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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 Caroline Petrick. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was said.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the February 21, 1985 regular meeting were read. Being there were no errors or omissions, President Petrick ordered the minutes approved as read.

OLD BUSINESS

Update of the Master Plan for Parks – Ron contacted Hugh Rhein of NIRPC (Northwest Indiana Regional Planning Commission) and he told Ron that they would put together a Master Plan as a community service project. There will be no cost to do this, but there will be a printing cost of less then \$100.00. They will start working on this in about a month.

NEW BUSINESS

Nancy Nye and Martha Metts from the St. John Junior Women's Club presented a check for \$100.00, to be used on a drinking fountain and picnic tables for Larimer Park, to the Park Board. President Petrick thanked the Junior Women's Cob for their donation.

ASSIGNMENTS

- A. Budget – Our budget stands at \$28,827.89. Our cash balance if \$3,852.79.
- B. Fitness Program – The Aerobics are still going on and having an excellent turnout.
- C. Public Relations – No report.
- D. Park Maintenance – Paul contacted Pete in regards to Timberlane. Pete will roto-till, grade, and seed in about two weeks when it dries out a little. The Board discussed the possibilities of having the Girl Scouts and the 4-H Club plant flowers in the parks and take care of them as projects for their badges. The Board felt this was a good idea and the Board would purchase the flowers. Paul reported that the new backboards and poles for Larimer Park would cost about \$400.00 to \$600.00 per pole. The Board felt that if we have extra money at the end of the year, we should purchase these for next year. We will paint and fix up the existing poles and backboards for this year.
- E. Liaison to Plan Commission and Town Board – Ralph reported that the population of St. John has increased at a rate of 144% per decade.
- F. Summer Programs – Caroline reported on the conversation she had with Dana Szakatis.
- G. Winter Programs – No report.
- H. Baseball & Softball – Ralph made a motion to purchase a load of Illinois Stone Screenings to be used for repair of our new infields. Paul seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. The Board discussed the two requests for use of our fields. One was from Girls Softball and the other was from the Dyer Little League Nationals.
- I. Town Festival – Ralph reported on the festival meeting he attended. The festival committee agreed that we would have the only “Moon Walk” at the festival.
- J. Tri-Town Cooperative – Ron reported that Joe Skozen, who is a member of the Dyer Park Board, has agreed to act as Liaison between our group and the Lake County Park Board in regards to a County Park in St. John Township.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter from the Senior Artisan's Guild. Caroline to pass it on to a Senior Citizen Group.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

The following bills were submitted for payment:

Schilling Brothers Lumber	\$48.90
Nipsco	\$20.73
Thomas Keilman	\$1.00
Security Federal Savings & Loan	\$1.00
Sharon Smith	\$165.00
Peter Cunningham	\$15.00

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

OPEN DISCUSSION

Ron spoke to Mr. Tomjanovich at the Lake Central Carpentry Shop and they will start construction on Homestead Pavilion in about two weeks.

ADJOURNMENT

Being there was no further business, Caroline made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Paul. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

By: /s/ Ralph Ehresman
Secretary

Approved:

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