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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 Andersen | 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 7:36 p.m. by President Caroline Petrick. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was said.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the April 18, 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 NIRPC yet.
- B. Present and future goals for each assigned park. The Board discussed the following:
 - ◆ Timberlane - \$1,000.00 for landscaping and we hope we can get some fill from the new sewer project.
 - ◆ Lancer – To secure deed for the land.

- ◆ Security Field – Keep working on the infields.
- ◆ Keilman – Keep working on the infields.
- ◆ Larimer – Seal blacktop pavement on the basketball court and stripe it. Also, new backboards and poles. Add to the piece of equipment that is presently there. Replace the slide. Do something to improve the water line on the north side of the pond. Permanent restroom facilities.
- ◆ Homestead – Place four (4) barbecue grills around the pavilion at an approximate cost of \$150.00 per grill. Do more landscaping with trees and bushes. Budget \$2,00.00 for this. Build a pavilion at the East End of the park at approximately \$8,000.00. Run electric and water lines.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Petition to incorporate the management of Civic Park – Caroline submitted a written petition which read: “To the St. John Town Board Members: David Bielski, John Herr, Jerry Matlon, “The St. John Park Board petitions the Board members to incorporate the management of Civic Park with the operations of the other parks within the city. This would allow a more cohesive flow of services to the residents by the park system.” Sincerely Caroline Patrick, St. John Park Board President.” The Town Board said they would take this matter under advisement.
- B. Schererville Soccer Club request for field time – They would like to set up a soccer field at Larimer Park. They have approximately 100 children from St. John registered in their soccer club. This would be used as a practice field. They would not use the field until September. Ron made a motion that we allow the Schererville Soccer Club to use the east end of Larimer Park as a practice soccer field. Seconded by Ralph. Motion carried 4-0.
- C. Ron stated that he had a verbal request for field use of Larimer Park baseball field from a St. John resident, who was going to attend the Park Board meeting. Being the request was not in writing and nobody was present, the Board took no action on this request.

ASSIGNMENTS

- A. Budget – Our budget stands at \$28,537.95. Our cash balance is \$3,382.85.
- B. Fitness Program – The last Aerobic class is June 5th. We have had requests to continue the classes through the summer, but no facility is available. Approximately 76 people are registered.
- C. Public Relations – Ron thanked the press for the pictures of the new pavilion at Homestead Park.

- D. Park Maintenance – The water fountain at Larimer is working. Basketball backboards are painted and up at Larimer. Paul to spray the pond at Larimer for mosquitoes. Paul to check and see what we can do for the slide at Larimer Park.
- E. Liaison to Plan Commission and Town Board – Nothing to report on the Plan Commission meeting. Ralph reported on the May Town Board meeting. St. John to try to do something about pest control. Jerry Matlon requested the deed for the parkland at Lancer Estates.
- F. Summer Programs – Caroline introduced Dana Szakatits to the Board. The Summer Program was discussed at length. Ron wanted it made perfectly clear at time of sign ups that the Park Board is in no way endorsing or are we responsible for the Huber School of Self Defense. Ron made a motion to sign the contract with Dana Szakatits as our Summer Program Director for 1985 at a cost of \$1,500.00 for nine (9) weeks. Seconded by Caroline. Motion carried 4-0. Dana agreed to submit a written summary to the Board of the Summer Program and her recommendations for next year.
- G. Winter Programs – No report.
- H. Baseball & Softball – Some of the stone has been taken off of the infields because the fields were too soft.
- I. Town Festival – The festival will be held at the same place it has been held in the past. The carnival has been signed for a commitment of eight (8) rides.
- J. Tri-Town Cooperative – Waiting for Schererville to select their sites.

CORRESPONDENCE

Miscellaneous correspondence and catalogs were reviewed by the Board. Caroline received her “Indiana Parks and Recreation Association” membership card. Caroline reported on the “Reshaping Northwest Indiana Future” meeting hosted by Purdue University – Advanced Public Relations Class that she attended.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

The following bills were submitted for payment:

Nipsco	\$34.75
Nipsco	\$20.73
Sharon Smith (April, May & June)	\$309.00

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

OPEN DISCUSSION

The upcoming budget was discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

Being there was no further business, Ron made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Ralph. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

By: /s/ Ralph Ehresman
Secretary

Approved:

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