

**Tri-Township Park District
Park Board Meeting
July 9, 2014**

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by President Tim Flint.

The pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissioners present: Bud Adelhardt, Tim Flint, Toby Mitchell, Dave Nonn, and Kevin Woodring (joined meeting at 7:03pm)

Commissioners Absent: James Newcombe, George Vogt

Motion made to approve minutes of June 11, 2014 meeting:

Adelhardt, Mitchell 5 Ayes, 0 Nays

People requesting to be on the agenda: Don Malter, Archery Range in the Park.

Mr. Malter currently does archery at Forest Park in St. Louis, MO, and he would like to see archery started in the park. He has contacted archery supplier would help with supplying the equipment, to old a clinic in the park. The clinic would be 3-4 weeks held on a Sunday from 9-12pm, the clinic would be free for kids. He feels that this would be a huge draw to the park. With the suppliers providing equipment to get this started in the park he believes that there would be family from not only Troy but the surrounding towns as well, archery is a family sport. Mr. Malter thinks that the amount of area needed for this would approximately 100-150 yards and backing the archery range up to the bean fields with hay bales for safety. The commissioner's main concern is safety.

The commissioner's will discuss Mr. Malter's idea of having archery in the Park and if they have further questions they will contact him.

Executive Committee – Secretary/Treasure's Report:

Motion to approve Park/Spin City Treasures Report:

Woodring/Mitchell 5 Ayes/0 Nays

Bills to be paid in July 2014:

Motion made to approve and pay the July 2014 bills total \$14,985.54:

Woodring/Nonn - Roll call vote – 5 Ayes/0 Nays

Improvements on the Park Office Building – check in to the price of siding the building, the price of cleaning and painting the current building, the price of replacing the damaged trim, new lettering for the side of the office building, price of a new sign for the building. Possibly doing landscaping on the hill next to the parking lot at the park office. The commissioners think that putting a lot money into the building is not cost effective due to the age of the building.

Yoga has started having classes in the park, the lady doing the yoga has never contacted the park office to have information posted on the website.

Water fountain on the far west end of the park is still not working, the commissioners would like Mark Miller-maintenance to go ahead with fixing/replacing that water fountain.

SISL – The organization is looking to make the park the home fields. They would be playing at the same time that the Troy Soccer Club will be playing in the park. The commissioners will be discussing this possibility in the future.

MEPRD FY 15 Park and Trail Grant Matching Program – is a published Park and Trail Grant Matching Program through Madison County Park and Recreation Grant Commission. The Commissioners will go over the list of possible projects for the Park, example: a splash pad, dog park, drinking fountain.

Schedule Park Employee until Park closes – Need to do a rotating schedule for the employees to work evening shifts so that an employee is in the park when the park is open from 7am until 10pm. The commissioners think that having someone on the property would be a good idea, they could lock up bathrooms at closing, emptying trash, keep them busy in the evening.

Operations Committee –

Spin City – Update: Things are slowing down at the rink due to the summer vacation. The mural on the back of the building is about 95% done they will install lights to light it up at night. The whole outside of the building is about 85% done. Getting the new computer program DJ system within a couple of days. Starting to do remodeling inside the building, new flier's for birthday party will be ready for the new season. They are having an end of season bash on June 27th and the opening night bash will be August 1st. Inside and outside upgrades should be done by opening night bash, new ceiling tiles, new TV's, the system that the kids can text in song requests, new paint – inside and outside. They have a booth for the Troy Home Coming.

Roads and Grounds –

There are new signs that will be going up in the new parking lot area.

Possible placement of the new pavilion close to the soccer fields, at the cross roads/corner of Riggins and Hecht Rd's. The commissioners will all be looking at the location and to see if there are any other location of interest. Mr. Vogt has got some volunteers lined up for the construction of the new pavilion. Dave Nonn has nominated George Vogt to head up the committee for the construction of the new pavilion. The new pavilion will be placed on the site where the old soccer concession stand was removed, the tree root will need to be ground down and that project will be able to move forward on that.

Mr. Nonn will be getting price on sealing and stripping the parking lot at Spin City.

