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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, Ralph Ehresman	Attendee 5,
Attendee 3, Caroline Petrick	Attendee 6,

The following members absent:

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Ronald Estep. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was said.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the October 18, 1984 regular meeting were read. Being there were no errors or omissions, President Estep ordered the minutes approved as read.

OLD BUSINESS

The slab for the pavilion in Homestead Park has been installed. Ron recognized Bud Brockman who installed the slab. Bud explained to the Board the construction of the slab. Bud informed Mr. Tomjanovich of Lake Central High School that the slab has been installed, so they can start building the pavilion. Ron informed the Board as to the hazard channel iron sticking out of the new slab, and has instructed Pete Monix to drill holes in the channel iron and put wood around them.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Fertilize Parks – The St. John Elevator estimated the cost of fertilizer for our parks to be about \$90.00 each for Larimer and Homestead. This to be done in the spring.
- B. Drinking Fountains – We need to replace the drinking fountain at Larimer Park, and install a new one in Homestead Park. The Junior Women’s Club may donate the one for the Homestead Park.
- C. New Infields for Parks – Ralph gave a report on Illinois Stone Screenings, which is the material used on baseball infields. The cost is \$4.25 a ton if we pick it up, or \$7.32 a ton delivered. We can have it delivered for \$2.50 a ton from O’Day Trucking. It would take about three truckloads or approximately 65 tons to cover one infield 3” thick. Ralph recommended we do the following infields: Security, Larimer, Keilman, and the two at Civic Park. After discussion, Ron made a motion to install Illinois Stone Screenings on the infields of Security, Larimer and Keilman baseball fields at a cost of approximately \$500.00 per field. Pete Monix and his crew to do the work as soon as possible. Motion seconded by Caroline. Motion carried 3-0. Ralph to follow-up.

ASSIGNMENTS

- A. Budget – Our budget stands at \$9,192.44. Our cash balance is \$2,459.41.
- B. Fitness Program – Aerobic Program still in progress.
- C. Public Relations – No report.
- D. Park Maintenance – No report.
- E. Liaison to Plan Commission and Town Board – No report.
- F. Summer Program – Still looking for a Summer Director. No one wants to commit themselves at this time. We would like to fill this position by January 2, 1985.
- G. Winter Program – Caroline is still working on a sledding hill. An ice-skating rink was discussed.
- H. Baseball & Softball – Ralph contacted Karen Wells of Girls Softball and discussed the renovation of the baseball infields.

CORRESPONDENCE

- A. We received a letter from the St. John Town Festival Committee. Ralph attended a meeting on November 14, 1984 and gave a report. The Board then discussed the Town Festival and decided that we would like to participate.
- B. Received a catalog from Brentwood Enterprises.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

The following bills were submitted for payment:

Concrete pad for Homestead Pavilion	3,612.25
Nipsco	117.33
Schilling Service Center	20.81
Sharon Smith	180.00

Ron Estep made a motion to pay:

Concrete pad for Homestead Pavilion	2,100.00
Nipsco	117.33
Schilling Service Center	20.81
Sharon Smith	180.00

As well as our pending bills. The remaining \$1,512.25 for the concrete pad in Homestead Park to carry over for next month. Seconded by Ralph. Motion carried 3-0.

OPEN DISCUSSION

David Bielski asked the Board to update the Master Plan for parks, recreation, and open space development. He gave each Board member a folder containing the necessary information and asked if this could be done as soon as possible.

Dave also recommended a Park Board member should attend Town Board meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

Being there was no further business, Ron made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Caroline. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

By: /s/ Ralph Ehresman
Secretary

Approved:

/s/ Ronald H. Estep
President
St. John Park and Recreation Board