

Tri-Township Park Board Meeting
Special Meeting – Public Meeting Trail Project
September 8, 2004

7:00 PM Special public meeting called to order.

In Attendance: Phil Loethen, Terry Ball, Randy Wiesemeyer, Kevin Woodring, Joe Eader, Jim Derby, Tim Greenfield, and Dave Roady.

Absent: Norm Beck

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Phil told all of the attendees that this meeting was a requirement for an MEPRD grant. The park district was pursuing a grant up to \$100,000 for completion of a trail that will follow the perimeter of the new 32 acre development. Tim Greenfield has been working on the specifications for the trail, which will be 8' in width and made of aggregate material. The trail will also include bridges and/or water passage areas. There were no questions or other comments.

7:05 PM Motion: Adjourn the meeting. Kevin/Randy 6-0 Ayes

Submitted by
Terry Ball, Secretary

Tri-Township Park Board Meeting
Park Board House
September 8, 2004

Meeting called to order at 7:05 by Phil

Roll call:

Phil Loethen, Randy Wiesemeyer, Terry Ball, Joe Eader, Jim Derby, and Kevin Woodring.

Absent: Norm Beck

Also in attendance: Tim Greenfield, Dave Roady, and Pat Cox.

Approved
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Phil

Additions to the agenda –

Motion: Add the following items to the agenda:

1. Titans using the concession stand under TBSL.
 2. Changes in kitchen for the seniors under financial.
 3. Legion request to use pavilion #8, Sun Oct 23rd under special events.
- Terry/Joe 6-0 Ayes

Approval of Minutes -

Motion: Approve minutes from August 25th meeting. Randy/Kevin 6-0

Motion: Approve minutes from August 25th Executive session and remain sealed. Randy/Kevin 65-0

Citizens on the Agenda – none

Thank-You notes –

Friends of the Park – Maryanne Barkley.

Maryanne said that the bandstand has raised \$18,950 in pavers to date. The City will give \$10,000 to the bandstand. \$843 has been raised through various donations and dollar raisers.

Phil reminded Maryanne that the park still has over six hundred dollars in the park accounts that are earmarked for the bandstand.

Maryanne said that right at \$30,000 has been raised to date. She estimated the total cost of the project to be about \$33,000.

She said that the bandstand has been elevated a few feet and really looks nice.

Correspondence –

Phil said that we have received a letter from the local scouts informing us of four new Eagle Scouts. Phil passed around letters congratulating all of the Eagle Scouts for all of the commissioners to sign. He also advised the commissioners that the park recognizes this accomplishment by giving each Eagle Scout an engraved pocket knife.

The park received a thank you letter from the American Cancer Society.

We received an anonymous letter from a senior citizen complaining about language being used in the park by contractors working there and complimenting us on how nice the park looks and how well it is managed. Phil read the letter and told the commissioners that he will respond with a letter to the seniors and with a letter in the Troy paper.

We received a thank you note from the family of Rollie Riess, for the flowers.

Treasurer's Report – Dave Roady

Current balance sheet - \$450,604.68

ATTACHED

Motion: Accept Treasurers report. Kevin/Randy 6-0 Ayes

Bills were reviewed. **ATTACHED**

Add on the following: \$1,132.44 Anthony Fencing (an obligation for the TSC goals, and \$50 Ever Blooming Floral for flowers for Rollie Reiss funeral.

Motion: Pay all bills totaling \$6,273.31. Kevin/Joe 6-0 Ayes

Park Superintendent Report – Tim **ATTACHED**

Park map for water shutoffs – working on

Fireproof cabinet – no progress

Tax Exemption on new property – working on

2000 Audit report for state – completed/mailed

Water problem by trailers – no action

Water on field #6 parking area – working on

Build playground by #8 pavilion – working on

Fall – electric diamond 3 – not started

Fall – cut sod on new fields – no progress will be trying grass infields

Tim said that the Lions club unanimously agreed to donate another \$1,000 to the park for beautifications programs.

Tim presented the check to Phil. The commissioners sent a thank you card to the Lions Club.

Motion: Approve \$415 transit. Randy/Joe 6-0 Ayes

Motion: Accept Superintendents report. Randy/Joe 6-0 Ayes

TBSL Report – Terry Ball

Terry said that the Troy Titans are using the TBSL concession stand to sell drinks and hot dogs to their parents as they attend Titans practices.

