

Tri-Township Park District Park Board Meeting Minutes April 11th, 7 PM

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call: Bud Adelhardt, Toby Mitchell, James Newcombe, Dave Nonn, George Vogt and Kevin Woodring.

Absent: Steve Barbour

Approval of Minutes: Commissioners reviewed May meeting minutes. Commissioner Vogt makes the motion to approve May meeting minutes, Commissioner Newcombe seconds the motion. 6 Ayes 0 Nays.

People requesting to be on the agenda:

John Bowen: No show.

Troy Lions Club: No show

Dylan Garner: Eagle Scout from Troop 226 is interested in building a foot bridge for an Eagle Scout project in the park. Commissioners welcome the project in the park and would like Mr. Garner to come back to the May meeting to talk about costs of the project.

Kevin McKee: Mr. McKee asks the Board for a possible space in the park to hold their rehearsals and store some equipment from April to November. Commissioners would love to help out the Community band, they would like the chance to look at this request a little closer since storage space is at a premium in the park. Commissioner Nonn has tabled this request until the May meeting.

Anthony Rice: Eagle Scout from Troop 226 is interested in building a foot bridge for an Eagle Scout project in the park. Commissioners welcome the project in the park and would like Mr. Rice to come back to the May meeting to talk about costs of the project.

Executive Committee:

Secretary/Treasurers report: Sandy Thompson has nothing to report. Commissioner Woodring makes the motion to approve the Secretary/Treasurers report, Commissioner Newcombe seconds the motion. 6 Ayes 0 Nays.

Bills to be approved and paid: Commissioners review the bills to be paid. Commissioner Newcombe makes the motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$70441.22, Commissioner Adelhardt seconds the motion. Roll call vote was taken, 6 Ayes 0 Nays.

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Solar Panels: Ann Byrd reports that since the feasibility study has been looked over if the Commissioners would be interested in approving the next step which would be to apply for the program which will become available real soon. Commissioner Mitchell makes the motion to approve the next step for the solar panels, Commissioner Adelhardt seconds the motion. 6 Ayes 0 Nays.

Operations Committee:

Spin City: Ann Byrd reports that the past week was busy at Spin City, they are currently looking at running summer camps for kids. The sign was damaged in the storm last week and we are currently looking at signs to replace that one. Commissioners would like Ann to continue to work on the summer camps and give updates at the weekly staff meetings.

Signs: Commissioner Mitchell had Sandy Thompson look at a couple different options for signs for the Activity Center. Commissioners looked at estimates on 3 different types of signs LED and manual letter signs. This will be tabled until the May meeting.

Roads and Grounds: Commissioner Nonn reports that the PEP Grant and the Sustainability grant have been awarded to the park and the projects will start in June or July when tax dollars start coming in. The PEP grant we will be putting asphalt on some more of the walking trails, lights in the parking lot and tar and chip the new parking lot. The Sustainability grant project will consist of a large retention pond to help slow the flow of water through the park, we are also looking at making that retention pond an Ice skating rink in the winter, we are checking with the insurance company to see what type of liability we would be looking at and if there will be a premium increase adding this feature.

Athletic Committee: Commissioner Newcombe reports that baseball/softball is rolling and there are a lot of kids in the park out there practicing. We have 769 kids that have signed up for the recreational program and over 200 in the select program that utilize the fields. Commissioner Newcombe also reports that the soccer fields are currently under repair right now.

Maintenance Supervisor: EJ Rahar reports that maintenance has poured a concrete pad behind the maintenance shop, Star has been overhauling all the flower beds in the park. Jim and EJ have hired 4-part time seasonal employees for the recreational sports season. Jim has ordered 1600 flowers from Strackeljahns and they have offered to cover half the costs of the flowers. Jim reports that one golf cart and the EZ Go are beyond repair and would like to trade in for another golf cart that has 4 seats that can fold down to haul stuff. Commissioner ask them to get quotes on what it would cost to replace the carts and revisit it at the May meeting.

Office Manager: Sandy Thompson reports that the Easter Egg hunt went very well last month, we had over 200 kids at the event and having it at Spin City worked well since the weather would not cooperate. Pavilion rentals and Community center rentals are booking up fast for graduation parties and family reunions.

Consent for approval: Commissioner Newcombe makes the motion to approve donation requests with the exception of Belle Valley School, Commissioner Adelhardt seconds the motion. 6 Ayes 0 Nays.

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Comments from citizens not on the agenda: Kevin Mckee asks if John Bowen is going to take over homecoming and what is going to happen with the solar panels next.

Media comments/questions: None

Closed Door Session: Commissioner Newcombe makes the motion to go into closed door session for 5 ILCS 120/2 (C)(1) at 8 PM, Commissioner Adelhardt seconds the motion. Roll call vote was taken 6 Ayes 0 Nays.

Commissioner Mitchell makes the motion to go back into open session at 8:30 PM, Commissioner Woodring seconds the motion. Roll call vote was taken 6 Ayes 0 Nays.

Adjourn: Commissioner Newcombe makes the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm, Commissioner Vogt seconds the motion. 6 Ayes 0 Nays.