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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, Bonnie March
Attendee 2, Bernie Ducat	Attendee 5,
Attendee 3, Gene Wease	Attendee 6,

The following members absent:

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

The regular meeting of the St. John Park Board was called to order by President Richard Spring at 8:05 p.m. Mr. Ducat was recorded as being 30 minutes late.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Thereupon, the minutes of the April 6th minutes were approved as read with the following correction: Mr. Ducat did not second the motion of Mr. Wease's in regards to Officers for 1978. Mr. Ducat's second was contingent upon Bonnie March's presence at this meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter addressed to Mr. Harry Howarth was read, which requested that a meeting be arranged between the St. John Park Board and the Civic Club to discuss cooperative efforts which might be possible in maintaining and renovating the Civic Club Park. Carbon copies were also sent to Mr. Thiel, Mrs. Strong, and Mr. Tuley. No response has been received as of April 24th.

A letter was received from Francis J. Thiel, indicating that the Thiel property behind Civic Park, which is being leased by our Park Board and Town, would not be available after

October 27th for the Park Board's use. The new owner, Mr. Thomas Keilman of St. John, permitted Mr. Thiel to state that he is willing to enter into a similar lease with our Board.

A contract for the use of \$5,000.00 of Revenue Sharing monies from the St. John Township was reviewed by the Board. The Park Board agreed to enter into the contract contingent upon our request to utilize those monies for the purposes stated in our letter of April 9th, requesting that the Board wishes to use the revenue sharing monies for the following purposes:

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

If these are incorporated into the contract the Board was in favor of executing the agreement. Mr. Spring noted that Mr. Scheub was in favor of these changes, and that we would write those changes into the contract.

A letter from the Lake Central School Corporation was received, replying to our Board's request that a member of the Lake Central School Board attend our monthly meetings for purposes of increased communication and cooperation among all boards. Mr. Guilford replied that a Mr. Gerald Spohn would be able to attend our meetings; presently, however, Mr. Spohn is unable to attend our meetings because they conflict with the School Board meetings.

Two letters from C.E.T.A. were read aloud, indicating that our board should attempt to identify eligible C.E.T.A. applicants in our area and request that these people be assigned to our work site. Another letter indicated that the Indiana Employment Security Division would be helping the SPEDY Program this year in a number of supervisory and administrative duties.

A letter from the Indiana Parks and Recreation Association requested that we contact our local Congressman in regards to the new funding levels of the Land and Water Conservation Fund. A resolution was read, and Bonnie March made a motion that we support their efforts and write to our area congressmen. Seconded by Gene Wease. Approved with four ayes.

The Lake County Parks and Recreation Department have requested that we participate in a Park Weekend at the Southlake Mall on June 2nd to June 4th. It was suggested that we might provide a display and have summer brochures available at this event. If arrangements can be made, the Board will be participating along with all Park Departments in Lake County, who have expressed interest.

A letter was received from Mr. Ron Fiegle, S.F.C., of the U.S. Army Reserve, 685th Transportation Company (TT), stating that they would tentatively be available on

October 14 and 15, 1978, to help with park improvements in Larimer Park. Mr. Spring will contact Mr. Fiegle in August to outline the scope of the work and proposed changes.

REPORTS

The Park Rules and Regulations, approved by the Park Board, will be submitted to Mr. Al Hand, Town Attorney, for his review and comments. Upon completion of his review they will be submitted to the Police Chief and Town Board for their comments.

The proposed mandatory dedication outline submitted to the Plan Commission is being reviewed. A letter will be submitted to Mr. Hand requesting that his review of the proposal be submitted to our Board as soon as possible.

Mr. Spring reported that the Town Board has approved our membership in the Indiana Parks and Recreation Association and the National Recreation and Park Association at the last Town Board meeting.

