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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, Don Darnell, Quad Town Coordinator
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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the special work session meetings on June 14, 1976 and June 17, 1976 were read and approved as read.

Mrs., Jernberg asked what are we planning on paying our Activities Supervisor? After some discussion, Mrs. Jernberg made a motion to pay \$150.00 for the three (3) weeks. Mrs. Catterton seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Mr. Spring met with Mr. Busse who did the audit of the Park Board books. Mr. Busse told Mr. Spring we have to turn over all check, monies and bills to Betty Siedelmann. She is the only one bonded to pay the bills. When we have a Summer Program, Betty Siedelmann will set up a ledger for us.

Mr. Spring reported Don Darnell will work on a yearly basis.

Mr. Spring reported he would pick up the fifteen (15) signs for the Bike Route. Mr. Spring will try and have the signs put up on the routes this weekend. Also, the Federal code color for the bicycle route is green and white. Mrs. Catterton made a motion, since

the federal code color is green and white, and people would be familiar with that color that we should change our color to conform with the other towns. Mrs. Jernberg seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Mr. Spring reported that he contacted Mr. Howarth, President of the Civic Club., and we have permission to use Civic Club Park from July 12th through July 30th for our Summer Recreation Program.

Mr. Spring reported that we can't use the land next to the Civic Club Park until we have the papers drawn up by the Town Attorney to lease the land. Once we lease the land, then the land will be covered by the Town's insurance.

Mr. Spring reported that papers will be drawn up by the Town Attorney telling of Mr. Kasenga's intent to donate Lot 54, if we get matching funds.

Mr. Spring reported he will get the specifications for Lot 54 for Don Darnell.

Mr. Spring reported the practice field is open now. He will contact Pat Fehrman, so the girls can use that field for practice. We need help in raking the field to remove the stones.

Mrs. Catterton reported she had someone interested in being Activities Supervisor for our Summer Recreation Program. Mrs. Catterton introduced Diler E. Catterton, 7140 McLaughlin Avenue, Hammond, Indiana 46324. Mr. Catterton turned in a resume. Don Darnell and the Park Board members read the resume and also the President read it to the audience. As this is the only application received, Mrs. Jernberg made a motion to accept the resume of Mr. Diler E. Catterton for our Activities Supervisor. Mrs. Catterton seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Mr. Spring asked Don Darnell for a copy of the Quad Town Director's Agreement before we can pay him.

Mr. Spring read the letter he received from Mr. Tuley in case anyone came that had a complaint against the Girls Softball League playing in the Park. Mrs. Durochik and Mrs. March asked if we have a copy of the Girls Softball practices. Mr. Spring said we had one copy, and anyone that wanted to could view it at the Town Hall. Mrs. March wanted to know if the boys should get off the Park when they were having a scrub game for the girls to practice. Mrs. March said one corner should be for anyone that wanted to have scrub games or play soccer. Mrs. March didn't think the girls should take over the entire park. The Park Board commented that since the new area was opened for practice now, the problem should be solved. There should be room for kids to have scrub games in the park. Mrs. March said in late April and May, the girls took over the park with their practices. Mrs. March commented that Mr. Spring did not do anything about the problem. Mrs. Jernberg said the girls didn't have a place to practice, so when Mrs. Fehrman came and asked permission to use the park, the Board gave the Girls Softball teams permission to use the diamond and also to be able to practice in the park. Now that we have the land next to Security Federal, we are hoping the problem will be solved. Mr. Spring said there has been around 50 loads of dirt put in the land. Time was donated to get the field ready.

Mrs. Woods said that Mr. Spring told her it would be two weeks and the practice field would be ready, but it has been a lot longer than two weeks. Mrs. Catterton replied it takes longer than two weeks to be able to get the land ready for a baseball field when you are doing the work almost by yourself. Mr. Spring replied he failed to do it in two weeks. But it was ready in four weeks.

Mrs. March asked Mr. Spring if he could be sure that this wouldn't happen again next year with the girls taking over the entire park. Mr. Spring answered that he could not be sure.

Mr. Spring reported there was an area of land we were going to try and lease and have for future park development, but now there are some problems with the land. The Board will meet with the owners of the land at a later date.

Mrs. Durochik wanted to know how the people found out about the meeting of June 14th. Mr. Spring said he received a letter from Mr. Tuley telling of the complaint of the Girls Softball League. Mr. Spring said he was also informed by several residents that there was going to be a lot of people at the Town Board meeting, and so he called the two other Park Board members to have a special work session, so that Mr. Tuley could send the people to our meeting to air their complaints and state their opinions. We made ourselves available to the town residents.

Mrs. March asked Mr. Spring if he got in touch with Mr. Peterson from Kouts Lake, about having the pond treated to kill the mosquitoes. Mrs. March said the pond should be cleaned and treated to control the mosquitoes, because it is definitely a health hazard and would he want the kids to get encephalitis. Mr. Spring said he hadn't got in touch with Mr. Peterson as yet. Mr. Spring said it was suggested to him to fill in the pond and make a baseball field there.

Mrs. Jernberg reported that Betty Siedelmann stated that minutes of our regular meeting are the only one official, so that is the only minutes that should be kept in the books. If we are going to cancel a meeting it should be put in the paper three days before our meeting date, saying due to a lack of a quorum the Park Board meeting will be cancelled.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned until July 26, 1976, at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

By: /s/ Eileen Jernberg
Secretary