

MINUTES - TRI-TOWNSHIP PARK DISTRICT

The regular monthly meeting of the Tri-Township Park District Board of Commissioners was convened at the Community Center at 7:30 P.M. on March 8, 1995 with president Russell Wiesemeyer presiding. Commissioners answering present to the roll call in addition to the president were Eberhardt, Greenfield, Italiano, Loyet, Suter and Taake. Supt. Converse, Kenny Sipes and Larry Menendez were also present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Commissioner Italiano reported that the medical bills incurred by Keith Parrish have been discussed with the Baseball and Softball League and they have agreed to pay all the bills which are approximately \$800. Larry Menendez reported that contrary to Mrs. Parrish's statement that Keith was not a League player, he actually was a registered player. Claim papers were given to Mrs. Parrish in April 1994 but apparently there was no follow through until her appearance at the February meeting.

Kenny Sipes reported a successful registration of 796 children for the 1995 season of Baseball and Softball. Photograph day has been set for the morning of 5/20/95. Opening day will be 5/13/95 and the ball diamonds will be entirely utilized 7 days per week from 6/1/95 through 8/1/95. Practice will not begin until after 4/1/95.

Commissioner Greenfield suggested that Commissioner Italiano check on year round insurance coverage for the ball teams. Supt. Converse stated that the carrier would have to be changed to Bollinger and the cost would range from \$500 to \$600 more per year.

Commissioner Greenfield stated that the new ball diamond will not be ready for use in 1995. He suggested that preparation of the field begin in August.

Motion was seconded and carried to order a portable backstop.

Menendez agreed to employ TNT Plumbing to install the water tap behind the mound on the big diamond.

At the offer of Menendez to seed the big diamond with a view toward having an all grass diamond, Commissioner Greenfield questioned the practicality of such a move deferring approval until more research can be accomplished. The Baseball Softball organization requested that power outlets be made available at the girl's softball diamond and the small diamond at the park entrance. The ball Club also asked for a discussion on a sewer line to the baseball concession stand.

Sipes said that an aerator system could be installed for \$3,500. Commissioner Greenfield stated that the project had not been budgeted and the more practical solution would be a new public restroom which would be erected farther to the south of the Baseball Concession stand to benefit the Soccer players and the general public as well as the Baseball players and fans. Commissioner Greenfield stated that the most recent estimate for a restroom was \$28,000. Motion was seconded and carried to hire Jimmie Hawkins to work the diamonds 4 hours per day, 6 days per week at \$5.00 per hour starting the week of 5/8/95.

Commissioner Greenfield reported that the Soccer Club has registered 634 children for the 1995 season. In the interest of protecting the newly seeded areas as much as possible, the Club has planned to have no practice games in the park - only official games. They have no intentions of using the new field on the 7 acre tract. A Coach's Clinic is scheduled for 3/18/95 and Opening Day will be 3/25/95.

The Treasurer's Report and the bills were reviewed. Motion was seconded and carried to accept Treasurer's Report and pay bills.

Supt. Converse described the new seats for the dugouts which are vinyl covered. Commissioner Taake cautioned that the specs should be reviewed to assure that there is no fiberglass content.

The Superintendent's Report provided a progress report on the new office and the water back up problem in the basement of the Community Center. Commissioner Greenfield discussed the fallacies of the original installation of the drainage system and measures taken to correct the problem. Material for the job has been purchased, including a new sludge sewage ejection sump pump, which will be installed below lake level. Motion was seconded and carried to make the emergency repairs to the system at a possible cost of \$2,500.

Commissioner Greenfield reported that an additional mile of walking trail has been constructed. Two bridges will be built later this week. Cost of the new addition is about \$3,500. Commissioners Taake and Greenfield and Supt. Converse volunteered their time and labor on the construction of the trail. The Board thanked Commissioner Taake for the use of his earth moving equipment on the project.

Commissioner Greenfield will be getting specifications out to three builders on an 80' X 180' Recreation building to be included in the forthcoming budget. The plans are to erect two buildings with a connection so that the project can be accomplished in two different increments. Commissioner Loyet suggested that long range planning should include an addition to house an indoor swimming pool.

Commissioner Wiesemeyer relayed that the Jarvis Township Senior Citizens (JTSC) are financially overburdened with their general liability insurance premium. He asked that the Board consider payment of the premium since the JTSC are tenants of the Community Center. It was determined that the liability for the insurance is strictly their responsibility. However, it was noted that there has never been a settlement between the JTSC and the District concerning the furnishings of the Community Center, which were purchased by the JTSC. Motion was seconded and carried to pay the JTSC \$1,000. for the furnishings (tables, chairs, etc.) of the Community Center.

Commissioner Taake noted that he is receiving mailings from CMS and he and Supt Converse will work together to consider the utilization of the services of CMS when purchasing supplies and equipment.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 P.M.



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