

Tri-Township Park District
Commissioners Meeting
January 12, 2000

Meeting was called to order at 7:04 by President Simpson.

Roll call:

Present were commissioners Beck, Byrne, Kniser, Simpson, and Woodring. Also present were director Greenfield and bookkeeper Roady. Absent were commissioners Jarman (work) and Taake (no reason stated).

Reading of the minutes:

Minutes of both the Levy Hearing and regular meeting held on December 8, 1999 were read and approved.

Treasurer's report:

Treasurer's report showing a total balance of \$143,136.84 was approved (Beck, Byrne 5-0).

Reading of the bills:

Bills totaling \$7020.39 were examined and approved for payment (Woodring, Beck 5-0). Greenfield will again contact Illinois Power to discuss the bill for the pavilion.

Communications:

Greenfield presented a list of letters and notifications received this past month. Those needing action were discussed at the proper times during the meeting. All are on file for inspection.

Visitors:

Rick Ebl discussed his wishes to rent the lower level of the Wiesemeyer Center two evenings per week to establish a karate school. It was agreed that he could rent the lower level for two nights per week for a total rent of \$100 per week. He will be required to make a single \$100 deposit to cover the entire time of rental. Ninety days after he begins the school, he and the Board will renegotiate the amount of rent. (Beck, Woodring 5-0)

Friends of the park:

There will be a chicken and beer dance on February 5, 2000. Tickets are on sale now.

Baseball:

Registration will begin soon. Preparations are now being made for a coaching clinic in February and March.

There was a discussion between Board members and visitors concerning the proposal to raise the registration fees for those playing baseball/softball and soccer. The reason to raise the fees is to provide funding for the proposed athletic director. It was

noted that some parents are in favor of the increase while others are not. Tom Dunn read a prepared statement to the Board. He opposed the move and offered some alternatives. He left his written statement with the Board.

After much discussion it was decided to set the fees for participation for either league at \$50.00 for each child. If more than two children of an immediate family all residing at the same address desire to participate in the same league, there will be no fees for the additional children. At his discretion the Park Director can reduce or waive fees for children of families with financial difficulties. (Beck, Kniser 5-0)

Soccer:

Financial reports have been turned in.

Director's report:

The office has been rearranged. Only park functions will now be held in the office building. All other meetings will now be held in the Wiesemeyer Center.

Senior Bingo has been discontinued.

Finance committee:

The annual audit is almost finished.

Athletics committee:

Diamond #4 needs work. The contractor who was going to crown the field has decided not to do the work after all. Byrne is to attempt to hire another contractor. Plans are being developed in case the field will not be ready by mid-May.

Aquatic/Rec Complex committee:

About 330 surveys have been returned. Of these, 322 support the development of an athletic complex. The committee is now beginning to determine what should be included in the complex. Next the committee must get the cost of completing a feasibility study.

The next meeting will be January 18, 2000 at 7:00.

Old business

Proper materials for the Eagle Scout project have not arrived yet.

Woodring and Greenfield are to leave tomorrow morning for the IAPD Conference in Chicago.

Greenfield has been working with the State concerning the Land Acquisition/Development Grant we have applied for. Representative Stephens has been trying to help.

Ordinance 2000-1, establishing a procedure for attending meetings via electronic methods was discussed and approved (Kniser, Beck 5-0).

New business:

It was decided to hold day camp again this summer (Kniser, Byrne 5-0).

Greenfield noted a potential problem that needs to be discussed. The developers of the new skating rink, the excavating contractors, and the Board had agreed to a plan

for the excavators to move dirt from the park to the new rink for the purpose of building a berm and water retention pond. The developers were to provide a written agreement for this. No agreement has been produced. The dirt was moved to the satisfaction of the Board. Now that dirt has been moved again. There seems to be no retention pond, but rather a ditch which the Board feels will not slow the run off during a heavy rain.

Greenfield is to look into this matter further next week after returning from the IAPD meeting.

This meeting was recessed in order to enter into an executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters at 9:38 (Woodring, Byrne 5-0).

This meeting was reconvened at 9:57.

Greenfield was directed to prepare a tentative job description for an athletic director for the park. He is also to advertise the position (Beck, Woodring 5-0).

Meeting was adjourned at 9:58 (Byrne, Beck 5-0).