

Tri-Township Park District
Commissioners Meeting
Special Meeting
November 29, 1999

Meeting was called to order at 7:34 by President Simpson.

Roll call:

Present were commissioners Beck, Byrne, Taake Kniser, Simpson, and Woodring. Also present were director Greenfield and bookkeeper Roady. Absent was commissioner Jarman (at work). Beck apologized for missing the last four meetings.

Ken Henke, of J F Henke and Sons, the contractor hired by the company building the new skating rink, addressed the Board seeking permission to use some of the dirt from the park to build a berm at the water retention pond for the skating rink.

Jarman arrived at 7:48.

At 8:10 after looking at drawings, the Board recessed to the construction site in order to better understand the situation.

The meeting was reconvened at 8:35. It was agreed that the contractor will be allowed to use dirt from two areas. One area is a strip of land eight to ten feet wide (as needed) that adjoins the skating rink property. The second area is a ridge located in the recently purchased land near the new skating rink. The contractor will remove the top soil, use the dirt below, and replace the top soil. Simpson asked for cooperation in the future when the Board begins construction on the new complex to be built near the skating rink. The owners readily agreed to this. The owners' attorney will prepare this agreement in writing and our attorney will review the document. This plan was accepted by the Board (Woodring, Jarman 7-0).

Representatives of the Baseball/Softball League were in attendance to discuss their relationship with the Board. They are will be reorganizing. Simpson stated that the League is to have a representative at each of the Park Board meetings and the Board would likewise have a representative at the League meetings. Simpson also explained after the election of new League board members the Park Board will review the election and make changes if necessary. The Park Board will have guidelines for the League to follow. These guidelines will be ready for the League's meeting on December 5, 1999.

It was emphasized that the park employees are working on both the big and little diamonds. The large diamond should be crowned this week. It is the intention of the Board to have the large diamond ready for games in May. The problems with the lighting are being addressed now.

The Park Board will send someone to talk with the Triad School Board to seek permission for the League to use Triad facilities if there is a problem with our diamonds in the spring.

Members of the League and the Board each expressed their gratitude for time and effort taken by members of both boards to provide an excellent sports program for our residents.

The Board discussed the fact that scheduling, organizing, etc is a full-time job. Sometime in the future we will need to employ a full-time person to perform these tasks not just for baseball and softball, but also for soccer, tennis and all other activities in our park. A method to fund this must be found first.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:13 (Woodring, Byrne 7-0).