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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, Caroline Petrick | Attendee 4, Ronald Estep |
| Attendee 2, Paul Anderson | Attendee 5, |
| Attendee 3, Ralph Ehresman | 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 new President Caroline Petrick. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was said.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the January 17, 1985 regular meeting were read. Being there were no errors or omissions, President Petrick ordered the minutes approved as read.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Update of the Master Plan for Parks – Ron has not heard from the Lake County Parks Department, so he contacted NIRPC (Northwest Indiana Regional Planning Commission). They do master plans such as ours. The Director of NIRPC to contact Ron and they will discuss what needs to be done in regards to the Master Plan.

- B. Ron read the Year End Report, and he will turn it in to the Clerk-Treasurer.

- C. Mower Deck – Pete Monix said he thought the mower deck would last this year, but we should appropriate money for a new one for next year.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. County Park Discussion – Ron stated that during one of the discussion meetings of the Tri-Town Cooperative Forum, the idea surfaced of try to establish a County Park somewhere in St. John Township and felt that the three park departments; Dyer, Schererville, and St. John could united and make a presentation to the Lake County Parks and Recreation Department. Ideally, the Lake County Parks Department looks for land with 100 continuous acres or more with some flat land for playground equipment; some gentle rolling hills; retention pond area; possibly a creek running through it; and some wooded areas. Ron presented a map showing the large acreage and who the owners are.

The Lake County Parks Department has a major boning issue coming up in 1987 for things such as purchases of park sites, and this is why we should get going on this as soon as possible. After a discussion, Ron passed the map on to Carl Delahanty who attended our meeting representing the Dyer Park Board, and asked him to present the idea to the members of the Dyer Park Board, and try to come up with some locations, and when they have done so, to give the map back to Ron so he can pass it on to the Schererville Park Board.

Ron stated when we have come up with some sites and selections, that representation from all three Park Boards set up an appointment with the Lake County Parks Department and discuss with them what we can do.

ASSIGNMENTS

President Petrick revised the assignments for 1985 as follows:

Budget	Caroline Petrick
Fitness Program	Ron Estep
Public Relations	Ron Estep
Park Maintenance	Paul Anderson
Liaison to Plan Commission and Town Board	Ralph Ehresman
Summer Programs	Caroline Petrick
Winter Programs	Paul Anderson
Baseball & Softball	Ralph Ehresman
Town Festival	Ralph Ehresman & Caroline Petrick
County Park	Ron Estep

- A. Budget – Out budget stands at \$29,116.27. Our cash balance is \$4,141.17.
- B. Fit Program – Our Aerobic Program is still going on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Ron thanked the Hammond Times for the photograph.
- C. Public Relations – No report.

- D. Park Maintenance – No report. Ron stated that he had received a request from one of the residents by Larimer Park that we take down the existing basketball poles and replace them with the ones that set back from the backboard. Paul to check on prices and get back to the Board.
- E. Liaison to Plan Commission and Town Board – No report.
- F. Summer Programs – Caroline called Dana Szakatits and told her she was selected as our Summer Program Director. Dana told Caroline that by March she would have a preliminary outline of what her programs would consist of for us to look at and approve.
- G. Winter Programs – Caroline reported that the ice-skating rink has been completed, but too many people were using it. Ron suggested that in the future, flyers should be sent to the schools to be distributed to the students informing them of the different summer and winter programs.
- H. Baseball & Softball – Ralph reported that we have one request for field use at this time, and asked the press to advertise again that the St. John Park Board is now accepting requests for baseball field use.
- I. Town Festival – Ralph reported that the Town Festival Committee would like a \$50.00 in advance from each organization for publicity and a total fee of 10% of the gross. Caroline reported that the “moon walk” from Fun Services would cost us \$750.00 for three days, and we would have to man it. Otherwise, they would take care of it, and give us 20%. They have the days open. Caroline to check contract from Fun Services and to use her own judgement whether or not to sign it.

CORRESPONDENCE

A request from Service Sanitation in Whiting, Indiana would like to be considered when decision comes for contracts. Since we use Service Sanitation, Ron suggested that Caroline call them to install one portable unit at Security Field and one portable unit at Larimer Park on May 1, 1985, and to remove them on September 3, 1985. The cost is \$75.00 per unit per month.

A request from Indiana Park and Recreation Association wanting us to join their organization at a fee of \$75.00 for our Board. Caroline recommended that we join this organization. After a discussion, Ron made a motion that Caroline joins the Indiana Park and Recreation Association as an Associate Member at a cost of \$15.00. Seconded by Ralph. Motion carried 4-0.

Received a brochure from the Lowell Park and Recreation Park Department on the Summer and Winter Programs that they sponsor.

Received an Arts & Crafts catalog.

Received multiple catalogs from Jennings of Indiana.

Received a Recreation Sports & Leisure catalog.

Received another Miracle catalog.

Received flyer from Huber School of Self Defense

PAYMENT OF BILLS

The following bills were submitted for payment:

Rogers Locksmith	\$3.15
Nipsco	\$34.75
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Nipsco	\$20.73
Sharon Smith	\$195.00

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

OPEN DISCUSSION

Discussed the possibility of putting a smaller piece of playground equipment at Homestead Park and adding a piece of equipment at Larimer Park. The Board decided to stick with the original plans.

Dave Bielski would like to see Timberlane graded and seeded. Paul to check into this.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

By: /s/ Ralph Ehresman
Secretary

Approved:

/s/ Caroline Petrick
President
St. John Park and Recreation Board