TSC Report – No one present

Phil said that he walked the park Tuesday evening during the soccer games. He said he received a lot of compliments on the new fields, parking, restrooms, and lights. He also said that he had a few requests for maps of the fields, as most folks in town do not yet know the numbers of the new fields.

Phil said that he would contact the TBSL and the TSC and ask that they place the park web page address and maps of the fields at each of their concession stands. We will also work on getting these maps put onto our web page.

Phil said that there seemed to be ample parking but that he did notice a few cars parking parallel instead of diagonally in the new 32 acres. He suggested putting in a few signs that say “angled/diagonal parking only”.

Tim said that he would get the signs.

Financial – Phil

To do list.....

Park Commissioner plaque office – completed.

Park benches ordered – Randy to determine where to place

Update web page with approved coaches – in progress

New Internet service – in progress

Dog drinking fountain – not completed. Phil said that we have a few frost-free fountains that he is still investigating.

He noted that we paid \$815 per frost-free fountain in the new 32 acres. He has not found any fountains capable of giving water to dogs that were cost justified and he would continue to pursue more cost effective options.

Oil and Chipping – Phil said that he was in the process of getting bids/quotes for oiling and chipping the park roads for next year.

Phil asked the board for permission to accept the lowest bid. Randy said that he was concerned about experiencing the same dust problems we had last year.

Motion: Phil has permission to accept lowest bid up to \$7,000 Jim/Terry 6-0 Ayes

Approved
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MEPRD Grant – Phil said that he has been working on a grant for extending the walking path through the 32 acres. The grant is due on September 30th. Phil requested permission of the board to go ahead with the grant application and the bidding of the trails pending receipt of the grant.

*Approved
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Phil*

Motion: Go ahead with the grant application and the bidding of the trails pending receipt of the grant.
Randy/Terry 6-0 Ayes

Skateboard survey – Phil said that he had the opportunity to discuss the skateboard park idea with Dr. Johnson of the Triad School District. Dr. Johnson suggested a survey be passed out at the schools to determine what level of usage we could expect.

Terry said that he was concerned as to what we were trying to accomplish with the survey. The survey that Dr. Johnson approved only asks about skateboard usage and we should expect kids with roller blades, skates, and BMX bikes to also use this facility. We have already determined that the Great Skate signed up 150 skateboarders and that was only the ones willing to pay to use two ramps. A park skateboard park would be free and have substantially more equipment. How many will be enough? We have six baseball diamonds and just spent a couple of hundred thousand dollars to help build another six. We have about 750 kids in the TBSL. That equates to about 130 kids per existing field and about 65 per field now. I am confident we already have that level of interest.

Phil asked Terry to take the survey and suggest how he would like to have it changed.

OSLAD –

Waiting on check for \$153,000.

Roof Leak #14 – Called Bob Welch, will be worked on soon.

Ryan Fultz Eagle Scout project – numbered signs for the ball fields. No word.

No vandalism in the park and no water leaks.

Athletics – Norm absent

Phil talked to Norm about the volunteer appreciation dinner. It is scheduled for October 10th. This will include boards of the three athletic organizations, their spouses, and various volunteers and friends of the park.

Terry said he would contact the TBSL board.

Phil asked Tim to contact the Lions Club and the Friends of the Park.

Jim said he would contact the TSC.

Phil said he would contact the rest.

Motion: Approve new TBSL/TSC board members. Terry/Randy 6-0 Ayes

Titans building resolution – No Update.

Terry said that Brendan Keefe, past head umpire for the TBSL, had recently been severely injured in an auto accident. Phil said that he would send a card from the park board.

Insurance - Kevin

Nothing to report.

Kevin presented a bid package, ATTACHED, that he has put together for dredging and digging out the lake. The bid package calls for 13,400 cubic yards of dirt to be removed.

Phil said that the DNR has determined that our lake has an average depth of 1-½ feet and if we are going to dig it out, it needs to be to an average depth of 6 – 8 feet. An average depth of 6 feet across a 3.1-acre lake will result in excess of 30,000 cubic yards of dirt being removed.

Kevin said that his bid resulted in less dirt being removed because of the 3 to 1 grade of the digging.

Terry said that an average depth was exactly that, an average depth. There would be the same slope and the math remains the same. Terry asked what were going to do with 30,000 cubic yards of dirt.

Kevin said that he had talked to Tim and we would place this on the 7 acres of ground on the south side of the park.

Terry said that 6 feet of depth across a 3.1-acre lake would equate to 3 feet of mud to be covered across the 7 acres. That's if you could spread it evenly and it would smell like mud and dead fish for two miles in every direction.

