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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 September 18, 1986 regular meeting were read. Since there were no corrections to the minutes they were approved as read.

OLD BUSINESS

Master Plan – Amended areas will be submitted with the Master Plan given to us. Other questions and additions were as follows:

1. Update of the Town map will be included.
2. Consensus from survey was discussed. It was concluded that a larger park facility was needed and to develop what we have.
3. Who received the survey? 1,100 were sent out via the U.S. mail and only 69 were sent back.

4. A concern was raised about the large sums of money spent on equipment purchased. It was recommended by Dave Bielski that we go back to the basics such as swings, slides, sandboxes, etc. and live within our means.
5. John Herr, Town Board member, stated that Ordinance No. 637 was geared for a way for developers to help with park sites within their developments or cash given for larger purchases when land was not available to donate for park sites.

He recommended that Board look for a large track (20 acres) of non-developmental land with cooperative funding efforts of users such as ball clubs, organizations, etc. not Town or Park budget money. Sites brought to our attention were:

- A. Off 93rd Avenue and east of U.S. 41.
- B. South of Lake Central bud barn area.

Caroline questioned Mr. Herr: What form of assistance would the Town Board give the Park Board in securing this large purchase? He stated his recommendations would be to increase our budget and use this venture as a joint effort of the Town and Park Board.

Paul asked a question on the Survey: If given the opportunity what other activities would you like? Replies were ice-skating to be held again and Senior Citizens needs addressed when requested.

What facilities need upgrading?

Lancer Park needs to be completed with fill, grading and equipment such as slides, swings, benches and sandboxes were requested by Mr. Patterson.

Ice-skating liability was questioned. Ron stated the Park Board is only liable for the Park's portion if skating was provided at Larimer Pond. Also stated if the Park Board were to purchase a large parcel of land, it would be geared toward a sports oriented nature.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was stated.

NEW BUSINESS

Park Development:

1. Timberlane Park – Sign ordered and the \$100.00 estimate still applies. Fill is $\frac{3}{4}$ completed with drain tiles added along the way.
2. Lancer Park – Sign purchased for \$100.00. Paul recommended a piece of equipment should be purchased. Ron suggested a swing set. Caroline suggested looking into eliminating a drainage problem with a drain tile or some other preventative measure. Paul to talk to Pete Monix about his recommendation for this problem. Landscaping to be added after settling of the fill.

3. Homestead Park – Paul attended a meeting of the Homestead Acres Homeowners Association and they stated they were happy with the playground equipment. They would like to address the needs of the teens in the area with a basketball court. Paul asked the Association to survey non-members of the area if they agree with this request. This endeavor would be a 40' x 60' court with a cost of \$3,900.00 to \$4,00.00. John Herr suggested the Board seek funding from this organization. The pump at Homestead has been shut off. Paul stated that the muskrat problem was resolved that caused the pump to run so long. Also, Paul recommends waiting for a reply from Homestead Homeowners Association for their consideration of pathways, a \$1,500.00 cost, and adding sandboxes.
4. Larimer Park – Paul recommended adding on to the current playground equipment from the Miracle Equipment Company with a cost of \$3,066.00. Ron made a motion to purchase this addition and Caroline seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. Also, the shoreline of Larimer Pond will be cut in the future. Basketball court will be resealed. Sandbox and pathways will be considered improvements. Repairs to the railroad tie path will be made. Mr. Herr questioned the use of something to up the pond. Paul stated he is in contact with Mr. Wickland, the Town Attorney, to resolve this problem.

Liaison to Lake Central School Board – A letter from Mr. Roman stated the desire to work jointly with the Park Board for future programs. Mr. Mauch to check with other members of School Board for a meeting to discuss this issue. Paul offered to act as the liaison to the Lake Central School Board meetings.

ASSIGNMENTS

- A. Budget - \$26,196.55.
- B. Fitness Program - \$89.00 in receipts. The program is going well, Ron said. An exercise in the pool at Lake Central was started after the regular program on Mondays and Wednesdays for ½ and a \$.50 charge per session. Ron made a motion to charge \$.50 for St. John residents and \$1.00 for non-residents for the Aerobic Program starting January 1, 1987. Caroline seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.
- C. Public Relations – No report given.
- D. Park Maintenance – Paul stated the water fountains were installed and winterized. Basketball court at Larimer Park to be sealed, when weather permits. Bridge needs repaired. Lancer and Timberlane to be filled.
- E. Liaison to Town Board meeting – Paul attended and stated only the muskrat problem was discussed that was Park Board business.
- F. Winter Program – Paul had received some literature from the Pines Ski Lodge about a package program for a minimum of 30 people. You could choose one of the weeks just for St. John residents to ski for a cost of \$9.00. Sign up sheets at the Town Hall, Mercantile Bank, and Anderson Motors. Also, hayrides at Fox Stables

could be used as a program from the Park Board with a \$60.00 minimum, if any group would be interested. Contact the Town Hall or any Park Board member.

G. Baseball & Softball – Ralph had nothing to report.

H. Town Festival – Paul and Ralph had nothing to report.

CORRESPONDENCE

Two letters were received from Lake Central School Board that were discussed. Michael Muenich sent a letter with a list of parcels of land with maps of land available to purchase in St. John.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Schilling Service	\$2.70
Nipsco	\$122.74
Nipsco	\$20.73
Pam Zych	\$277.50
St. John Water Department	\$247.35 – supplies for water fountain installation

Ron Estep made a motion to approve the payment of the bills as read. Ralph Ehresman seconded motion. Motion carried 4-0.

OPEN DISCUSSION

None added.

ADJOURNMENT

Paul made a motion to adjourn. Ron seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. 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