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

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| Attendee 1, Richard Spring | Attendee 4, Darrell Mueller, Quad Town Coordinator |
| Attendee 2, Bernie Ducat | Attendee 5, |
| Attendee 3, Bonnie March | Attendee 6, |

The following members absent:

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| Absent 1, Gene Wease | Absent 4 |
| Absent 2, | Absent 5 |
| Absent 3, | Absent 6 |

The regular meeting of the Park Board was called to order by President Richard Spring at 7:45 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was given.

(Mr. Ducat arrived at 9:00 p.m.)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Thereupon, a motion was made by Richard Spring to have the minutes of November 28th, December 26th and January 23rd, sent to all member, so that they could be reviewed for the March meeting. Bonnie March seconded motion.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Spring requested that we acknowledge the letter sent by Mr. Watson from the Lake Central School Corporation, stating that the lights and poles we requested for Larimer Park would be used in back of the High School.

A letter from the Schererville Town Board Attorney was read and indicated that they have officially withdrawn from the Quad Town Agreement effective February 9, 1978.

A letter and resolution from the Indiana Parks and Recreation Association was read, which supported the efforts of the Schererville Park Board to become re-established as a Park Board under the Park and Recreation Law of 1965. The letter and resolution was sent to the Town Board of Schererville, expressing the association's dissatisfaction with the actions of the Town Board of Schererville.

A letter from the Division of Forestry, Indiana Department of Natural Resources was read, which proposed the active participation of our agency in an Urban Forestry Program. The program is a 50-50 matching proposal for establishing a similar program in St. John. More information and costs will be presented at the next meeting.

Thereupon, a motion was made by Bonnie March that one hundred 8" – 14" seedlings of windbreak stock be purchased from the State Nursery for \$12.00, to be plated in Larimer Park. Darrell Mueller will find out what is available and submit purchase request.

REPORTS

Mr. Mueller suggested that participants in the Monday Night Volleyball Program be reminded that children should either be left at home or properly supervised while present at Kolling School. Mr. Ducat will inform those participating of the problem.

OLD BUSINESS

The land dedication proposal was discussed, and it was decided that a letter be drafted along with a copy of the preliminary draft, sent to the Plan Commission for their consideration and review.

Mr. Spring reported that the proposed changes in Larimer Park would be difficult for the city employees to accomplish because of limited time and resources. Darrell Mueller was requested to draft a letter to the Marine Reserve and Army Reserve, requesting their assistance.

Mr. Ducat indicated that the proposed Rules and Regulations for Park Use be finalized and acted upon at the next meeting. They would be submitted to the Chief of Police and Town Board for their consideration.

Bonnie March mentioned that any vendors in the parks should request permission to utilize the park areas for solicitation and sale of any concessions.

NEW BUSINESS

Officers will be elected at the next meeting when a quorum is present.

Park Board members were asked to present their goals and objectives for 1978, and long-range plans be incorporated as soon as possible.

The tentative budget of \$10,006.00 was presented, and will most likely remain the same when final certification is given.

The Annual Report will be presented to the Park Board as soon as the minutes of March – July are received from Mr. Spring, and the necessary paper and stencils are purchased. Darrell Mueller will request the necessary supplies to finish the report.

Darrell Mueller was requested to draft a position paper explaining the cooperative efforts of the Munster Park Board and Munster Community Park, and their \$1,000,000.00 B.O.R. Grant, which was approved for 1978. The necessary steps for a similar occurrence in St. John will be incorporated into the paper.

A letter has been sent to Mr. Gerry Scheub, St. John Township trustee, requesting that he send a copy of the proposed contract between the St. John and Dyer Park Boards, and the Township, for use of Federal Revenue Sharing monies, which are available for Park and Recreation purposes.

Mr. Spring noted that he would send a letter to Mr. Al Hand requesting that he move to place Lot 54 of Timberlane Addition into escrow.

Mr. Spring asked Darrell Mueller to approach the Junior Women's Club to see if they are available for the 1978 Summer Recreation Program.

It was suggested that the Park Board look into the possibility of obtaining C.E.T.A. help for the summer of 1978. Projects and equipment needs will be determined at a later date.

Bernie Ducat was appointed to coordinate the scheduling of all ball diamonds under the jurisdiction of the Park Board.

A Master plan for three (3) different park developments will be drawn up: Block Park, Neighborhood Park and Community Park. These drawings are to reflect the needs and requirements for each type of park according to a plan submitted by Darrell Mueller, and the brochure "What Should Your Park System Look Like?"

Thereupon, Mr. Ducat made motion that we submit the Park Board applications for membership in the Indiana Park and Recreation Association and also the National Park and Recreation Association, as budgeted for in Line Item 55 - \$150.00. All members of the Board would receive the benefits of membership.

Thereupon, all announcements were read.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

By: /s/ Darrell Mueller
Secretary