Randy said that we really should determine if we want to do this or not before we go seeking bids. The fish are surviving in the lake now and if we can simply stock it each year for a couple of hundred bucks, I would prefer the excess funds be spent on beautification and infrastructure.

Phil said that he has already been told from contractor Scott Schmitt that a job like this is well in excess of six figures and probably well over \$200,000. He said he felt that we shouldn't ask contractors to bid and potentially waste their time if we aren't committed to doing this.

Kevin said that he was committed to doing this and would make the motion to proceed.

Motion: Put this job out for bid. Kevin.

There was no second on the motion.

Phil asked Kevin if he had made any progress on getting a volunteer to use an 8000 lb roller on the 32 acres.

Kevin said that he had left them a message and they will get back with either him or Tim.

Grounds – Jim Derby

Phil reminded Jim of the secondary drainpipe problem in the lake. Phil said that the primary drain is now able to maintain the lake level, but if there would be another problem the clogged secondary could be an issue. Phil suggested to Jim that the old ruptured plastic pipe be removed and rip rap used to channel the water.

Jim said he would investigate it and let Phil know.

Randy asked about bathroom vents in #14.

Phil said there has been conversations with Kent Lewis in installing vents.

Phil asked Jim to contact Kent regarding the vents. Phil said that he remembers, that in exchange for giving Kent a free rental, he would replace the vents for free if we buy the material. Phil also mentioned that we are suppose to be replacing one of the furnaces in the Wiesemeyer Center this fall and Kent was suppose to be doing that work as well.

Jim said that he would get with Kent Lewis.

Bank Problem – Jim noted that he had emailed the specs on the proposed bank walls.

Phil said that he was having second thoughts on the bidding process. We originally had asked for the labor and the materials to be separate but now thinks we should just bid it all together as one project.

Joe agreed to the one bid project.

Phil agreed to merge the specs and put out for bid after Joe and Jim approved. Phil suggested that we open the bids at the December board meeting and accepting the bids in January.

Randy said that we need to have this project completed prior to the Cancer Walk.

Joe said that the project itself would need to be completed a month or two prior to that to make sure the grass and landscaping would be completed by then.

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Special Events – Joe Eader

Jeff Hunt Eagle Scout project/Titans curb effort – looking at late October completion.

Motion: Approve use of the upper level of the Wiesemeyer Center on Sat. December 4th for the Troy Fire Department Christmas Party. Joe/Randy 6-0 Ayes

Motion: Approve free use of #1 and #12 pavilions for Pack #38, Fri Oct 22nd. Joe/Randy 6-0 Ayes

Motion: Approve use field #4 for Troy Thunder baseball try outs for 5-7 pm on 9/5, 9/8, 9/9, and for 10am – Noon on 9/11. Joe/Terry 6-0 Ayes

Phil mentioned that we received a request for use of #8 pavilion from the American Legion Baseball team. No one had an issue with them getting a free rental.

Joe presented some proposals for field watering equipment that we could purchase to water the new grass infields on the baseball diamonds on the new 32 acres

Personnel & Safety - Terry

No skateboard meeting was held.

Beautification – Randy

Randy said that we still need striping on the basketball court at Meadow Drive.

Walking trail signs – Randy asked what are we doing regarding bikes using our walking trails.

Phil asked Tim if we still had two signs that said – no bikes.

Tim said that the two no bike signs were still up.

Phil suggested we replace those two signs with the soame – no motorized vehicle signs that are on the other walking trails.

Tim said he would get the signs.

Sign for Meadow Drive –

Phil asked Randy to look into signs for Meadow Drive. We are going to be building a new playground and adding a picnic shelter, we need a nice looking sign. Phil suggested using an image similar to the signs we have on the pickup truck.

Terry said that we could call it whatever we want, but that any sign should boldly say Tri-Township Park.

9:30 PM Motion: Adjourn to executive session. Randy/Joe 6-0 Ayes

10:20 PM Return from executive session.

Motion: Eliminate Dan Rossen, Ron Fenimore, Mary Kmetz, and Elizabeth Ball (As needed), effective Sept 13th due to seasonal lack of work. Terry/Norm 4 Ayes - 3 Nays Kevin Woodring, Jim Derby, and Joe Eader were the Nay votes.

10:22PM Motion to adjourn meeting. Randy/Jim 7-0 Ayes

Respectfully submitted by

Terry Ball, Secretary