

Tri-Township Park District
Special Park Board Meeting
7:00pm Park Office
409 Collinsville Road
October 24, 2012

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Kevin Woodring, Park President.

Commissioners present: Bud Adelhart, Tim Flint, James Newcombe, Dave Nonn, John Owens, Kevin Woodring
Commissioners Absent: Roger Tegmeyer

Troy co-op regards to Cock and Bull Farms, Rensing Farms, Windcrest Dairy....the co-op was put on the agenda as per requested by several commissioners wished to discuss this. The co-op was given a motion to operate for a month, this is for discussion only. Mr. Newcombe wanted to be sure that everything was within the guild lines for the park and that if they were bring farmers that they bring in locate farmers from our tax paying district. No disrespect to the other farmers but let's take care of our own first, and that they have the necessary information USDA license, certificate of insurance, at this time no paperwork has been received. No paperwork has been received at this date.

Bud Adelhardt is concerned if someone gets sick even if they have insurance a lawsuit would take in the park and everyone on the park board. A female member (no name given) of the co-op stated that local farmers for the honey did sell for the co-op, they don't know of if there are any local meat farmers that wanted to do this, that the co-op did post on the co-op face-book page and word of mouth but no other way was it advertised. Mr. Flint stated that they don't have the time to check everyone's face-book page and not everyone is on face-book so the board didn't see that notice. These farmers do have license to sell to the public. Mr. Newcombe questioned the fact that these are not local

farmers in our paying tax district and that when he spoke to Jessica about she admitted that she had not thought about getting local farmer to sell with the co-op. That if this had been brought to the board months ago then this could have been handled at the being of this. The panel from the co-op stated that they were so excited about having healthy food for our families that they had not even thought about what needed to be addressed by the park board. Mr. Newcombe stated the good thing is that now people who want that product can now contact the farmers direct if they want the meat. The co-op stated that other co-ops are also selling the same products from these farmers. Mr. Newcombe stated that the board understand that but we have to be concerned with what's going on here. The co-op member (female-no name) said that she's a tax paying resident and that there are over 600 co-op members and the park needs to keep that in mind. Mr. Newcombe stated that we can have over 6000 tax paying residents that can say we don't care why that is allowed to happen. He said that the whole thing is a delicate balance, for the park's issues are about liability and safety. Mr. Woodring stated that this could have been avoided if all of this had been brought to the park board before any of this happened. Mr. Adelhardt asked where the co-op leader is tonight and was told that this was a short meeting, and someone read the notice on our website. Mr. Adelhardt stated that he felt that she was the biggest problem the co-op had, she didn't relay the messages early enough, she didn't ask if she could bring products into the park, the emails that she sent out were disgusting. Mr. Newcombe stated that there is a very public posting on the co-op face-book page that is very questionable. There are some questionable statements that have been made. A co-op member (female-no name)ask if the co-op and park board can move forward from here. The board stated that there are stumbling blocks and obstacles. A woman from the co-op, ask if it would be better for the co-op is Jessica Dudley stepped down as leader and someone took over as group leader, she would still be a member of the group. Several of the commissioners felt that if she did step down that if would be very helpful for the co-op and that it would most of the problems. Mr. Flint stated that Ms. Dudley needs to remember that when anything is posted on the internet if its public or not once

something is put online it becomes public. Mr. Nonn stated that the board is not allowed to conduct business online, phone or by letter, everything has to be done in business in public by law. All the commissioners email address are now available online. The co-op members wanted to know what they can do to move forward with this. The board is only discussing the co-op tonight, that several of the board members needed more information about this, that they all have outside jobs, wife's, kids and this is why its listed on this agenda tonight along with issues concerning another board member who is unable to handle board duties due to health issues, these kind of things needs to be discussed in open meetings that is the law, so this was posted online about the opening meeting tonight to discuss these things. If we don't discuss them here then next month we can't make any decision then. To the posting that can't believe that the park would have meetings on Wednesday nights, all our park board meetings are always on Wednesday nights. Mr. Newcombe would like for the residents of Troy to just come and enjoy the park. That we have a nice little park, that's clean and safe and the park board runs the park on a small budget, that the public pays less tax to the park than they do the library. The board would like to have all the license information from the farmer before the next Monday delivery to make sure that everything is in order. A woman from the co-op wanted to know if Jessica Dudley was removed from the leader position, if she is part of the problem, if she is the issue with the park board, to not close out the rest of the group that wants to do what's in the best interest of the group and the community. The board stated that that would be up to the co-op members to decide. The board felt that when she, Jessica Dudley, stated the name calling and slamming the people on the board and its employees that she went over the line. Mr. Kevin Gerstenecker stated the he is a hobbieist honey bee keeper and that he tries to pass along his product. He has looked into insurance but due to the cost he will just sell direct. He can understand how the lack of communication has frustrated the board. He understands Jessica's passion but he understands how things need to move forward and that the best thing that the co-op can do is to get a committee of people together it doesn't have to be 50 it could be 3 people, a good

communicator, a reasonable person to work with the park board, he doesn't say that Jessica isn't a reasonable but the damage has been done. Mr. Gerstenecker feels that it would help the co-op greatly if they could open the lines of communications between the co-op and the board members. Mr. Nonn stated that the co-op will need to deal with Glenda, that the board doesn't get involved in daily operations unless there's an issue. That the park has people here for that and Glenda does a good job. There are a lot of things going on here in the park, which you need to remember and the more you can help her the more she can help you. Mr. Newcombe feels that both sides need to be tactful and that the park insures that. That it's the same way with the corporation or the city, you don't call in everyday to the alderman you call into the city administrator, who takes care of the day to day business. Mr. Adelhardt, stated that he understood it was agreed that the co-op could come into to sell fresh produce, that he wasn't present at the time that the board agreed for the co-op to have use of the pavilion, he doesn't have a problem with honey. The problem that he has is with the meat products, which wasn't on the agenda. A woman (no name mentioned) if the park allows the co-op to continue to use pav #1 in the park, she wanted to get a key for pav #1 in the event that Glenda isn't in the office. That is a master key for other locks in the park and we can't do that. Whoever is to pick up the key for the pav#1, there is an emergency phone number for Mark Miller's phone and he can help you. Per Mr. Nonn the derogatory remarks have got to stop, the co-op members agreed that they understood that.

Hearing for the removal from the Park Board of Commissioners: Roger Tegmeyer, is having health issue with alzheimers disorder, he is currently in a nursing home, he does not even have power of attorney over himself. His daughter has guardianship of all his finances and everything else, Mr. James Newcombe stated that then police dept. has the information to contact his daughter. Over the last 12 months Mr. Tegmeyer has made 4 out of 12 meetings. A certified letter was sent to Roger Tegmeyer home, but as of today we know Mr. Tegmeyer is in the nursing home on lock down.

That per the nurse that Glenda spoke to Mr. Tegmeyer is unable to leave the building, under Dr's orders.

Motion was made to remove Roger Tegmeyer from the Tri-Township Park District;

Newcombe/Adelhardt (with a roll call vote)

6 Ayes/0 Nays

Motion to Adjournment at 7:35pm

Nonn/Newcombe 6 Ayes/0 Nays