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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, Ronald Estep
Attendee 2, Paul Anderson	Attendee 5,
Attendee 3, Ralph Ehresman	Attendee 6,

The following members absent:

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 December 19, 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 reported on the progress of survey.
- B. Permanent Structure in Larimer Park – Nothing new to report.
- C. Progress of Playground Equipment Installation – Nothing new reported.
- D. Letter Sent to Lake Central School Corporation for Time-Sharing – Reported there was no reply.

## NEW BUSINESS

### A. Rotation of Officers:

Paul Anderson – President  
Ralph Ehresman – Vice President  
Caroline Petrick – Secretary  
Ron Estep – Member

Ron Estep made the nominations for rotation and Caroline seconded them.

### B. There were no requests for assignment changes or comments.

### C. Review of goals for 1986 for the next four (4) months were as follows:

1. Larimer Park permanent structure.
2. Lancer Park to be considered for development.
3. Timberlane Park development needs more fill before any other additions are made. A letter to be sent to Plan Commission for their leftover fill was advised by Ron Estep.

### D. Ralph Ehresman made a motion to purchase a new tape recorder and twelve tapes, seconded by Paul Anderson. All members approved.

## ASSIGNMENTS

### A. Budget – Our budget stands at \$33,302.00. Our cash balance is \$18,707.43.

### B. Fitness Program – The Aerobics Program is now meeting in the “C” wing alcove area of Lake Central High School on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. The fees remain the same of \$1.00 for non-residents and free to residents.

### C. Public Relations – No report.

### D. Park Maintenance – Homestead Park has lost the metal posts from the fitness trail. Larimer Park also has three bleachers that need replacing. It was also brought to our attention to allow \$800.00 for a new mower deck.

### E. Liaison to Town Meetings – Ralph Ehresman reported the issue arose about O’Day’s contributions made to the Park Department were discussed. Ron Estep said that because O’Day had developed Homestead Park he had fulfilled the requirements of land donations. Paul Anderson was re-appointed at this Town Board meeting. Dave Bielski is the Town Liaison to the Park Board.

### F. Summer Program – Ron advised us to look into the Lake County Park Programs that we may share.

### G. Winter Programs – No report of location of plastic large enough for ice-skating.

- H. Baseball & Softball – Press for schedules for March 20, 1986 from all groups interested in reserving field time.
- I. Town Festival Meeting – Ralph attended and reported that the Festival Committee has contracted the Wabash Valley Shows for the carnival concessions. They will have nine rides. They will not allow any outside rides. The festival will run June 19, 20, 21, and 22. They will also require a \$25.00 entry fee from all participants. Next meeting is January 22, 1986.

CORRESPONDENCE

The only correspondence received was a newsletter from “Indiana Parks and Recreations” about upcoming events.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

The following bills were submitted for payment:

Sharon Smith	\$180.00
Nipsco	\$34.75
Nipsco	\$20.73
Lake Central Vocational	\$250.00 for Homestead Pavilion

Caroline made a motion to pay all the bills, and Paul seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Ron brought up the issue of the ownership of lights at the Old Town Festival site. It was mentioned that these were donated to the Park Board by several different sources and Pete said we can have them if we take them down.

Ron also brought up the issue of the Hoosier 88 celebration within Indiana and wanted to know if we are going to join in on this? No one added anything to this discussion at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Being there was no further discussion, Caroline made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Ron. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned.

By: /s/ Caroline Petrick  
Secretary

Approved:

/s/ Paul Anderson  
President  
St. John Park and Recreation Board