

Tri-Township Park District  
Commissioners Meeting  
March 11, 1998

Meeting was called to order at 7:06 by President Taake.

Roll call:

Present were Commissioners Byrne, Italiano, Simpson, Taake, Wiesemeyer, Superintendent Greenfield and Treasurer Roady. Absent were Commissioners Jarman and Eberhart.

Reading of minutes:

The minutes of the meeting of February 11, 1998 were read and approved.

Communications:

Greenfield noted that we have received a variety of magazines and notices. Included is a notice that the Troy-Times will be raising their rates for publication of legal notices. Taake noted that we have received in writing a letter from Attorney Cain for our records indicating that DCFs has decided that we will not need any license to operate our summer day camp program.

Treasurer's report:

The treasurer's report showing a balance of \$171,417.75 was read and approved (Byrne, Simpson 5-0).

Reading of the bills:

Bills totalling \$8,029.99 were read and approved for payment (Wiesemeyer, Byrne 5-0). Greenfield is to discuss with Illinois Power the problem with billing for the lights on the ball diamonds.

Finance Committee:

We have received no word about our audit. The tentative budget for our next fiscal year should be ready for our next regular meeting.

Insurance Committee:

IPARKS will hold a workshop concerning liability. The new policy period begins April 11, 1998. Greenfield is updating our assets list. Another company has offered to be our insurance carrier. Greenfield is to arrange a meeting with their representative.

Building and Grounds Committee:

The lower level of the Community Center has been completed. Some of the rods in the park need some maintenance at this time. Greenfield will get some costs together for this project. We need to post signs indicating load limits and "No Thru Traffic."

Special Events Committee:

We have received a letter from the Troy Homecoming Committee indicating their intentions for this year. The 4th of July Committee has not yet responded.

Athletics Committee:

Pepsi has indicated that if we sign a contract with them to sell their products in the park they will furnish the ball diamond with a new scoreboard.

We need to begin levelling the dirt on the fields now.  
Baseball scheduling has been completed.

The south gate is to be opened for traffic from Friday evenings until Monday mornings.

Special construction projects:

Ron Stephens has purchased and donated to the park five military flags.

Director's report:

The new deck for the 855 tractor is here. We must also purchase a push mower.

We need to consider adjusting the rates we charge to rent the Community Center. Currently it is \$175 for the upper level and \$75 for the lower.

In regards to the request by a renter for a refund of her deposit, it was decided not to make the refund (simpson, Byrne 5-0).

Day camp sign up will begin on April 4. Greenfield was authorized to purchase up to \$1,000 of camp equipment (byrne, Simpson 5-0).

The Recycle Grant was amended to allow the purchase of 36 tables rather than 24 to use all of the grant money available. The total purchase will now be \$14,060.48, including freight and assembly. Our portion will be about \$4,000 (Byrne, Italiano 5-0).

Baseball/Softball report:

The financial report has been turned in.

Scheduling for the 64 teams, legion teams, and select teams has been completed. May 9 is the opening day. There will be a parade at 10:00 am followed by the skills clinic. The Lions club will assist with manpower and provide a meal.

The inside of the concession stand is being remodeled.

Soccer report:

The financial report was turned in.

Old business:

None

New business:

It is necessary to replace some of the older tables and chairs in the Community Center. Greenfield was authorized to spend up to \$3,100 rental fund money to purchase 6' tables and stacking chairs (Simpson, Italiano 5-0).

Visitors:

None

Executive Session:

This meeting was recessed to enter into an executive session to discuss land acquisition and personnel at 8:46 (Italiano, Byrne 5-0).

Meeting was reconvened at 9:24.

Employment of personnel:

Beth Boyce, Brian Boyce and Tracy Greenfield were hired as assistants in our summer camp program (italiano, Simpson 5-0). We will advertise for summer help for groundskeepers.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:26 (Wiesemeyer, Italiano 5-0).

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Athletics Committee:

The contract with Pepsi has been signed. This contract does not stipulate that Pepsi products be sold in the park during special events. Pepsi will be providing us with a new score board.

Special Construction Project:

Final cutting for the stones at the Veterans' Memorial has started and should be completed in May. The artillery should arrive in two to three weeks.

Review of Director's report:

Greenfield noted several tasks that have been completed. Equipment has been repaired. The need for a new push mower was questioned.

60 new chairs and 20 new tables have been ordered for the lower level of the Community Center.

All certificates of insurance for select soccer teams have been turned in.

Greenfield explained that he will begin posting weekly schedules for park employees to follow.

Day Camp report:

Director Jill Greenfield reported that plans have been made to bus our campers to the new Collinsville water park on Wednesdays. Two more dates for sign ups were announced. A parents' meeting will be held on June 6. Some equipment has been ordered.

Baseball/Softball report:

701 kids from Troy have been signed up. There will be 70 teams made up of kids from Marine, St Jacob, and Troy. First game should be May 11. Practices are going on now. There was some discussion about preparing the diamonds for play. The league has offered to provide manpower to run the diamond machine, but they were told that only park personnel would be allowed to operate park equipment. We are planning on hiring additional summer help and are looking in to adjusting their hours so that the diamonds can be well maintained.

Soccer report:

Final financial report has been turned in. Because of rain, the spring soccer season may be cancelled.

Old business:

None

New business:

None

Any other business:

None

Visitors wishing to address the Board:

One parent addressed the Board with questions about a swimming pool. The history of efforts to build a swimming pool in our park were explained to her. Further questions and comment by her led to a

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Open portion of meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by President Taake at 7:05pm.

Roll Call:

Present were Commissioners Byrne, Simpson, Italiano, Taake, and Jarman. Also present were Superintendent Greenfield, Treasurer Rody, and Attorney Cain. Absent were Commissioners Eberhart and Wiesemeyer.

Recess for executive session:

The open meeting was recessed for an executive session to discuss land acquisition at 7:06 (Jarman, Italiano 5-0).

The meeting was reconvened at 7:33.

It was decided to adopt a resolution to purchase 31.97 acres of land adjacent to the park for \$10,000 per acre (Italiano, Byrne 5-0). Attorney Cain was authorized to make any contacts necessary to complete the sale (Italiano, Simpson 5-0). President Taake and Secretary/Treasurer Jarman were authorized to negotiate with the Bank of Edwardsville to arrange financing of the sale (Italiano, Byrne 5-0).

Meeting was adjourned at 7:38 (Simpson, Italiano 5-0).