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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 7:31 p.m. by President Caroline Petrick. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was said.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the October 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 – Caroline had a meeting with Allen Kress and he gave her numerous surveys to look over. Caroline asked us to look over the one she had selected with ten items and to customize it to fit our needs. Ron made a motion that we use the citizen questionnaire selected by Caroline for our citizen input. Seconded by Caroline. Motion carried 3-0.

The Board discussed the ways we should get the survey to the citizens of St. John. Ron asked Caroline to check with Dave Bielski to find out if we can have their machine print us a mailing list of or they have a mailing list or if their machine can address envelopes.

The following correction of the update were noted:

- ◆ Timberlane and Homestead Park were not listed in the existing park programs.
 - ◆ Civic Park is not controlled by the Park Board.
 - ◆ There is no mention of Lancer Estates land for park use. Ron stated that he had told Allen of these corrections.
- B. Lighting at Homestead Park – Nipsco is to put the light up when weather permits and then bills us.
- C. Permanent Structures at Larimer Park – Caroline still working on getting labor donated. Caroline tabled this until next month.
- D. Request for Funds for Senior Citizens – Jerry Goodlander stated that there are approximately 800 senior citizens of which 20% are from St. John, 40% from Schererville, and 40% from Dyer. Caroline called the State Board of Accounts and they told her we could not give a cash donation, we can provide contract services. Ron stated that some kind of agreement has to be made between St. John, Schererville, and Dyer and the Township, and the contract be signed by all three towns to contribute the money for services provided to the senior citizens of each town. Caroline stated that the State Board of Accounts recommended that this be done on the Town level. The Board has no problems letting the senior citizen organization have the money if they have the money and if we can do it legally.
- E. New Playground Equipment at Homestead Park – The order has been accepted by Miracle Equipment Company and they stated we should get the equipment sooner than usual because this is their slack season. Ron recommended that a claim form be issued as soon as possible so that we have it at our December meeting for approval.

NEW BUSINESS

Ron wanted a letter sent to Lake Central School Corporation asking what school facilities could be available to us for park programs.

ASSIGNMENTS

- A. Budget – Our budget stands at \$22,504.47. Our cash balance is \$11,958.46.
- B. Fitness Program – Ron stated that the average class size of last year's Aerobic Program was 16 per class. This year's class sizes have averaged 35 to 40 on Mondays and Wednesdays and 20 on Fridays. This is the largest Aerobic Program has ever been.
- C. Public Relations – Caroline to send a letter to the Girl Scouts thanking them for the flowers they put in at Larimer Park.
- D. Park Maintenance – No report.

- E. Liaison to Plan Commission and Town Board – Nothing to report on Plan Commission meeting in regards to the Park Board. The Town Board meeting reported that the Town Board is going to re-do the tennis court in Civic Park, and is going to do some work on the baseball fields in Civic Park over a two-year period. Another letter was sent out two weeks ago in regards to the deed for park property in Lancer Estates. The Town Board stated that they did not need competitive bidding on town projects less than \$25,000.00. Ron asked Caroline to check and see if this also is true for the Park Board.
- F. Summer Programs – Nothing to report.
- G. Winter Programs – No report.
- H. Baseball & Softball – Pete and his crew have been working on the infields. They have added three or four inches of stone on the infields and rolled it down. It seems to have done a lot of good. We are going to request that the infields be worked once a week.
- I. Town Festival – The Town Festival will be four days this next year. The site is not been determined yet. The Committee wants to know if we would sponsor a horseshoe contest. Caroline made a motion to give the check back, that we received from the “moon walk” to the Festival Committee for next year’s festival. Seconded by Ralph. Motion carried 3-0.
- J. Tri-Town Cooperative – The plans for a Tri-Town County Park have been tabled. According to the Lake County Park Department, there are no funds available now or in the future.

CORRESPONDENCE

Miscellaneous correspondence was reviewed by the Board.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

The following bills were submitted for payment:

Sharon Smith	\$270.00
Service Sanitation Inc (May – August)	\$600.00
Crown Rentals	\$100.00
M.A.B. Paints	\$29.10
Schilling Brothers Lumber	\$21.17
Jim’s Repair Service	\$21.56
Schilling Service Center	\$9.32
Nipsco	\$20.73
Nipsco	\$74.01
Gruel Brothers	\$23.00

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

ADJOURNMENT

Being there was no further business, Caroline made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Ron. 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