

Tri-Township Park Board Meeting
April Regular Meeting
Park Office
April 11, 2007

7:00 PM Meeting called to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

In Attendance: Norm Beck, Terry Ball, Joe Eader, Jim Derby, Mary Kmetz, Kevin Woodring, and Randy Wiesemeyer

Additions to the Agenda – None

Approval of Minutes –

Motion: Approve March 14, 2007 Regular Meeting minutes. Randy/Kevin 7-0 Ayes Roll Call vote.

Ordinance regarding the disclosure of closed session minutes –

Motion: Approve Ordinance 2007-01 Terry/Randy 7-0 Ayes Roll Call vote

Thank you notes/Get Well –

A Thank You card was received from Pam Bohnenstiehl.

Treasures Report –

\$462,239.88.

Motion: Accept treasures report. Randy/Joe 7-0 Ayes Roll Call vote.

Pay Bills –

Bills totaling \$9,635 were reviewed.

Motion: Pay all bills for \$9,635. Randy/Mary 7-0 Ayes Roll Call vote.

Park Director Report – George Bryant

Eagle Scout Project – Stewart King Jr –

Stewart addressed the board and said that his project would be a beautification project. He intends to plant 254 native woodland perennials. He said that these plants would attract birds and butterflies. He said that he would also be planting along the stream bank to help control erosion. He said that he is working with Feters to get training on proper planting.

George congratulated Stewart on his project and told the board that Stewart was a conscientious, well mannered young man who has shown that he doesn't want to merely complete the project, he wants to do it well. George said that he has enjoyed working with Stewart,

Park District 40 year anniversary – George reminded the board that we are celebrating our 40th anniversary with the park having been started in 1967.

Pavilion #14 parking lot lighting – conduit – George said that Dave Nonn is working on this.

Proposals for Pavilion #12 –

George said that at the boards request he had gone out and solicited pricing on other pavilion possibilities for the replacement of pavilion #12.

He said that \$6,500 was the low end and this would be similar to what we have at Meadow Drive. A 20 X 20 steel beam structure will run about \$12,148. There was another bid for a structure like this that would cost \$9,528.

George said that we are looking only at purchasing the materials and that we would have the staff assemble them. He said that the concrete pad would run about \$1,500 and this was already budgeted under Eagle Scout projects.

Kevin asked if we couldn't get grants to purchase pavilions.

George said that he did not know of any quick and available grants but he would look around. He said that the board should seriously consider utilizing the Madison County PEP grant for this. He said that all of our playgrounds are very new and the PEP grant would be for approximately \$40,000 and we could get three or more pavilions with this.

Motion: Purchase a 20' X 20' pavilion from Americana Building Products at a delivered cost of \$9,528.00 and spend up to \$10,000.00 for the complete project which will replace #12 pavilion.
Randy/Joe 7-0 Ayes Roll Call vote.

TBSL – Terry Ball

We have 866 kids signed up as of today. We are well ahead of last years numbers. This equates to 69 teams in the TBSL and another 16 teams in the St. Jacob league.

TSC –

No one from the TSC was in attendance.

Financial – Terry

FY 2007-2008 tentative budget and appropriation –

Terry presented the proposed budget that he and George have jointly developed. The budget shows total income increasing by \$125,763. Of this total, \$70,000 is planned grants. The expenditures show an increase of \$187,134. Terry explained that with the expansion of the park acreage and of the district in general we would normally expect spending to increase at approximately the same rate as income growth. We have \$67,000 of projects that were voted on in 2006 and will not have the expense incurred until this year that is putting us over. In addition, the New Projects line from 2006 totaled \$28,000 and this year's list is \$111,000. While we are spending more money, we are also adding to the infrastructure and improving the overall park.

Kevin asked if we had budgeted money for a new dump truck.

Terry said that it was not in the budget. George had originally placed it in the budget and this was one of the items that Terry had removed in order to limit the spending of contingency to that which had already been voted on and approved.

Kevin said that it needed to be in the budget because we needed a new dump truck.

Terry said that he was happy to add this and anything else in as long as the board as a whole wanted to acknowledge spending the money. Terry said that the \$10,000 we had voted to spend on Pavilion #12 earlier tonight was not included but would need to be added.

Terry explained that in the past, past Treasurer Phil Loethen has always shown all the contingency money as budgeted to be spent. For this first pass there is no contingency in the budget.

Norm said that we needed a number in here because we almost always end up spending more. Last year we had two tornadoes come through and spent a lot on money repairing damage. While this is not something you budget for, it is something you will need money available for if it does happen.

Dave Roady said that some contingency should be budgeted.

