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

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

The following members absent:

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

The regular meeting of the Department of Parks and Recreation for the Town of St. John, Indiana was held on March 25, 1974, with three members in attendance, as well as Mr. Eugene Smith, Town Trustee. Mr. Thiel was absent due to illness,

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the January and February meeting were read and approved as read.

Mr. Spring announced that a transfer of funds has been made by Ordinance No. 394 by the Town Board at the last meeting, in the amount of \$150.00 from Fund # 771 to #226 for the purpose of paying for the proposed Ice Skating Party on April 19, 1974.

The bill from St. John Garden Center was discussed in an effort to determine why it differed in relation to the work done. Several explanations were given, however, final payment of this bill will be held up until all work is completed. Ground cover as opposed to decorative stone was discussed and a motion was made by Mrs. Pietrzak that some type of growing ground cover be used in place of the stone. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Jernberg and passed.

Mr. Michael Muenich was in attendance at the meeting and he suggested that we might consider several possibilities when planning for parks in the future, among them being:

1. Civic Club Park. The Civic Club might be convinced that it might be more advantageous for us to hold title to the park so that it could be used to obtain matching funds from B.O.R. We could then lease the park back to them for \$1.00 a year and they could still do with it as they pleased. With the matching funds, the property directly behind the park that is for sale could be purchased, and it would enlarge the park.
2. School property could be used a recreational and educational facilities combined.
3. Larimer Park might be used for matching funds, if it were deeded back to the Muenich Family by the Town, and then deeded to the Park Board by the Muenich Family.
4. A roadside park on Route 41 to be deeded by Mr. O'Day, who is presently developing some land directly west of there.
5. The old church at the Capuchin Seminary is to be moved when the Capuchins move. Perhaps we could move it back to the site of the old cemetery and condemn the land to be kept and preserved as a historical landmark.
6. The area at the historical landmark near the Clark property.
7. A nature trail along the southwest end of St. John (Bull Run) which is considered waste land and could be used as a bicycle trail or nature trail.

Mr. Spring thanked Mr. Muenich for his suggestions and asked Mr. Muenich if he would be willing to help us draft a letter to the Civic Club and to give any help he could with reference to Larimer Park. He agreed to do this.

After some discussion, it was decided to proceed first with Larimer Park and after this was accomplished, perhaps the Civic Club might see the wisdom in cooperating with us.

Mrs. Pietrzak gave a report on the progress of the Ice Skating Party. She has received donations in the following amounts from the following:

- St. John Junior Women's Club - \$75.00
- St. John Lady Lions Club - \$35.00
- St. John VFW - \$25.00
- St. John VFW Auxiliary - \$25.00

For a total amount of \$160.00, therefore our balance to the Omni 41 would be \$100.00. Fliers have been printed and distributed and she has a bill for this or \$10.87, which she will present to the Clerk-Treasurer for payment.

## ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned until Monday, April 22, 1974 at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

By: /s/ Elaine Pietrzak  
Secretary