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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 was omitted due to lack of a flag available at that time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the April 17, 1986 regular meeting were read. Since there were no corrections to the minutes they were approved as read.

OLD BUSINESS

Master Plan Update – Master Plan Survey is ready and waiting for the Town to mail.

Larimer Park Permanent Structure – Plans were submitted to all three contractors. (Dewes Construction, Nelson Construction, and Wilson Construction). No written bids were submitted from anyone. Verbal replies by phone were given to Caroline. Dewes could not start the project until August or September. Nelson Construction said the job was too small. Wilson's phone has been disconnected. Paul recommends a meeting to review plans. Ron Estep and Paul Anderson walked off the area available and they think the structure is too large for the space available. Caroline disagreed. Paul made the comment that a 20' x 24' would be a sports complex size. Ron Estep thought the

West Side location would be ugly and the east side structure would be too large for the space available. Ralph Ehresman commented that he thought 20' x 20' or 20' x 18' would be the least size acceptable to him with two commodes in each side and one sink. He also submitted an electrical estimate of about \$2,000.00 in materials alone. Paul made a motion to meet at Larimer Park on Tuesday, May 20, 1986 at 3:30 p.m. to set a size and location for this structure. Seconded by Ron and all agreed to meet.

NEW BUSINESS

Larimer Park Pond – Paul contacted the Department of Natural Resources for aquatic control of the mosquito problem. They recommend a sample be sent to Bass Lake for analysis of the scum for correction by an acceptable way. The three other private owners of lake frontage were contacted as to this plan and voiced no objections to them. Paul also talked to Mr. Doffin of the Lake County Health Department and they will furnish “flit”, a high-grade mineral oil, for mosquito control. Paul made a motion to use “flit” at Larimer Park for mosquito control when it becomes available. Ron Estep seconded the motion. Carried 4-0.

Howard Marshall, Girls Softball spokesman, called and said a storage box 3' wide and 6' long and 3 1/2" thick was donated to the Park Board for Girls Softball equipment from Art Dills by the company he works for. Ron made a motion to accept this gift, seconded by Caroline. Motion carried 4-0. Caroline had a request from St. John Girls Softball for permission to put up score boards at all the baseball fields by Anita Horan. Board members want a location site and size before approval will be given.

ASSIGNMENTS

- A. Budget – Our budget stands at \$31,696.46. Our cash balance is \$17,101.89.
- B. Fitness Program – Ron reported that Sharon Smith, the Aerobics Instructor, is with child and can no longer continue the program. Debbie Sjoerdsma will continue in her place and is interested in the position in the fall. Ron made a motion to approve Debbie Sjoerdsma's contract, the same as Sharon Smith's, and Paul Anderson seconded motion. All members approved.
- C. Public Relations – Ron wants to set up a date for the press to take pictures of the flowers planted at Larimer Park by the Girl Scouts. Caroline to follow through with this request.
- D. Park Maintenance – Basketball poles and backboards were straightened. Copper sulfate will be put into Homestead Pond. Caroline questioned some trees that were either cut at or dumped at Timberlane Park and Paul said he would look into the matter. Timberlane Park also needs more fill. Ron Estep made a motion to take down utility poles at Larimer Park because they are useless and Ralph seconded. Motion carried 4-0. Caroline questioned when Lancer Park will be graded since the arrival of more fill was made.
- E. Liaison to the Town Board meeting – Ralph Ehresman couldn't attend the meeting, it was too crowded.

- F. Summer Program – Contract for Summer Program Assistant Director was approved for Barb Swanson. Fees collected go into non-reverting fund for supplies. Paul made the motion to approve the contract. Caroline seconded.
- G. Winter Program – No report given.
- H. Baseball & Softball – Schedules for games were submitted to Ralph with no Sunday games to be played by Girls Softball.
- I. Town Festival – Paul didn't attend the meeting but talked to Bill Samuelson and we are still sponsoring the Horseshoe Contest on Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with a \$5.00 entry fee. The entry forms to be available to local businesses. Mr. Brewer will assist in this project. All we need to furnish is some old water pipe, backboards and four horseshoe pits. Prizes will be determined by the amount of money collected for entry fees, with one half to be used for the purchase of the trophies. The balance of the entry fee to be donated back to the Festival Committee.

CORRESPONDENCE

A catalog from Brentwood Enterprises for playground equipment was received. The inquiry from the Fish Hatchery was received. Girls Softball request for scoreboards letter was sent. A company selling sports group pictures was also received.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

The following bills were submitted for payment:

Nipsco	\$146.03
Personnel – Aerobics Instructors	\$345.00
Miracle Equipment	\$1,160.29 slide at Larimer Park
Schilling Lumber	\$87.19
Fuel	\$5.79
Printing	\$55.90
Equipment	\$15.33
Landscaping – Lowell Stone & St. John Elevator	\$336.40 pea gravel and grass seed
Mower Deck – Gruel Brothers	\$874.00

Ron Estep made a motion to pay the bills. Seconded by Ralph Ehresman. Motion carried 4-0.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Paul made a comment that no fee is to be charged St. John residents for reserving the parks, and non-residents would be charged \$25.00 for each time. Caroline mentioned the Service Sanitation contract did not specify the months on the contract as we requested and she will contact them to make sure that summer means May through September.

ADJOURNMENT

Ron made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Paul. All approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

By: /s/ Caroline Petrick
Secretary

Approved:

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