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The Park Board of the Town of St. John met on this date with the following members present:

Attendee 1, Jim Thiel, President	Attendee 4, Elaine Pietrzak
Attendee 2, Eileen Jernberg	Attendee 5, Eugene Smith, Town Board
Attendee 3, Richard Spring	Attendee 6

The following members absent:

Absent 1,	Absent 4
Absent 2,	Absent 5
Absent 3,	Absent 6

The regular meeting of the Department of Parks and recreation of the Town of St. John, Indiana was held on June 26, 1972. President James Thiel, with the Pledge to the Flag opened the meeting. All four board members were present, as well as Town Board member, Eugene Smith.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the April and May meetings were read and approved.

Prints of the plan for Larimer Park were distributed to each Board member.

Elaine Pietrzak represented the Park Board at the last Town Board meeting and reported the following:

1. A survey of Larimer Park had previously been made and a copy of that survey was presented to the Park Board for their records.
2. A liability policy, which is a blanket policy for the entire Town, covers Larimer Park.
3. The Superintendent of Works had requested that if trees are planted in the Park that they be planted at least six feet apart to allow for easy grass mowing.

4. Mr. Michael Muenich offered to allow us access from the east side of the Park through his property for blacktopping of the basketball court.

Richard Spring announced that the baseball backstop is in and is ready to be installed, pending the Board's decision as to location of same. Mr. Spring and Mr. Thiel volunteered to go out to the Park to decide this, and Mr. Smith said that he and Mr. Gustafson would go out to the park to flag the boundaries.

The subject of a light in the Park was brought up. Mr. Smith informed us that Mr. Ken Fehlberg, Town Trustee, would take care of the installation of same after our decision as to a location. After study of the layout of equipment presently in the Park, in keeping in mind future plans, Mr. Spring moved that the light should be located a close to the lagoon as possible at the southwest end of the Park. Mrs. Jernberg seconded the motion. The motion was then voted upon and passed.

The Board was advised by the Superintendent of Works that Mr. Harold Muenich wishes to dump excess fill from streets he is excavating into the Park, however, it was decided that the Board should have jurisdiction over where the fill is dumped.

Mr. Spring advised the Board that work on the shelter in the Park would begin in the fall, after school resumes. The size of the shelter will be approximately 16 feet by 28 feet.

The 1973 budget was next on the meeting agenda. Mr. Spring questioned Mr. Smith on the four cents (4¢) St. John residents are now being taxed by the County for parks. He said he was under the impression that because St. John now had its own Park Board, the money would come back to the Town instead of going into the County. Mr. Smith checked with Mr. Tuley by telephone who confirmed that this was true. Therefore, we would budget four cents (4¢) per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) assessed Town valuation without increasing taxes. The possibility of setting aside the remainder of the four cents (4¢) after budgeting expenses into a cumulative fund was discussed. A motion was made by Mrs. Pietrzak and seconded by Mrs. Jernberg that a recommendation be made to the Town Board that a cumulative fund be established for the Park Board. The motion was voted upon and passed.

The following items were covered under the proposed budget:

Maintenance of Park Grass	\$150.00
Park improvement and repair	\$100.00
Electric lighting	\$100.00
Insurance	\$50.00
Cumulative Fund	\$700.00
Total:	\$1,100.00

A master plan for parks in the Town of St. John was discussed and all members were in agreement that at the next meeting we should begin work on such a plan. Mr. Smith will obtain a map of the Town for us.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned until July 24, 1972 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

By: /s/ Elaine Pietrzak
Secretary