## Tri-Township Park Board Meeting Special Meeting Park Office January 26, 2005



7:00 PM Special public meeting called to order.

In Attendance: Phil Loethen, Terry Ball, Randy Wiesemeyer, Joe Eader, Norm Beck, Jim Derby, and Kevin Woodring.

Also in attendance: Tim Greenfield, Pat Cox, Roger Tegmeyer, Paul Kaus – Fry & Associates, Ron Gable – Fry & Associates, Don Roberts – Gametime, Brad Hutchinson – Hutchinson & Associates, Roger Hutchinson – Hutchinson & Associates, Denny Kammer – All Inclusive Rec., and Stewart McKay – All Inclusive Rec.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

## Playground Bid Opening -

Phil said that we would open the bids tonight and make a decision tonight. All the commissioners and any body attending the meeting, that lives in the district, will be allowed to vote. We will select by giving scores ranging from a low of one and a high of ten to the 15 bids. The highest score will win.

Bids were received from the following vendors:

- 1) Bollinger & Associates 2 proposals @ \$34,500 each
- 2) Fry & Associates 2 proposals @ \$34,000 each
- 3) Serindipity Systems 1 proposal @ \$33,624
- 4) Hutchinson & Associates 1 proposal @ \$33,158 and 1 @ \$34,000
- 5) Illinois at Play 2 proposals @ \$34,000 each
- 6) All-Inclusive Rec. 1 proposals @ \$33,988 and 1 @ \$33,816
- 7) Howard White & Associates 2 proposals @ \$33,225 each
- 8) Recreation Concepts 1 proposal @ \$33,956 and 1 @ \$33,999

The various proposals were numbered one through 15 and displayed in the basement. The commissioners and Tim Greenfield each independently reviewed all the proposals and asked questions from the vendors as needed. The votes were privately cast and then tallied as follows:

|       | <u>#1</u> | <u>#2</u> | <u>#3</u> | <u>#4</u> | <u>#5</u> | <u>#6</u> | <u>#7</u> | <u>#8</u> | <u>#9</u> | #10 | #11 | #12 | #13 | #14 | #15 |
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| Terry | 6         | 6         | 9         | 8         | 6         | 7         | 7         | 7         | 8         | 8   | 7   | 8   | 7   | 9   | 8   |
| Kevin | 5         | 6         | 7         | 6         | 4         | 6         | 7         | 6         | 6         | 8   | 9   | 7   | 8   | 9   | 8   |
| Joe   | 7         | 7         | 9         | 8         | 7         | 9         | 7         | 7         | 8         | 7   | 7   | 8   | 8   | 8   | 10  |
| Norm  | 6         | 6         | 10        | 9         | 5         | 10        | 8         | 7         | 7         | 8   | 8   | 7   | 9   | 10  | 6   |
| Randy | 4         | 5         | 9         | 8         | 6         | 10        | 8         | 6         | 7         | 7   | 8   | 8   | 7   | 9   | 10  |
| Phil  | 3         | 3         | 8         | 6         | 4         | 8         | 8         | 7         | 7         | 7   | 8   | 7   | 7   | 8   | 9   |
| Jim   | 5         | 4         | 8         | 7         | 6         | 8         | 7         | 5         | 6         | 8   | 8   | 8   | 8   | 8   | 8   |
| Tim   | 3         | 3         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 7         | 7         | 5         | 5         | 7   | 6   | 6   | 5   | 8   | 10  |
|       | 39        | 40        | 60        | 52        | 38        | 65        | 59        | 50        | 54        | 60  | 61  | 59  | 59  | 69  | 69  |

#14 and #15 were both Recreation Concepts proposals. The commissioners decided to throw out the high and low scores from each proposal and the result was that #15 was the winning bid.

Motion: Approve purchase of Recreation Concepts bid option #2 for \$33,999 pending approval of the Madison County PEP Grant. Norm/Joe 7-0 Ayes

## Additions to the Agenda –

None.

Phil said that the Feb meeting falls on Ash Wednesday and suggested moving it to either Tuesday or Thursday.

