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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	Attendee 4,
Attendee 2, Bernie Ducat	Attendee 5,
Attendee 3, Gene Wease	Attendee 6,

The following members absent:

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

The special planning meeting of the St. John Park Board was called to order by President Richard Spring at 8:30 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the February 27, 1978 minutes were reviewed, and a motion was made by Gene Wease to approve them as presented. Seconded by Bernie Ducat. Approved with three ayes.

CORRESPONDENCE

An application from the Lake County D.E.T.A. (SPEDY Program) was received. Completed application was reviewed by the Board. The program will provide employment for economically disadvantaged youths between ages 14 and 21. Last year's SPEDY Program was discussed and the various problems which were present. Mr. Ducat made a motion, seconded by Gene Wease, to go ahead with the submission of an application by April 15<sup>th</sup> for two (2) park maintenance and one (1) recreation aide, with the possibility that we may have our own Park Foreman this summer or C.E.T.A. would have to provide the supervisor as was the case last year.

A letter addressed to Mr. Scheub, requesting a copy of the proposed contract for use of \$5,000.00 in Revenue Sharing Funds from the St. John Township was reviewed. Mr. Scheub has stated that a copy of the proposed contract will be available soon, and that the Park Board should indicate what they would like to use the monies for, so that this can be incorporated into the contract.

A letter from Betty Siedelmann indicated that the Board would have to fill out the form, which was included so that a request could be submitted to the Town Board for membership in I.P.R.A. and N.R.P.A. An amendment to a town ordinance will be necessary before the applications can be mailed.

A letter and copy of the Indiana 1979 Outdoor Recreation Plan was received. A questionnaire will be completed and returned to the Department of Natural Resources.

## REPORTS

Lots 106 and 107 or 109 and 110 in Lancer Estates were discussed. A final decision will be made soon as all members have personally viewed the lots.

Letters were sent to the Indiana National Guard and Army Reserve requesting their help in the relocation of park equipment in Larimer Park. It appears that this work will have to take place this fall.

A letter was sent to the St. John Junior Women's Club, requesting their assistance this summer with the Summer Recreation Program.

A letter will be sent to Mr. Scheub, explaining that the Park Board would like to utilize the Revenue Sharing monies for the following purposes:

- Park Equipment
- Park Supplies
- Summer Recreation Personnel
- Park Foreman
- Appraisals
- Engineering
- Surveying
- Services Contractual

The Park Board concurred that a letter should be sent to the St. John Civic Club requesting that a meeting be arranged to discuss various ways the St. John Park Board might assist the Civic Club with the maintenance and renovation of their park.

A copy of the Revenue Sharing request, which was submitted to the County Commissioners, was reviewed and Mr. Spring thought a follow-up letter should be sent to the Commissioners to ask them about the probable disposition of our request.

A letter was sent to Shapiro Surveying, asking for an estimate of costs to provide topographical and existing features survey for two (2) parks in St. John.

## OLD BUSINESS

The Rules and Regulations for Park Use in St. John were again reviewed. Mr. Ducat made motion that we submit the proposed rules and regulations as approved by our Board to the Town Attorney, Police Chief, and Town Board for their comments and recommendations. Seconded by Gene Wease. Approved with three ayes.

The Park and School dedication proposal is being studied by the Plan Commission. It was recommended that the Park Board and Plan Commission meet before any final decisions are made on the proposal.

## NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Wease made motion that the Park Board Officers for 1978 remain the same as they were for 1977. Mr. Ducat seconded the motion. Approved with three ayes.

Short and long-range goals and policies will be discussed according to the outline submitted by Darrell Mueller.

The Cannonburg, Michigan trip was discussed, and it was agreed to offer the trip again this winter, and involving school groups in the project.

The backstop will be erected in Security Field as soon as the weather permits.

Mr. Ducat will talk with all those interested in utilizing the ballfields in Larimer Park and Security Field.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ Recreation Leadership Conference will be June 5<sup>th</sup> – June 7<sup>th</sup>, Hammond Civic Center.
- ◆ Indiana Parks and Recreation State Conference is November 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>, in South Bend.
- ◆ I.P.R.A. Northern District held on April 19<sup>th</sup>, in South Bend.

Respectfully submitted,

By: /s/ Darrell Mueller  
Secretary