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

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| Attendee 1, Ronald Estep | Attendee 4, Paul Anderson |
| Attendee 2, Ralph Ehresman | Attendee 5, |
| Attendee 3, Caroline Petrick | Attendee 6, |

The following members absent:

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| Absent 1, | 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 November 15, 1984 regular meeting were read. Being there were no errors or omissions, the Board voted to approve the minutes as read.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Ralph reported that Illinois Stone Screenings have been installed at Larimer, Security Federal, and Keilman baseball fields. The three baseball infields took 194 – ¾ tons of material for a cost of \$1,246.40. Ralph thanked Pete Monix and his crew for getting the job done so quickly.
- B. Ralph reported on the Town Festival meeting he attended on December 12, 1984. The Officers for the Festival are as follows:
 - ◆ Chairman – John Geary, Fire Department

- ◆ Co-Chairman – Bill Samuelson, Homestead Acres Association
- ◆ Secretary – Jim Wozniewski, St. John Chamber of Commerce
- ◆ Treasurer – Richard Thiel, Lake Central Band Boosters

NEW BUSINESS

The following transfer of funds was read by President Estep:

From Account	To Account	Amount
#201 Office Supplies	#340 Electric	\$100.00
#210 Fuels & Oil	#410 Fixed Equipment	\$350.00
#230 Other Supplies	#410 Fixed Equipment	\$900.00
#301 Professional Fees	#410 Fixed Equipment	\$500.00
#320 Printing	#340 Electric	\$80.00
#350 Building – Repairs	#410 Fixed Equipment	\$500.00
#351 Equipment - Repairs	#410 Fixed Equipment	\$450.00
#386 Recreation Personnel	#410 Fixed Equipment	\$500.00
#387 Sanitation Service	#410 Fixed Equipment	\$350.00
#430 Machinery & Equipment	#410 Fixed Equipment	\$750.00

The total amount to Account #340 Electric is \$180.00. This money is needed to pay added utility cost due to running our pump at Homestead Park to raise the level of the pond. The level of the pond sank about 5' when they dredged the ditch next to the pond.

The total amount to Account #410 Fixed Equipment & Buildings is \$4,300.00. This money is to cover the pad that was put into Homestead Park, and also all the stone that was put into the baseball fields.

Ron made a motion to approve these transfers. Seconded by Paul. Motion carried 4-0.

The Town Board approved this transfer of funds at their meeting on December 14, 1984.

ASSIGNMENTS

- A. Budget – After we approve the bills we have for this month, we will have \$2,576.38 left from our 1984 budget, which will be our ending balance.

For 1985, our budget has been approved intact for the amount of \$29,302.00, and we would like to thank the Town Board for their consideration. We will know our cash balance after Betty gets the tax payment.

- B. Fitness Program – Our Aerobic Program will stop for the holidays and resume on January 2, 1985. We are still having an excellent turnout for the program.
- C. Public Relations – No report.

- D. Park Maintenance – Basketball backboards, rims and nets are in need of repair. The Junior Women’s Club has donated a drinking fountain to the Park Board.
- E. Liaison to Plan Commission and Town Board – Paul offered his apologies to the Board for not being able to attend the meetings because of his work schedule. Hopefully, after the first of the year he will be able to work something out.
- F. Summer Programs – Caroline has two applications for our Summer Program Director. Caroline to check references and report back at our January meeting. The Summer Program was discussed at length. The Board will vote on a Summer Program Director at our January meeting.
- G. Winter Programs – Owners very apprehensive about us leasing their property for a sledding hill. Caroline still is looking for a place for ice-skating rink.
- H. Baseball & Softball – Ralph recommended that we purchase a load of Illinois Stone Screenings and put a pile at each ballfield to dress up the infields as needed.

CORRESPONDENCE

Received flyer from “Outdoor Recreation”.

Received flyer from “Clip Art”.

Received a new catalog from Miracle Park Equipment. Ron asked that this catalog be passed around for the new Board members to look at.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

The following bills were submitted for payment:

Nipsco	\$34.75
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Nipsco	\$46.09
Sharon Smith	\$65.00
O’Day Trucking	\$1,246.40
R. M. Excavating	\$425.00

Ron made a motion to pay the bills as read. Seconded by Paul. Motion carried 4-0.

OPEN DISCUSSION

The Master Plan – Ron stated that the Master Plan is in effect as our official Master Plan until such time as we decide to change it. The only time we have to update it is if we apply for a grant. The State would then require that we update it. The Master Plan was developed by a Quad Town Coordinator, who had a degree in Parks and Recreation. It requires a lot of work, and if we want to update it, we should start from square one. Ron does not feel we have the manpower or the time to do it. Ron also felt that we could get the Lake County Parks and Recreation Department to assist us on this at no cost. If we

are not going to apply for a grant then Ron feels there is no need to update the plan. If we feel we are going to apply for a grant, we should update the plan at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Being there was no further business, Ron made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Caroline. Motion carried 4-0. 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