Parking issues at pavilion #10....There are problems with people parking in the drive areas leading up to the pavilion/ball fields/football area. If there were to be an accident in that area there would be no way an emergency vehicle could get out there. If there were "NO Parking between Signs" it would help, it wouldn't stop people from parking in no parking areas but it would help. Arrangements will be made to clean the area of rock, getting the area painted, and having the signs posted.

Arrangements are being made to bring in the materials needed to get the potholes addressed. Seeding will be done on the soccer fields 11/12/13/14.

The area around the park office...the hill next to the office close to the parking lot, putting in steps, a retaining wall and riprap the hillside. That hill is a problem mowing this will eliminate that problem and make that whole area more appealing than what is currently there. The retaining wall, planting trees, shrubs planted around the edge of the road.

They will be replacing the platform at the back door of the office, steps that lead down to the path, riprap the hillside, plant trees and scrubs, redo the bridge, reroute the creek below the park

office. The commissioners will have a special board meeting to approve the funding for this project.

Mr. Nonn will have the trails check once a week to keep the grass cut down, to keep the trail dragged after it rains, to keep the trails in good condition.

Athletic Committee –

Pickle ball is going ahead in the park, tape was used on the tennis courts but that the tape didn't stick when it got wet. The park will check with Pro Track and Tennis to see if painting the courts will affect the guarantee. The board agreed to let the pickle ball people to go ahead a line the courts themselves to cut down on costs.

Baseball/softball is not playing due to the weather currently. The athletic will be looking at having additional dirt put down at the end of season and looking at a piece of equipment to help cut lips on the fields to help with water drainage. See about have a field day to have the select teams help with the field work.

Soccer numbers are down this year, additional advertising and a write-up for the paper. 3v3 tournament with Jr. Fire will be July 12 & 13, they are looking at a couple hundred teams will be playing.

Athletic food drive will be held in the park June 23rd - 28th for the local food pantry. There will be drop off spots in several places in the park.

Soccer – SISL is done in the park, they held 492 games an invoice for \$12,300.00 has been sent for payment. Mr. Newcombe has heard from several families that they loved playing in the park and hopefully we will get SISL back next year.

Maintenance Supervisor/Office Manager:

Maintenance Supervisor –

All the water fountains in the park have been checked and are working. There are some issues with the water fountain located between the ball fields at 11/12/13/14, the waterlines in that area not the correct size. They will check to see if a new fountain will correct the problem, if not then they will look at replacing the waterlines to the fountain.

There have been some problems with vandalizing happening again at the bathrooms at pavilion #10. The commissioners wanted to know about having someone that is in the park until it closes, the cost of hiring someone to work that time versus the cost of repairing the toilets/sinks /doors /repainting.

New weed killer has been purchased and when there isn't going to be a time period of 24-48 hours without rain maintenance will be able to use it, they are worried about the chemical running off onto ball fields and killing areas that they don't want killed.

Mowing is being spotty due to the weather/standing water, weeding eating is done at the same time as mowing.

On the 4th of July there was about 3500 people in the park for the event.

DNR (Dept. of Natural Resources) came out this last week to check and shock the lake to check the fish and they said that our lake is looking great. That the fish we lost last year due to the lake turnover is a natural occurrence. The fish count will come back up, that we lost a lot of larger fish.

The commissioners would like maintenance to see about using trail camera's at different areas in the park to help cut down vandalism in problem areas. Commissioner Kevin Woodring has a couple of these cameras and he is willing to loan his cameras to the maintenance department to

try them to so if they like them. With the trail cameras they can be moved around the park so that no one will know when they are or when they will be moved.

Office Manager - Written Communications/Thank You cards/Letters: None

Comments from Community not on the agenda/before 9pm – The Troy Historical Society would like to talk to the park commissioners about the possibility of moving the log cabin (located to the east of the city, by the water tower) into the park for a heritage village. The City of Troy is looking to develop the area where the cabin is currently located for the water treatment plant. They have a committee that would be happy to talk to the park. The Historical Committee Society would maintain the cabin, the park would maintain the grounds.

Media Comments/Questions: Would the Archery Clinic be free to the kids? Yes, they would be free for kids.

Closed session – None

Motion to adjourn at: 8:15pm Woodring/Nonn 5 Ayes/0 Nays