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

Attendee 1, Ronald Estep	Attendee 4,
Attendee 2, Bernard Ducat	Attendee 5,
Attendee 3, Carolyn Walsko	Attendee 6,

The following members absent:

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

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the April 19, 1984 meeting were read. A motion was made by Bernard Ducat to accept the minutes as read, seconded by Carolyn Walsko. Voted upon and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Parks Signs – Are being completed.
- B. Pavilion in Homestead Park – Will be discussed after a decision is made in the land purchase.
- C. Race – The 5-K Race co-sponsored by the Park Department to be held during the St. John Town Festival is going along according to schedule. Applications are currently being received.
- D. Land Purchase – Will be discussed at the end of the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Donation – Two maple trees are donated by the St. John Junior Women's Club. The trees have been planted in Larimer Park.
- B. Donation – The St. John Women's Club wishes to donate \$800.00 for park equipment. The suggestion was made by Ron Estep that the money be placed in a non-reverting fund until it has been decided what type of equipment can be purchased. The Women's Club requested that a plaque be placed on the equipment crediting the Women's Club for the donation.

ASSIGNMENTS

- A. Budget – Balance of \$15,393.95.
- B. Fitness Program – Our successful aerobic program ended on May 9, 1984. The program will resume again in the fall.
- C. Park Maintenance – We apparently have had some problems with the condition of the baseball fields, mainly Larimer Park. Need a home base for Larimer Park.
- D. Liaison to Town Board – Discussed the water problem the residents are having because of the Park Department's lot in Timberlane. Pete Monix will be making a swale to help the water situation.

The picnic tables in Homestead Park will be moved and chained to the willow trees to avoid any vandalism.

Pete Monix turned off the pump for Homestead Pond until summer due to all the heavy rain. We do not need to keep adding fresh water until the hotter summer months.

- E. Summer Program – Flyers for the summer program are being distributed to Kolling and St. John Schools.
- F. Winter Program – No report.
- G. Public Relations – Ron Estep made a statement on behalf of the Park Board to the citizens of St. John that when their children vandalize park property of equipment, the funding used to repair this vandalism is taken from their tax dollars.
- H. Baseball & Softball – Is progressing, no current problem.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

PURCHASE OF LAND

Due to the unaffordable cost of the land that has been under consideration by the Park Board, a motion was made by Carolyn Walsko to discontinue the pursuit of the tract of land near 85th Avenue and to pursue a more central location for a town park. The motion was seconded by Bernard Ducat. Ron Estep abstained from voting. The motion was so passed.

PAVILION IN HOMESTEAD PARK

Bernard Ducat made the motion that the Park Board proceed with the building of a pavilion in Homestead Park, seconded by Carolyn Walsko. The motion was unanimously approved.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

- Nipsco of \$34.75 for lighting in Homestead Park.
- Aerobics of \$383.00, payable to Jodi Blanco.
- Lake Central of \$350.00 to Carpentry Department for the Larimer Pavilion.
- Dusk to dawn lighting of \$20.95 for Larimer Park.

Carolyn Walsko made the motion to pay the bills, seconded by Bernard Ducat. The motion was unanimously approved.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Carolyn Walsko discussed a cedar play-set to be purchased for our parks. The cost is \$1,300.00 plus \$200.00 for installation. Before any purchase is considered, Mrs. Walsko will check with the Rustic Shop to see if they can build any larger play-sets and the possible cost.

Mrs. Clark, a senior citizen in attendance, wanted to see if the Park Department would set up some program for senior citizens. It was suggested that Carolyn Walsko get together with Carol Gallett to see what types of programs could be arranged.

ADJOURNMENT

No further business was brought before the Board. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

By: /s/ Carolyn Walsko
Acting Secretary