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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,
Attendee 2, Eileen Jernberg	Attendee 5,
Attendee 3, Shirley Catterton	Attendee 6,

The following members absent:

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

A special meeting of the Department of Parks and Recreation for the Town of St. John was held on Monday, June 14, 1976 with three members in attendance. As well as, Bill Glenn and Don Darnell, Quad Town Coordinator, and approximately forty (40) people in audience.

The meeting was called to order by President Richard Spring with the Pledge to the Flag. The minutes of the May meeting were read and approved as read.

Mr. Spring introduced Bill Glenn and Don Darnell, our Town Quad Coordinators.

The following announcements were made by Mr. Spring:

1. The Park Tour to Lemon Lake was cancelled and will be rescheduled later.
2. A bill was turned in to us for the Director of the Quad Town Coordinator.
3. The Playground Olympics will be held at Lemon Lake playground on July 29, 1976, and the Roving Playground Program will be held June 28th to September 13th. Also a cross-country meet on June 23rd.

4. Indiana's Coastal Zone Management field office is now permanently located in the Twin Towers Office Building at the intersection of State Road 30 and Interstate 65.
5. We received a donation of \$50.00 from the Jaycees to be used for sand. The check will be turned over to Betty Siedelmann for disbursement.
6. The bike routes come to 7.6 miles in keeping with the Bicentennial celebration. The signs will be done in red, white and blue. Mr. Bradley will punch the signs out for us. Mr. Spring will meet with Mr. Hancock to finalize the plans for the bike route.
7. We try and lease land. We don't have money to buy land. We are in the process of leasing land next to the Civic Club owned by Fran Thiel.
8. Each board member received a Directors Agreement.
9. No new areas of land for Parks have been talked about by the Town's Plan Commission or Town Board.
10. The Town has leased land next to Security Federal. We can have practice fields for baseball on this land. Security Federal does not want anyone to park in their parking lot on Friday evenings. There is parking where U-Neek Fence used to be on U.S. 41. Backstop for the baseball diamond will be ready this week.

Mr. Spring brought up new business. The Park Board received a letter from Mr. Tuley saying he received a complaint that the Girls Softball team was taking over the park and chasing other children out of the park. Mr. Spring asked if there were any complaints, there weren't any complaints made. Mr. Spring asked who was in favor of the Girls Softball League being held at the Park. Here are some of the responses in favor of the Girls Softball League:

- 1) Don't complain unless you will confront those who disagree.
- 2) Visited the Park area often. Park is empty.
- 3) Kids are playing in the Park during games on swings and equipment.
- 4) Neighbor from area says Park is often empty, games enhance the Park.
- 5) Kids have not been asked to leave unless they disturb the game.
- 6) Neighbor says his daughter was never asked to leave. Games enhance the Park.
- 7) Total utilization of baseball players is incorrect; kids are playing in other areas.
- 8) Neighbor says her kids never used Park until games started at the Park.
- 9) Doesn't know any other neighbor's complaining.

Mr. Spring announced the Board would answer with a letter to Mr. Tuley. The Board found the complaint about the Park to be unjustified.

Mr. Spring mentioned for the people to go to the Town Board and try and get more land available for Park from the contractors, so we can get matching funds. We have a frozen tax levy. We don't want to raise taxes.

Mr. Spring asked Mrs. Catterton if she had anything to add. She said the people should go home and tell their spouses, relatives, and friends to go to the Town board and see how we can get more land for more parks.

Mr. Spring asked Mrs. Jernberg if she had anything to add. She said her husband managed Little League games and she thought it was great for the ones to give of their time to manage the Girls Softball teams.

The next meeting to go over the budget will be held on June 17, 1976.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned until June 28, 1976, at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

By: /s/ Eileen Jernberg
Secretary