Jim suggested that our spending is projected to be around \$750,000 and that in most projects, 10% overrun is anticipated and we should consider adding \$75,000.

Motion: Accept the tentative 2007-2008 budget as presented with the addition of \$10,000 for a pavilion, \$15,000 for the truck, and \$75,000 for contingency. Terry/Randy 6-1 Ayes Kevin was the no vote.

Athletics – Norm

Develop plan for water and electric to football and soccer fields – Norm said that Dave Nonn is working on this.

George said that these things were included in the budget.

Dave Nonn said that we are waiting for information from Ameren IP.

George said that we have received a few suggestions for changes from the Titans relative to the field use agreement.

Norm said that we could not vote on this tonight as it was not on the agenda.

Dave Nonn said that the Titans are ready to go on both the building and field.

Norm asked George to put this on the agenda for the next meeting so that we can approve.

Insurance – Kevin

Nothing to report.

Grounds – Jim

Nothing to report.

Special Events – Mary

Motion: Approve request to waive fees for -
Cub Pack #38 – Pavilion #12, April 20, 2007
Triad HS – Park lake (boat races) and pavilion #9 – May 6 and rainout date May 9, 2007
Triad Little Knights Wrestling club – Wiesemeyer center – April 1, 2007
Tiger Cub Den 5 Pack #35 – Upper level Wiesemeyer center, April 13, 2007
Kevin/Jim 7-0 Ayes Roll Call vote

Personnel & Safety – Terry

Establishment of Personnel Wages for FY 2007-08 –

Terry said that we made substantial wage increases to virtually all of the park positions last year and he recommended leaving the position pay scales the same.

He said that for existing personnel he recommended a vote of confidence in their performance and raising Jason as Full-Time Maintenance by \$1 per hour, Dale as Park Foreman by \$1 per hour. He also recommended providing George a cost of living increase of 3.3% raising his annual salary from \$51,500 to \$53,200 George as Park Director. He said that all of these increases were included in the budget and should be effective April 1.

Kevin asked why weren't raising the wages of the rest of the employees.

Terry said that we didn't have any other employees.

Kevin said that he was talking about the part-time help.

Terry said that he wanted to raise both of the full-time employees by a \$1 an hour to show them that we valued their work and to let them know that we wanted to continue the employment. He said that we hire part-time employees each year and that currently we really didn't have any.

Kevin asked if this was saying that the part-time help weren't doing a good job.

Terry said not at all. The part-time position wage was increased by 10% in 2006. The part-time grass cutter position was increased by 15% in 2006.

George said that the current wages for those positions were very much in line with comparable positions around the area.

Motion: Make the wage/salary changes recommended effective April 1, 2007. Terry/Jim 5-2
Ayes Roll Call vote. Kevin and Mary were the No votes.

Beautification – Randy

Nothing to report at this time.

Election of Officers and appointment of committees –

Norm said that every April at the regular board meeting we pick officers and appoint committees. He asked if we should go ahead and do it at this meeting.

George read from Park District Code Article 4-8,The board shall elect their President and Vice President who shall hold their offices for one year or until their successors shall be elected.....

Kevin said that we always do this in April, but the election is almost always held on the first Tuesday and takes place prior to the April meeting. He said we should wait and do this next month.

Norm said that he understood Kevin's reservations but the code calls for the office to be held for one year and we have held the officer elections every April. We should go ahead and do what the park Code book dictates and make changes as needed after the election.

Motion: Norm Beck for President. Randy/Terry 5-1-1 Ayes. Roll Call vote. Kevin was the No vote. Norm abstained.

Motion: Randy Wiesemeyer for Vice President. Terry/Joe 4-2-1 Ayes. Roll Call vote. Mary and Kevin voted No. Randy abstained

Motion: Terry Ball for Treasurer. Randy/Joe 5-2 Ayes Roll Call vote.. Mary and Kevin voted No.

Motion: George Bryant as Secretary. Randy/Terry 5-2 Ayes Roll Call vote.. Mary and Kevin voted No.

The following committee appointments were made by Norman:

Athletics chairman-	Norman Jim
Insurance chairman	Kevin Joe
Grounds	Jim Randy
Special Events chair	Mary Norman
Personnel and Safety Chairman	Terry Kevin
Beautification chairman	Randy Norman

Executive Session – Annual evaluation of Park Director George Bryant in accordance with Illinois Open Meetings Act section 2 (c):1, appointment, employment, compensation, discipline or performance of employees –

Terry said that he had only received two evaluations from the seven commissioners and as such had no need to go into executive session.

8:30 Motion: Adjourn the meeting. Randy/Jim 7-0 Ayes

Submitted by
Terry Ball, Secretary