

MINUTES - TRI-TOWNSHIP PARK DISTRICT

The regular monthly meeting of the Tri Township Park District Board of Commissioners was convened at the Jarvis Township Senior Citizens Center at 7:00 P.M. on July 8, 1992 with president Russell Wiesemeyer presiding. Commissioners answering present to the roll call in addition to the president were Alvis, Greenfield, Italiano, Loyet, Pettus and Taake. Superintendent Converse was also present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer's report was read and the bills were presented. Motion to accept treasurers report and pay bills was seconded and carried.

The float for the Homecoming has been selected and candy has been ordered.

Although the joint use chipper has been purchased, a bill has not been received from Jarvis Township. It is possible that the reimbursement to Jarvis Township may be discussed at the next Township meeting on the 4th Tuesday of the month.

Larry Firkus, Soil and Water Conservation, spoke to the Board about cleaning the lake. Subsequent to his offer to work with land owner and tenant of land west of the park, possible source of sediment coming into the lake, on soil conservation practices, Commissioner Wiesemeyer offered to set up a meeting between the three parties. Firkus suggested that the lake could be pumped out or a hole could be cut in the dam for natural drainage to prepare for dredging the lake bottom. Commissioner Loyet suggested that it would be more feasible to cut a hole in the dam. Firkus said that only one pipe in the dam is necessary. The waste from the bottom will probably be used in the soccer area. Firkus also stated that no financial resources are available from Madison County Soil and Water Conservation District. A list of contractors was given to the Park Superintendent. It was noted that Holiday Shores has had their lake pumped, which could be a source of information. Firkus suggested a soil test be made before fertilizing the soccer field. The Farm Bureau or Bergmann Taylor could perform the analysis.

Rich Eberhardt, 4th of July picnic Committee distributed copies of a letter to the Board and then discussed the letter containing comments about their problems encountered with the Superintendent at the 4th of July picnic. Tony Gulley of the Scouts stated that he has had problems with harassment from Supt Converse on cleaning the pavillion after an event. Lonnie Meyers reviewed Park Rules on responsibilities of organizations on cleanup promptly thereafter an event, indicating that "promptly" should be more clearly defined.

Tracy Taake also expressed dissatisfaction with Superintendent Converse. Commissioner Greenfield stated that the Ordinance for Organizations using the Park for public events is the same for all and that authority has been delegated to Superintendent Converse to enforce the Ordinance. If there is a problem it is the responsibility of the Commissioners to resolve it with the employee. As for the issue of the lights on the Tennis and Volley Ball Courts going off too early at the 4th of July picnic, it was explained that the lights are on a timer, which automatically goes off at 10:15 P.M. Superintendent Converse explained that he was basing his time for cleanup on the Lions practice of cleanup immediately after the last night of the Homecoming. He extended his apology if he had offended the Organizations in any way.

Mike Coulson, Tri-Township Baseball and Softball Association, shared Association plans with the Board as follows:

1. Plans are underway to erect a combination concession stand and equipment shed behind the big diamond home plate between the trail and the parking lot.
2. The Organization is planning to change it's charter to provide sixteen Board Members in lieu of twelve.
3. Would like for the Board to consider addition of another Bantam Ball Diamond or a set of lights on another diamond, ideally the girl's softball diamond.
4. Suggested that the addition of 14 to 15 loads of dirt on the ball diamonds possibly has added to the runoff problems with the lake. Spigots behind ball diamonds would allow watering down of the diamonds.
5. The Association is considering hiring a full time groundskeeper. Comments by the Board prefaced the appointment of Commissioners Italiano and Alvis to work with Coulson.

The following items were presented in the Superintendent's report and discussed accordingly:

1. The Scoreboard has been serviced by Nevco Scoreboard Co., and is now in working order.
2. Comments on the 4th of July picnic indicating that little damage was done to the grounds, which were cleaned by noon of the following day. The need for clarification on the use of "promptly" in the portion of Ordinance 1991-2 which deals with cleanup after an event was discussed at this time. The Board agreed that 5:00 P.M. on the day following the closing day of the event would be satisfactory
3. Refurbishing of the portable stage was successfully completed by Sonny Greenfield.
4. Park truck needs repair to pass inspection.
5. Three open days are available during summer months. The Board suggested advertising same.
6. Bids have been received from DeLaurent Construction and Piasa Motor Fuels for road oiling. Proposed spreading

date is 8/1/92.

