

Tri-Township Park District
Commissioners Meeting
May 13, 1998

Meeting was called to order at 7:08 by President Taake.

Roll Call:

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

Reading of minutes:

The minutes of the April 8, 1998 meeting were read and approved.

Communications:

Several pieces of correspondence was reviewed including a letter from a parent concerning the use of concrete around playground equipment, notice that the real estate taxes to be received by the park is \$259,781, and a notice that the county is to obtain compensation for the park for damages caused by a driver driving around our speed bumps.

The Lions Club has turned in to us their homecoming plans. All certificates of insurance have been ordered. The layout of the homecoming will be very similar to last year's.

Also received were letters of resignation from the Park Board from Russell Wiesemeyer and Richard Eberhart. Action on these letters was taken later in the meeting.

Byrne has received a letter from Terry Ball, president of the Baseball/Softball league stating his desire that the diamonds be better maintained.

Treasurer's report:

There was none since this is the first month of the new fiscal year and the budget has not been finalized yet.

Reading of the bills:

Bills totaling \$44,104.03 were approved for payment (Wiesemeyer, Jarman 6-0).

Report on withholding:

Roady reported on a problem concerning referees and umpires employed by the baseball/softball and soccer leagues. These young people by IRS definition are employees of the Park Board and must be treated accordingly. In particular, these people must have social security taxes withheld from their salary and be included on unemployment reports. Roady suggested a method to handle the situation. This method was approved (Simpson, Jarman 6-0) and is attached to these minutes.

Visitors wishing to address the Board:

Bob Ramsey, the parent of a player on a select soccer team, complained about the conditions of the soccer fields this spring. Taake responded that play will not be allowed when the fields are wet and that Greenfield has been assigned the responsibility to decide when to cancel play. Greenfield explained that because of the enormous amount of rain we had this spring, our men simply could not

keep up with the maintenance of the fields during the few hours they could work each week. The Board feels that our employees did the very best they could under the conditions we experienced this spring.

Laura Wise addressed the Board about her desire to start a citizens committee to help establish some fund raising activities for the park.

Finance Committee:

The Budget/Appropriation Ordinance was read and approved (Italiano, Jarman 6-0). The line item budget for in house use is also now ready. Roady will compare the actual income and expenses with the budget and report this to the Board quarterly.

Insurance Committee:

Our insurance premium that was originally due on April 16 is being revised by our insurance carrier. It was also noted that any injury happening on park grounds should be reported, even if our insurance company may not be involved.

Building and Grounds Committee:

Pot holes in the road are being repaired.

There was further discussion concerning the difficulties our employees faced this past spring in trying to keep up with grass cutting and field maintenance. It was noted that in most parks in our area baseball does not start until a month after we do. Also, most parks do not offer spring soccer except for select teams. We do not have enough men considering the amount of work required and the rains we had.

Athletics Committee:

The new score board from Pepsi has arrived. Byrne and some volunteers from the Baseball/Softball league worked on the diamonds and made some nice improvements.

Opening day of the baseball/softball season went well with over 100 children participating in the skills competition. The parade was well attended.

Veterans' Memorial:

The stones are to arrive in June. A copy of the drawing is posted in the office.

Director's report:

Greenfield noted that safety equipment for our new employees has been purchased. It was decided that summer employees should be provided with shirts indicating they are park employees. It is not necessary to provide uniforms.

We are waiting for some brick work and lawn repair at the Community Center.

Day Camp Director's report:

90 children are now registered for camp and more are expected. Most of the equipment has arrived.

There was some discussion concerning what to do with families that want to have a child attend our day camp, but cannot afford to pay the fees. The superintendent and camp director are to make the decision concerning reducing or eliminating the fee in such cases on

a case by case basis.

There will be a parents' meeting June 7 at 6:00. All commissioners are also invited,

Baseball/Softball report:
None

Soccer report:

Although the weather caused the spring soccer teams to play only one game, the park employees were praised for their efforts in trying to maintain the fields.

Old business:

Cain asked that the Board approve the closing date for purchase of the new property be on or before May 21, 1998. this was approved (Italiano, Byrne 6-0). Cain also explained the various documents concerning the sale and loan. These documents include:

- Installment Sale Agreement
- Resolution
- Excerpt of Minutes
- Tax Compliance and Agreement
- Certificate of Approval of Park District
- Certificate Relating to Rebate Exception
- Debt Statement
- IRS Form 8083-G
- UCC Financing Statement

A resolution relating to the purchase of the land (#1998-2) was read by Taake and approved (Italiano, Jarman 6-0).

Greenfield reported that County Board Member Dunstan will arrange a meeting with the local taxing districts concerning tax caps after the County Board decides to put the matter on the ballot in November.

New business:

The resignation of Wiesemeyer was reluctantly accepted by the Board (Jarman, Simpson 6-0). The resignation of Eberhart was also reluctantly accepted (Italiano, Simpson 6-0). We must review the method of replacing these commissioners.

Any other business:
None

Executive session:

At 9:34 this meeting was adjourned so the commissioners could begin an executive session to discuss personnel matters (Jarman, Italiano 6-0).

This meeting was reconvened at 10:01

Employment of personnel:

For summer maintenance work three people were employed as needed and as the budget allows. They are Timothy Jolley, Bobby Newcombe, and Roger Gum. They are to be paid \$6.00 per hour (Simpson, Italiano 6-0).

Nine people were added to the day camp employee eligibility

list. They are to be employed as needed at \$6.00 per hour (Simpson, Italiano 6-0). They are Amy Brendel, Jennifer DeBlock, Jamie Eickmeier, John Gresley, William James, Jeanene Oberto, Jason Pense, Tracie Russell, and Jamie Thorpe.

All day camp and maintenance employees of the park must be at least 18 years of age (Jarman, Simpson 6-0).

Meeting was adjourned at 10:11 (Italiano, Jarman 6-0).