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

Attendee 1, Bernard Ducat	Attendee 4,
Attendee 2, Ronald Estep	Attendee 5,
Attendee 3, Richard Spring	Attendee 6,

The following members absent:

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

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by President Bernard Ducat.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the February 17, 1983 Board meeting were read. Motion made by Ron Estep, seconded by Richard Spring to approve the minutes as read. Motion carried 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1) Park Signs – no report.
- 2) Larimer Pavilion – Motion made by Ron Estep, seconded by Richard Spring to approve the cost of the new pavilion. Construction to be done by the Lake Central High School shop for \$3,866.07. As a separate item, the cost of a concrete pad will be \$1,300.00. Motion carried 3-0.
- 3) Purchase of Land – The following was read into the minutes by Bernard Ducat:

“Report of Appraisers

To: St. John Park and Recreation Board

Pursuant to your appointment of March 2, 1983, we have carefully viewed, examined and appraised pursuant to our Oath as appraisers the real estate described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto as to the true market value of said real estate.

We hereby report and return that we have determined that the true market value of said real estate is \$5,000.00 per acre, and pursuant to said description of Twenty acres, is valued at \$100,000.00.

Dated this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 1983

/s/ Anthony A. Forzt Jr. – Appraiser  
/s/ Joseph P. McCarthy – Appraiser  
/s/ F. Douglas Davis – Appraiser”

There were presented to the Board the oaths of the appraisers appointed to view land, and appraise the true market value thereof, a copy of the survey and legal description being attached hereto, made a part hereof and marked as Exhibit "A"; also the appraiser's report of such appraisal in writing. On motion by Bernard Ducat, seconded by Richard Spring, and unanimously carried, said oaths and report were approved and ordered made a part of the record of the Board immediately preceding the minutes of this meeting.

On motion by Bernard Ducat, seconded by Ron Estep, and unanimously carried, the Board authorized entering into an Option Agreement for the purchase of the above-described real estate, said Option to run for a period of twelve (12) months from the date of execution, and that said Agreement be prepared by Attorney Louis M. Casale, and submitted to the prospective buyer and resubmitted to this Board for counter-execution at a public meeting.

Motion made by Bernard Ducat, seconded by Richard Spring to pay the appraisers a fee of \$120.00 each. Motion carried 3-0.

### ASSIGNMENTS

Budget – Mr. Estep reported on the balance in the 1983 budget. Mr. Ducat is to approach Hal Foltz on the subject of \$5,032.00 being cut from our budget.

Aerobics – Mr. Estep reported that new participants are still signing up. A 1983 contract for the aerobic instructor was signed.

Park Maintenance – Mr. Spring had nothing to report. Mr. Spring would like to remind the general public that the St. John Park Board is not in control of the Civic Park. Any questions concerning Civic Park should be directed to the Town Board.

Liaison to Town Board – Mr. Estep had nothing to report.

Public Relations – Mrs. Walsko was absent.

Softball & Baseball – Mr. Ducat reported that the St. John Girls Softball Association was the only group that requested field time in 1983. Mr. Ducat is to contact Dick Thiel regarding his lease agreement.

Homestead Park – Mr. Estep reported that the Vita Course has been installed and is being used. Motion made by Ron Estep, seconded by Bernard Ducat to contact St. John Garden Center to install 118 selected trees and shrubs at a cost not to exceed \$2,985.00 in Homestead Park. Motion carried 3-0.

### NEW BUSINESS

Portable Toilets – Portable toilets will be installed in Security Federal Field and Larimer Park for May 1, 1983 to August 31, 1983.

Snow Fence – Motion made by Bernard Ducat, seconded by Richard Spring to install a snow fence in Security Federal Field at a cost of \$372.00. Motion carried 2-1; voting aye – Ducat and Spring; voting nay – Estep.

Flexible Tine Harrow – Motion made by Ron Estep, seconded by Bernard Ducat to purchase a 4' flexible tine harrow at a cost of \$242.00. Motion carried 3-0.

### CORRESPONDENCE

Read

### PAYING OF BILLS

Motion made by Richard Spring, seconded by Ron Estep to pay all bills as read. Motion carried 3-0.

### OPEN DISCUSSION

Mr. Tom Carlin commended the Board on its professionalism.

Mr. Ducat is to contact the Town Board concerning the Lancer Estates Park property. If the Town Board will not take action against the owner, then the Park Board will release the owner from his Letter of Intent.

### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Ron Estep made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Richard Spring. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

By: /s/ Ronald H. Estep  
Recording Secretary