Darrell Mueller reported that the Junior Women's Club would be investigating the possibility of purchasing a park bench and small piece of playground equipment for Larimer Park, instead of bleachers. They have \$150.00 for this purpose.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion about the proposed procedures for "Play Kit" usage centered around how much should be charged for its use, the amount of deposit required, who could check the kit out, who would take care of the fees and checking the kit in and out. Mr. Wease made motion that a \$20.00 deposit be required. That a \$2.00 fee be charged for its use. That only residents of St. John, 21 years and older, could check the kit out, and that any items lost or damaged would be charged to the deposit that each organization or individual was required to deposit before checking the kit out. Motion seconded by Bonnie March. Approved with four ayes.

It was suggested that we consider three (3) methods of play kit administration. Mrs. Siedelmann will be contacted to find out if a Park Board member could be responsible, the St. John Library, or the Town Hall. A sample checkout form will be discussed and presented to Mrs. Siedelmann in the near future.

Mr. Spring made a motion that we purchase an aluminum bleacher for Larimer Park. Cost for this bleacher will be between \$300.00 and \$700.00. It was suggested that we utilize Revenue Sharing Funds for the purchase, and the \$200.00, which was encumbered in December for Lake Central to build those bleachers. Mr. Wease seconded the motion. Approved with four ayes, contingent upon availability of funds.

Mr. Ducat reported that only the Girls Softball league has requested the use of ballfields under the Park Board's jurisdiction. Discussion ensued on the use of these fields by organizations and individuals. Bonnie March indicated that only one team should be allowed to use Larimer Park at the same time, and that the public should have the southeast corner available to them when other teams are practicing or playing. It was

suggested by Mr. Wease that no organized leagues or teams be allowed to utilize the southeast corner of Larimer Park. Mr. Ducat made a motion that we notify the public that all requests for utilization of any ballfields in Larimer Park, Security Field or Thiel Field, must be made in writing by May 11, 1978. Motion seconded by Mr. Spring. Approved with four ayes.

Mr. Ducat made a motion that we submit a letter to the Lake Central School Board requesting permission to schedule and utilize the ballfield at Kolling School from June 2nd to August 25th. Bonnie March seconded the motion. Approved with four ayes.

Mr. Spring again suggested that we develop out goals and priorities at the next meeting. Long and short-range goals in four major area should be considered:

1. Programs.
2. Planning.
3. Park and facility improvement.
4. Coordination of efforts among all agencies.

NEW BUSINESS

The officer for 1978 will remain the same as 1977. Mr. Ducat's second was made contingent upon Bonnie March's presence at this meeting. The officers for 1978 are:

Richard Spring – President
Bernie Ducat – Vice President
Bonnie March – Secretary
Gene Wease – Member

Bonnie March was elected secretary: Mr. Spring, Mr. Wease and Mr. Ducat voted for Bonnie March, Bonnie March voted for Mr. Wease.

The hiring of a Recreation Director and Park Foreman for the summer of 1978 was discussed. Money for these positions would come from the Revenue Sharing Monies and our regular budget. It was suggested that we notify the public that applications will be taken for these two positions at the Town Hall. Application blanks will be available by April 26th. It was noted that these positions be contracted for, so that they would not be on the Town's payroll. Exact details in regards to job duties, qualifications, pay and contract duration, will be presented at the next planning session.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ Lemon Lake Hobby and Crafts Show. May 27th and 28th, 10:00 a.m. to 6)0 p.m.
- ◆ North District IPRA on May 17th, in Valparaiso
- ◆ Playground Leaders Institute, June 5th through 7th, Hammond Civic Center.

CLAIMS

Claims received from Indiana State Prison Industries for \$201.00, Nipsco for \$8.05, and Schererville Lumber Company for \$9.90, were approved as presented. An invoice was also received from Flaghouse, Inc. for playground equipment.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m. Motion by gene Wease, seconded by Bonnie March.

Respectfully submitted,

By: /s/ Darrell Mueller
Secretary