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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, Ralph Ehresman	Attendee 5,
Attendee 3, Caroline Petrick	Attendee 6,

The following members absent:

Absent 1, Ron Estep	Absent 4
Absent 2,	Absent 5
Absent 3,	Absent 6

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Paul Anderson. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was said.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the June 19, 1986 regular meeting were read. Since there were no corrections to the minutes they were approved as read.

OLD BUSINESS

Master Plan Update – Paul requested that each member review their copy of the Master Plan for the September 18<sup>th</sup> meeting with any addition or corrections. This meeting will be held as the Public Meeting Input area of the update.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Aerobics Instructor – A resume was submitted by Pam Zych for the position of Aerobic Instructor for the Park Board Program. Paul looked into her references and background and everything appeared in order. Ron Estep, who is assigned the Aerobic Program, recommended Paul to hire her. Paul made a motion to contract

Pam Zych as per last year's contract because of her impressive background and credentials. Caroline seconded motion. Motion carried 3-0.

B. Park Development:

1. The survey indicated that the residents around the area of Lancer Park are in favor of the development of this park. Paul mentioned that this would be addressed.
2. Timberlane Park needs more fill before any other development.
3. Larimer Park – the Department of Natural Resources of Bass Lake, sent a questionnaire to help solve the algae problem in the pond. Mr. Robertson would be the person in charge.
4. Water fountains to be placed at Larimer and Homestead Parks in a convenient location to pavilions and water lines. Also a possibility of a hose connection would be explored.

ASSIGNMENTS

- A. Budget – Cash \$26,844.90. Budget, June deposit \$15,259.55.
- B. Fitness Program – No report given.
- C. Public Relations – No report given. Pictures of the Horseshoe Contest appeared in the Post Tribune.
- D. Park Maintenance – Paul reported everything was under control.
- E. Town Board Meeting – Ralph reported that the Town's survey had 100 returned and copies of the results per request at the Town Hall. Also we need an estimate for trees knocked down at Homestead Park submitted for replacement.
- F. Summer Program – Approved claim for refunds for the two-week balance due the families because the Director and her Assistant quit. Paul made the motion for refunds and Caroline seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- G. Winter Program – Nothing to report from Paul.
- H. Baseball & Softball – Ralph had nothing to report. Caroline submitted to the Board a petition with 70 signatures requesting the structure, bathroom/concession area, at Larimer Park be approved. Paul mentioned this issue had to be tabled and that only a Board member could request it be put on a future agenda. Caroline made a motion to re-enter the structure at Larimer Park on the agenda in September. Motion denied with the possibility of re-entering at October's meeting due to the subject of September's meeting. From the floor, Howard Marshall, Girls Softball representative, voiced concern that the facilities offered to the girls of St. John should be equal to the Boys facilities in the parks. He also addressed the issue of sensitivity for the area residents concerns about parking, but this problem will exist whether or not a bathroom facility is there or not. Anita Horan, Girls Softball President, also mentioned the fact that area girls must play baseball in St. John because of the league's rules and that this is not their choice. The issue of

reserving the parks was brought up. The correct procedure is to contact the President of the year and to place it on the calendar in the Town Hall.

- I. Town Festival – Paul reported that 21 pitchers participated in the Park Board sponsored Horseshoe Contest. Trophies were bought for \$100.00 and fees totaled \$116.00.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

K-Mart Supplies for Summer Program	\$74.74
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Nipsco	\$126.28
Bonded Chemicals – Homestead Pond	\$77.70 – Copper Sulfate
Summer Recreation Program	\$50.00 – Refunds

Ralph Ehresman made the motion to approve payment of the bills, seconded by Paul Anderson. Motion carried 3-0.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Ralph Ehresman recommended looking for larger parcels of land more centrally located and away from neighborhoods to develop an area that could handle baseball fields, soccer fields, and other sports activities.

Caroline asked David Bielski, the liaison from the Town Board in attendance, the avenues open to this Board for land acquisition. He stated that Ordinance No. 637, which requires developers to either donate land or money for park development, is used for this purpose. Also, a bond issue could be used but he cautioned using this method because of bad past experiences, expense of legal procedures, not to mention public disfavor for additional taxes this would incur. Mr. Bielski also commented that the Town is also looking into this problem of seeking larger parcels of land more suited to public park use. He stated that Mr. Monix is seeking owners of this kind of land to find out if they would be interested in selling or leasing their land for this purpose.

Concern for a timetable for this project was expressed by a member of the audience, but none was available.

Mrs. Phillips, a Larimer Park area resident, discussed the issue of putting just bathrooms at Larimer Park without a concession area. It was noted at the last meeting that other area residents were not in favor of any structure anywhere.

ADJOURNMENT

Paul made a motion to adjourn. Caroline seconded motion. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

By: /s/ Caroline Petrick

Secretary

Approved:

/s/ Paul Anderson

President

St. John Park and Recreation Board