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

Attendee 1, Paul Anderson	Attendee 4, Ronald Estep
Attendee 2, Ralph Ehresman	Attendee 5,
Attendee 3, Caroline Petrick	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 7:35 p.m. by President Paul Anderson. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was said.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the January 16, 1986 regular meeting were read. Correction to the minutes was the address of 11033 West 93<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, and the adjournment time added. The balance of the minutes was otherwise approved as read.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Master Plan Update – Survey requirements were discussed such as the cost of printing and mailing, since the Town is also looking into this kind of project we would like to join in their methods to cut the cost and eliminate problems of getting addresses and mailing costs. Paul was to contact Jerry Matlon for additional information, such as size of form, mode of mailing and return of questionnaire.

Larimer Park Permanent Structure – Caroline found someone to do the concrete and brick work and he was to see Danny Thiel about the details. Flint Alm from St. John Plumbing will do the plumbing. Location was brought up by Paul which will be

determined by the Town. Culverts should be covered so the area can be used for parking and will be included in this project. Paul recommended we visit the site to add out input.

Playground Equipment Installation – It has not been started. A deadline of May 1<sup>st</sup> for completion otherwise we will hire someone to complete in time for spring.

### NEW BUSINESS

Specific goals for each park in 1986:

Larimer Park:

1. Slide needs repair or replacement.
2. Basketball poles and nets need repair.
3. Sealing courts and re-striping.
4. Shoreline needs grooming and pond to be treated for mosquitoes.
5. \$50.00 is in the non-reverting fund and can be used for maintenance of the memorial.

Timberlane Park – Caroline received a complaint from a resident about the future development of this area for playground use. He said they don't want it. Paul recommended calling this resident for his input if we are planning to develop the lot.

Lancer Park – Town has deed to this property so we cannot act yet as to development.

Caroline mentioned starting to develop a wildflower planting in the parks. Ron cautioned the lack of water is still a problem. Girl Scouts to be asked to continue this year their Marigold Project.

Ron made a motion to re-seed the parks where needed. Paul seconded motion and a vote of 4-0 carried. Also the use of Copper Sulfate was discussed by Ron to reduce algae at the park ponds.

### ASSIGNMENTS

Budget – Our budget stands at \$32,816.52. Our cash balance is \$18,221.95.

Fitness Program – No complaints as far as moving. A monthly attended reported was recommended to be submitted.

Public Relations – No reports as far as Park business.

Park Maintenance – Nothing to report other than the repair of broken bleachers by the Town employees was completed.

Liaison to the Town Board meeting – A survey is also being undertaken by the Town. \$1,500.00 was allocated for fireworks for the Town Festival. Mr. Jerry Goodlander requests fund for Senior Citizens and was advised that the Park Board would cooperate with future requests if we are legally able.

Summer Program – Caroline contacted Dana Szakatits and offered the position of Summer Program Director. She will make a decision by next meeting, according to her school schedule. It was also mentioned that the Lake County Park Department also has programs we could share in the summer and Dana said she would call them.

Baseball & Softball – Ralph pressing for schedules to set. Caroline talked to Howard Marshall in regards to Girls Softballs using the concession area and he said they would be interested. Caroline brought up the requirements of policing and cleaning of the utilities they would use. He agreed to these terms.

Town Festival – Ralph didn't attend the meeting but was advised that the Committee still wants us to run the HorseShoe Contest on Sunday of the festival. Consult Mr. Brewer for details and rules. Ralph asked if someone would attend these meetings since he is no longer able and Paul volunteered. The first Wednesday of the month.

### CORRESPONDENCE

A trophy catalog was received and a Game Time catalog for replacement of parts of equipment. A "National Recreation Survey" was sent in. The "Indiana Parks and Recreations Association" sent "Profile Magazine".

### PAYMENT OF BILLS

The following bills were submitted for payment:

Sharon Smith	\$120.00
Nipsco	\$20.73
Nipsco – installation of light at Homestead and lighting for February	\$156.03

Ron made a motion to pay the bills. Ralph seconded and a note of 4-0 approved the payment of bills.

### OPEN DISCUSSION

Ken Fehlberg was the Girls Softball representative with their requests from the Park Department.

1. Field schedules were discussed for they must be made so as to allow other residents use of these ball fields.
2. Need repairs to backstops at Larimer and Security Federal fields.
3. Keilman needs to be leveled in the outfield.
4. Proposed dugouts at Larimer to be donated by the Lions Club.
5. A second ball field at Larimer that is groomed.
6. Installation of lights at Larimer.
7. Storage boxes for fields.
8. Permanent home plates.
9. Extra sand available for field use.
10. Fire hoses for foul line lining.

Ralph brought up the idea that Girls Softball could possibly assume some of these responsibilities and costs since they are the ones who use them.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

By: /s/ Caroline Petrick  
Secretary

Approved:

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