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

Attendee 1, Caroline Petrick	Attendee 4,
Attendee 2, Ronald Estep	Attendee 5,
Attendee 3, Ralph Ehresman	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 7:34 p.m. by President Caroline Petrick. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was said.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the July 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 – Nothing new to report.
- B. Lighting at Homestead Park – Caroline to contact Art Brambull at Nipsco in regards to this.
- C. Permanent Bathroom Facilities – Caroline does not have all the prices yet.

- D. Playground Equipment in Homestead – We are going to wait and see what the costs of permanent facilities are before we decide this. A ball field at Homestead Park was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Auction of Playground Equipment at Lake Central – Caroline attend and bid on merry-go-round if all the parts are there and is usable. To use her own judgement on the costs. The Board discussed a playground with tires.
- B. Budget – Our budget stands at \$24,140.47. Our cash balance is \$14,418.08.
- C. Fitness Program – We will have to delay our Aerobics Program until October because they are remodeling the Kolling School gym.
- D. Public Relations – No report.
- E. Park Maintenance – No report.
- F. Liaison to the Plan Commission and Town Board – No report.
- G. Summer Programs – Caroline read the report from Dana Szakatits on the summer program.
- H. Winter Programs – No report.
- I. Baseball & Softball – Girls Softball contacted Caroline in regards to hosting a Softball Tournament for next year. They need three fields in the same area. The Board recommends that they contact the Town Board and Boys Baseball in regards to using Civic Park. We would be happy to discuss this with them.
- J. Town Festival – The proceeds from the festival are not final. Officers for next year have been elected. They are Chairman – Bill Samuelson, Secretary – Jim Wozniowski, Treasurer – Nikki Matthews. The next meeting is September 4, 1985 at 7:30 p.m.
- K. Tri-Town Cooperative – The site recommended by the Tri-Town Forum is the property behind Lake Central High School. The reasons this property was selected are because it is centrally located within the Township. It does have accessibility to it. The County can possibly incorporate some of their programs with the facilities of the school, such as the tennis courts, the track field, and swimming programs. Ron talked to Dr. Rutledge from Indiana University who will provide us with an intern to do a feasibility study to submit to the Lake County Park Board. This will be a semester project for the intern. The approximate cost to be around \$800.00 to \$900.00 for the study. Ron made a motion to approve the Tri-Town Cooperative site recommendation of approximately 90 acres behind Lake Central High School and fund 1/3 of the approximate costs of \$800.00 to \$900.00 on the condition that Dyer and Schererville go along with it. Seconded by Ralph. Motion carried 3-0.

CORRESPONDENCE

Various correspondences were reviewed by the Board.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

The following bills were submitted for payment:

Dana Szakatits	\$382.50
Nipsco	\$20.73
Nipsco	\$102.44
Schilling Service Center	\$22.34

Caroline made a motion to pay the bills as read. Seconded by Ron. Motion carried 3-0.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Jerry Matlon asked if we had heard anything about the general condition of the ball fields. We told him that since we have scrapped some of the material of the infields, we have not heard anything.

Ron asked Caroline to check with Betty about he bidding process for our permanent structures.

ADJOURNMENT

Being there was no further business, Ron made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Ralph. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

By: /s/ Ralph Ehresman
Secretary

Approved:

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