7. Due to smaller crowds than the Homecoming, Converse questioned the need for a Security Guard for the Beer Garden at the 4th of July picnic. The Board agreed that the Ordinance must be complied with.
8. A child sustained a cut on the small toe on the little slide. Incident has been reported to the insurance carrier. Converse will receive bills and turn over to the carrier.
9. Motion was seconded and carried to authorize replacement of top on round fiberglass table.
10. The Senior Citizen flag pole has been stolen. Insurance Co. will be contacted.
11. Board agreed to authorize Superintendent Converse to speak at a Kiwanis Club meeting about the Park.
12. The Board authorized Superintendent Converse to place a bulletin Board at the pavillion for displaying Ordinances and announcing events in the Park, at a cost not to exceed \$100.
13. The Board authorized repairs on men's side of the public restrooms.
14. Jarvis Township hauled 760 tons of asphalt for the park. Will ask Jarvis to haul rock.

Commissioner Italiano relayed a complaint from R. McMahon, whose mobile home windows in the home behind the tennis courts, have been broken by tennis balls. McMahon has requested that the fence behind the court be heightened. Commissioner Wiesemeyer and Superintendent Converse will investigate.

Motion was seconded and carried to approve oiling and chipping of roads at an estimated cost of \$2,995. plus .70 per gallon for oil up to not exceeding \$7,500. Authority delegated to Converse to manage the job.

Motion was seconded and carried to convert the paid treasurer and bookkeepers position held by Geneva Patton from a contractual position to that of an employee with an increase in salary to \$200. per month effective 7/1/92.

Commissioner Greenfield suggested that the purchase of a different truck should be considered to use the \$8,356.43 remaining from the 1991-1992 budget. The Board agreed.

Motion was seconded and carried to drain the lake. Commissioners Greenfield and Pettus will select the method and the Contractor to do the job. Commissioners Greenfield and Taake will supervise the draining project.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:05 P.M.

Commissioner Greenfield reported that he and Commissioner Taake met with the Shadwick brothers about the purchase of the Shadwick property. No price was quoted. Greenfield provided the Board with a plan for the District's use of the Shadwick house for office, meeting and storage facilities. Motion was seconded and carried to get two appraisals on the property.

Commissioner Wiesemeyer advised that four Board members will be up for election in the Spring. Petitions were passed to those Board Members. The first day to start circulating the petition is November 10th. The filing period will be February 1, 1993 through February 8, 1993. Notice of availability of petitions for any persons residing in the District who may be interested in candidacy, will be published in the Times Tribune.

The 24 X 24 foot pavillion donated by the Lions Club has been installed behind the scoreboard of the large ball diamond. Installation of the larger pavillion will be started Saturday on the south side of the lake. However the concrete contractor has advised that pouring the concrete floor be postponed until Spring of 1993. Commissioner Wiesemeyer suggested that two other bids should be obtained on the concrete work. Motion was seconded and carried to cancel placement of concrete pad under the large pavillion until Spring.

Motion was seconded and carried to transfer \$37,900 to the Multi Purpose Building fund.

Motion was seconded and carried to purchase a copy of the National Building Code from the City and adapt the rules for park purposes. If the Board chooses to adopt the Code as amended, the revised code will be reviewed by the Park Attorney and if found to be in order, two Commissioners will be appointed as Building Inspectors.

Subsequent to discussion on the winterization of the park tractors, motion was seconded and carried to authorize Commissioner Taake to prepare a schedule for pickup of the tractors to be taken in for service and/or inspection. Supt. Converse will inform the service company as to what maintenance has been done by park employees.

Letters were read from the Madison County Board of Review concerning a tax protest and from the Illinois Association of Park Districts announcing a Joint Awards luncheon on January 9, 1993 at which time the IAPD proposes to recognize the Tri-Township Park District on it's 25th year of service to the Community.

Supt. Converse presented his monthly report which was reviewed by the Board members. Jobs to be done were

discussed as follows:

1. The Board chose to delay until Spring correction of crooked curb in the parking area south of the pavillion and deteriorated concrete around a post on the Tennis Court.
2. A Board member will inspect the excess concrete around play ground equipment to determine a way for removal of same.
3. The Board authorized the relocation of barbeque pits closer to the pavillions and addition of sand to the volley ball courts.

Gates will be closed on December 1, 1992 and reopened on April 1, 1993.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 P.M.

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Secretary/Treasurer
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