Motion: Move February meeting date from Wednesday the 9<sup>th</sup> to Thursday the 10<sup>th</sup>. Norm/Terry 7-0 Ayes

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Approval of Minutes -

Motion: Approve minutes from Jan 12th, 2005 meeting. Kevin/Norm 7-0 Ayes

Citizens on the Agenda -

Alan Dunstan and Jean Meyers Neither was in attendance.

Special Events -

Motion: Approve free use of the Wiesemeyer center for Troop 38 Sunday 2/13. Joe/Kevin 7-0 Ayes

Motion: Approve free use of the Wiesemeyer center for Triad Little Knights Wrestling Club Saturday 4/09. Joe/Jim 7-0 Ayes

Motion: Approve free use of the upper and lower levels of the Wiesemeyer center for Troy Titans chicken and beer dance Oct 22nd. Joe/Randy 7-0 Ayes

TBSL-

Norm said that wherever we place the new TBSL shed, we need to make sure we take care of the surrounding landscaping.

Motion: Approve building located between diamonds #2 & 3 north of the walking trail. Joe/Randy 7-0 Ayes

Skateboard Park -

Phil presented a letter we received 1/25 from Troy Mayor Tom Caraker. **ATTACHED** The letter was merely a cover letter introducing a letter from Troy City attorney Steve Wigginton dated 12/17/04 that says the City cannot participate in the funding of the skateboard park without an inter-governmental agreement.

Terry said that the skateboard committee made up of he, Randy Wiesemeyer, and Councilman Jay Evans had all reviewed the various skateboard park bids and had independently chosen Howard White and Associates option #2. Tim Greenfield and Phil Loethen had also researched the bids and voted for this option.

The skateboard park committee met with five kids and one parent from the middle school along with three kids from the high school on January 19<sup>th</sup>. The bids were reviewed and all voted on favorites. Eight voted for the Howard White & Associates option #2 as their top choice and one voted for this option as his #2 choice. Based on this overwhelming vote, Terry said that he would make a motion to accept this bid. Terry said that the original previous motion by the park board was "to spend a minimum of \$50,000". Terry said that he is hopeful the City of Troy will do the right thing for the community and follow through with their original commitment made when that they voted to spend \$50,000 for the project. We are obviously waiting for the inter-governmental agreement to be voted on and approved, but as we have been told by the City Council, and as Mr. Wigginton's letter explains, this is merely a formality to absolve the City of all liability. We would obviously agree to this. But, if the City does not follow through on their commitment, we will be liable for the entire \$110,000.

Randy asked if we should go ahead and award the contract without waiting for the inter-governmental agreement.

Terry said that he planned to move ahead with or without the City money. If they opted not to participate after voting to do so, we would proceed anyway, so there was no sense in waiting to see what they decided to do.

Kevin asked why we had to vote now. He felt we should wait for the City.

Terry said that we would proceed with or without their money so it didn't make any sense to wait.

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Norm said that when the City voted on whether to spend the \$50,000 on the Skateboard Park, it ended in a four to four tie and the Mayor voted in favor of the project. Now it appears that the because of personal hostilities toward individuals on the park board, the Mayor is looking for a possible way out of the commitment that was already made by the City Council. This is a good project for the entire community. The park board has made more strides in improving and expanding the park in the past four years that in its entire combined history prior to that. We now have the opportunity to continue this good work and build the community a skateboard park. This opportunity was developed by both boards in an attempt to work together for the betterment of the entire community. It seems that once again, the inter-governmental agreement vote is destined to end in another four to four tie. If the Mayor wants what is good for the community and is for the citizens, he will vote in favor of it and we will proceed. If he votes against it, we will still proceed. So we should continue forward and add even more to all that we have already accomplished.

Tim Greenfield said that all of the committee members had done a lot of hard work getting to where we are today. He said that we are constantly reading of new businesses, community additions, and plans for projects, parks, and buildings that never seem to happen. The community, the local businesses, and the school kids are all behind this project and we should see to it that we follow through and complete it as planned.

Motion: Approve purchase of Howard White & Associates bid option #2 for \$110,000. Terry/Norm 6-1 Ayes. Kevin was the no vote.

Phil said that he would sign the contract next Monday when he returned form the IPARKS conference.

9:00 Motion: Adjourn the meeting. Norm/Joe 7-0 Ayes

Submitted by Terry Ball, Secretary