

Tri-Township Park Board Meeting
November Regular Meeting
Park Office
December 13, 2006

7:00 PM Meeting called to order.

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

Additions to the Agenda –

None

Approval of Minutes –

Motion: Approve November 8 2006 Regular Meeting minutes. Randy/Mary 6-0-1 Ayes Roll Call vote. Jim abstained.

Thank you notes/Get Well –

Norm said that he wanted to personally thank both George and Kevin. The Wiesemeyer Center was used as a shelter after the recent ice storm and both did outstanding work. George stayed and took care of everything around the clock for over two days and Kevin worked as a liaison and coordinated with the Chief of Police who deemed the shelter necessary.

Treasures Report –

\$525,428.80.

Motion: Accept treasures report. Randy/Kevin 7-0 Ayes Roll Call Vote

Pay Bills –

Bills totaling \$16,292.90 were reviewed.

Motion: Pay all bills for \$16,292.90. Randy/Terry 7-0 Ayes Roll Call Vote

Art Under the Stars –

George introduced Dawn Mushill from the Chamber of Commerce. Dawn presented a list of all of the events planned for 2007. She said that last year the COC and a few sponsors paid for all of the flyers, advertisements, and food. She said that we are planning on having Disney movies shown in the park this year and the cost for these runs about \$500 each. She said that she will be looking at getting sponsors for these events but would also look to see if the park would be interested in contributing.

Phil said that in his opinion the concerts were poorly attended last year.

George said that he attended them all and that attendance for the concerts varied from 50 to 125 depending on the name of the act performing.

Dawn said that the movies were a big hit and drew many hundreds.

Kevin said that the COC had recently offered to donate \$50 towards food for the Wiesemeyer shelter as families were stranded there. She said he wanted to acknowledge this offer and thank Dawn and the Chamber for it.

2006 Park district Levy -

George said that he is proposing an EAV of \$285,662,000.

This represents a 4.98% levy increase.

The new tax rate will be .1585. This represents a 5.43% drop in the tax rate over the current year.

This will also be the sixth consecutive year of tax decreases totaling a drop of 27.7% from .2191 in 2000 to .1585 in 2006.

Phil said that he has looked at what we are spending year to date this year and extrapolated that for the entire year and based on that and the proposed tax levy estimates that we will spend up to \$130,000 of the contingency money next year.

George said that we are not establishing planned expenditures for next year tonight we are approving the planned revenues.

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Terry asked where Phil was getting his planned expenditures for next year given that we have not established a budget yet.

Phil said that he merely took this years planned expenditures and applied it to the expected revenues for next year.

Terry said that the year to date numbers are accurate but we are going into the slowest expenditure four month period of the year and it is not realistic to extrapolate what we have spent year to date going forward. He said that the year to date numbers also included some fairly significant unplanned and one time only expenses. He said that if Phil's estimate was accurate for next year, in that this year equals next year, then it meant we have spent in excess of \$130,000 of the contingency money this year given that we are planning a 4.98% increase in revenues next year.

George said that we are under budget year to date on planned expenditures.

Mary asked why we not having a public meeting.

Norm said that by law we are only required to hold a public meeting if the planned revenues increase by 5% or more so we don't need one. He said that the park has never held a public meeting when under the 5% threshold.

Phil said that he believed we were late because we are required to have a 20-day notice.

George said that he has talked with the County Clerk and are not required to provide the 20-day notice.

Motion: Approve 2006 tax levy Ordinance 2006-5 Terry/Randy 4-3 Ayes Roll call vote Mary, Kevin, and Phil were the no votes.

Madison County Recycle Content Equipment Grant –

George said that he plans on pursuing this grant to purchase plastic picnic tables, recycle containers, and trash bins.

Phil said that he have money in this years budget for plastic picnic tables and have not purchased them.

Terry said that this will allow us to then use grant money instead of budget money and will therefore not use up some of the contingency money that Phil had calculated for next year.

George said that the amount of the grant is \$7,000 and it is a 20% matching grant.

Motion: Approve Resolution for Grant Application 2006-01 Terry/Kevin 7-0 Ayes Roll call vote

Madison County Park and Recreation Grants Commission – Park Enhancement Program (PEP)–

George said that this grant is again available to us. He said that Madison County does not want to pay for wheels this year – meaning that we shouldn't be buying mowers. George said that his was okay as we really are not in need of mowers this year. George said that he is proposing using this grant for playground equipment to replace the old equipment located across from the Lee Leonard building. He said that we can apply for up to \$40,000 and this is a 100% matching grant.

