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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,
Attendee 2, Ronald Estep	Attendee 5,
Attendee 3, Caroline Petrick	Attendee 6,

The following members absent:

Absent 1, Ralph Ehresman	Absent 4
Absent 2,	Absent 5
Absent 3,	Absent 6

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by President Paul Anderson. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was said.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the February 20, 1986 regular meeting were read. There being no errors or omissions, President Anderson ordered the minutes approved as read.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Master Plan Update – Read the survey and made corrections as per the date of return, 30 days, and place to return to Town Hall with water bills or just drop off there. Also to go out with Town survey approved.
- B. Playground Equipment Installation – Homestead will be completed before deadline by Town employees. Meeting to be set for site approval.
- C. Permanent Structure at Larimer – Nothing new added until plans are approved.

**NEW BUSINESS**

A. Park Development – Paul Anderson listed goals for each Park.

Larimer:

1. Repair basketball backboards and straighten poles.
2. Seal basketball court and stripe.
3. Clean up shoreline of pond or fill.
4. Could the slide be resurfaced or should a new one be purchased.
5. Repair backstop.
6. Have supply of infield material available for repair.
7. Fill holes in outfield.
8. Site of new permanent structure.
9. Re-seed when necessary

Security:

1. Repair backstop.
2. Have supply of infield material available for repair.
3. Re-seed where necessary.

Homestead:

1. Copper sulfate in pond to kill algae.
2. Re-seed where necessary.
3. Install playground equipment by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Timberlane:

1. Re-seed where necessary.
2. Find fill.
3. Sign to be put up.

B. Mower deck purchase of \$800.00 from Gruel Brothers, the lowest bidder. Motion made by Ron Estep, seconded by Paul Anderson. Approved 3-0.

C. The idea of a new slide at Larimer was discussed because of the lack of replacement parts for the rusty one there. Paul suggested two types were available. Ron made a motion to purchase the wave slide for \$1,100.00 from the Miracle Playground Company. Seconded by Caroline. Motion carried.

## ASSIGNMENTS

A. Budget – Our budget stands at \$32,273.04. Our cash balance is \$17,925.19.

B. Fitness Program – Nothing new to report other than a \$68.00 from the non-resident fees was added.

C. Public Relations – Ron had nothing new to report.

- D. Park Maintenance – Pete Monix reported several bolts (60) were removed from the fitness trail in Homestead Park and needed to be replaced.
- E. Liaison to the Town Board – Ralph was absent for his report, but sent the message that the Town as turning the management of the Lancer Park over to the Park Board for development.
- F. Summer Program – Dana Szakatits was voted to be our Summer Program Director with the assistance of Barb Swanson. Their contract will be submitted for approval at next meeting.
- G. Winter Program – No report given.
- H. Baseball & Softball – Ralph absent and no report given.
- I. Town Festival meeting – Paul attended the festival meeting and the Park Board will sponsor the horseshoe-throwing contest on Sunday, June 22, 1986 of the festival.

CORRESPONDENCE

A newsletter from the Indiana Parks and Recreation Organization was sent for reservations for their convention in Terre Haute, Indiana.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Sharon Smith	\$165.00
Nipsco	\$24.38
Nipsco	\$20.73
Tape Record and tapes - case	\$36.61

Paul made a motion to pay the bills. Seconded by Caroline. Motion carried.

OPEN DISCUSSION

A neighbor of Timberlane Park voiced his disapproval of the future development of the park. His concern was that no one in the area wants the park and they will not use it. The Park Board mentioned that it is our responsibility to use the land for development not just let it set idly. The neighbor warns the Board that the need to make better organized plans before we develop further. A meeting to review the plans was made with the neighbor for review.

Also in discussion, Mr. Matt Casboni requested information about the contents of Larimer pond, and the Park Board's role in these matters. He was advised we had not added anything to the pond and he could review any previous minutes, for they are public records. An appointment was set and Caroline will meet with him.

ADJOURNMENT

Being there was no further business, Paul made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Ron. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

By: /s/ Caroline Petrick  
Secretary

Approved:

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