeting. Randy/Terry 6-0 Ayes

Submitted by

Terry Ball, Secretary