George said that he will also look at using this grant for getting more bleachers and replacing some of those that were damaged by the storm. He said that based on approval from the board tonight he will plan on going out for bid almost immediately and bring bids back to the board for approval at next months meeting.

Motion: Authorize Park Director George Bryant to go out for bid and apply for a 2007 Madison County PEP Grant. Terry/Jin 7-0 Ayes Roll call vote

2007 Park Board Monthly Meeting Schedule –

George presented a listing of all the proposed meeting dates for 2007 to be voted on.

Norm asked for two dates to be changed.

Motion: Approve 2007 meeting schedule with changes noted. Phil/Randy 7-0 Ayes

Ameren Pole Use Agreement –

George said that all the commissioners have a copy of the proposal for review. He asked that everyone read it over and we will discuss at the next meeting.

Park Director Report – George Bryant

George said that we are looking at possible substantial increases in our electrical utility costs. IPARKS has provided us with information on an alternative supplier, Constellation New Energy. George said that he would take a look at it and come prepared to discuss at the next meeting.

George said that the Wiesemeyer Center was opened up as a shelter on December 1st and did not close until December 8th. George said that we had as many as eight families staying there when the power was out and that he wanted to thank Chief Brown, Alan Dunstan, the Chamber of Commerce, the Fire Department, and Kevin Woodring for helping out during this time. He said he also wanted to thank Wayne and Sherry Brendel who also pitched in and helped while they were also staying there.

George said that the volunteer appreciation dinner is now moved to Friday, January 19th.

Terry said that he has been a commissioner for six years and was unaware that the Wiesemeyer Center was a designated shelter for public emergencies.

Mary said that it always has been.

Terry said that he is happy that it is available; it's just that the Wiesemeyer Center belongs to the park and there is no written acknowledgement that this exists and no policy or procedure to cover it. Who designates that our building is needed and or is now available to the public and who funds its use?

Phil said that the arrangement has always been very loose. He said that we had maybe a dozen people staying there.

Kevin said that he is talking to the Chief of Police about this and will also talk to the Township and explain that we could use some guidance and some help financially. Kevin said that he felt we should put something in the budget for this.

TBSL – Terry Ball

Terry said that signup dates are now established for January and February and that ads have been placed in the Times-Tribune to this effect.

TSC –

No one from the TSC was in attendance.

Financial – Phil

Satellite Park - Phil said that he has not yet heard anything from Norris Brase.

Athletics – Norm

Norm introduced representatives from Guventus Premier Futball Club.

Nicholas Karidis, Kari Karidis, and Rob Kowalski introduced themselves and gave a presentation on the select soccer club they are forming in Troy. It will be open to boys and girls ages U6 to U13 and then adding an additional year each year once formed.

George asked for an estimation of how many teams were anticipated.

Nick said about 45.

George asked them to meet with and work with the TSC.

Nick said that they are looking for one standard sized field and up to three smaller fields.

Phil again encouraged them to meet with the TSC as they are the park soccer organization and added that the TSC plays on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.

Insurance – Kevin

Nothing to report.

Grounds – Jim

Jim said that he and George are continuing to talk about the drainage issues on the 32 acres.

Norm said that he wants the paths out there started in time for the spring.

Special Events – Mary

Motion: Approve request to waive fees for -

Triad Knights high school hockey club – upper level of the Wiesemeyer Center, March 17, 2007

Partners for Pets – Pavilion #1 (Fund raiser, Rummage sale, Walk/Run) May 5, 2007

Larry Ellis benefit – Wiesemeyer Center upper level. December 29, 2006

Kevin/Terry 7-0 Ayes Roll Call vote

Personnel & Safety – Terry

Nothing to report.

Beautification – Randy

Randy said the landscaping of the island in the 32 acres was completed just in time for the ice storm. He said that while some repairs will be needed; this will look very nice in the spring.

8:20 Motion: Adjourn the meeting to Executive Session Personnel – 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) :1. Phil/Terry 7-0 Ayes

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9:05 Return From Executive Session.

Amendment to Director's Contract –

Motion: Renew current Director contract for three more years starting January 1, 2007. Current residency date requirement of 12/31/06 remains in place. Terry/Randy 4-3 Ayes Roll call vote Mary, Kevin, and Phil were the no votes.

9:10 Motion: Adjourn the meeting. Terry/Randy 7-0 Ayes

Submitted by
Terry Ball, Secretary

Tom E. Ball
Randy Wiseman