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

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| Attendee 1, Paul Anderson | Attendee 4, |
| Attendee 2, Ralph Ehresman | Attendee 5, |
| Attendee 3, Caroline Petrick | Attendee 6, |

The following members absent:

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| Absent 1, Ronald Estep | 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 October 16, 1986 regular meeting were read. Since there were no corrections to the minutes they were approved as read.

OLD BUSINESS

Master Plan Update – Paul submitted to the Board members the additions and corrections to the Master Plan to be reviewed by each member. Any corrections or additions should be forwarded to Paul before the next meeting. The narrative area of the survey will also be completed for the December’s meeting to complete the Master Plan entirely.

NEW BUSINESS

A Senior Citizens Program presentation was given by John Davies of Our Lady of Mercy Hospital in Dyer, Indiana, and a Len Sporman of Omni Sports Center in Schererville.

This at the request of Ron Estep, to explain the "Fun an Fitness Program" that these men represent along with the McDonald's Corporation. These groups goals was a coming together to maximize their resources with a minimum cost to seniors. A program to let them know we care and are concerned about their needs. The monthly program will be held in different locations each month, such as December at Omni, January at the Holiday Star Complex, and February at the Hammond Civic Center. A \$3.00 fee includes a mild form of supervised exercise, bingo or some other fun activity, and lunch. Hours will be from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 (noon).

Park Development – Paul Anderson asked for a motion to budget the remaining money of \$16,006.90 as follows:

- (1) Timberlane Park - \$2,540.00 for a base unit of Miracle Equipment.
- (2) Lancer Park - \$6,000.00 for playground equipment.
- (3) Homestead Park - \$4,000.00 for a 40' x 60' basketball court, goals and backstops.
- (4) Larimer Park - \$3,066.00 for additional equipment to be added on to the existing unit.
- (5) \$400.00 for four signs to identify each park.

Caroline made the motion to budget our dollars according to the above specifications. Paul seconded motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Paul to set up a meeting with the Miracle Equipment representative to discuss the specific items needed within our budget.

Ralph Ehresman reminded the Board we still need more fill at the park sites. Paul to explain later about a plan to secure the needed fill.

ASSIGNMENTS

Budget - \$22,525.63.

Fitness Program – Ron was absent, but a receipt for \$107.00 was given to Paul for the non-resident fees collected. No complaints were voiced about the \$.50 fee beginning January 1, 1987 for residents. Also, the "Aquacise Program" has been cancelled for two months due to the closing of Lake Central's pool.

Public Relations – Ron was absent, but Paul thanked the Post Tribune for the coverage information about the Aquacise Program that we sponsor.

Park Maintenance – Paul reported the wooden bridge over the ditch at Larimer Park was promptly repaired as per request. All parks have been winterized.

Liaison to Town Meetings – Ralph Ehresman attended the Town Board meeting and stated that the Town Board is establishing an escrow account that would allow the Town

to put money aside every year as part of their budget for unforeseen expenses. Ralph also attended the Plan Commission meeting and a town map was approved.

Summer Program – Caroline had nothing new to report. Paul made mention to the press that we are looking for a new Summer Program Director.

Winter Program – Nothing new to report. Paul has sign-up sheets for skiing still available. Ralph noted that Rich Hemphill, from St. John, has the concession at Wicker Park for cross-country skiing for \$3.00 ski rental and that it would be closer. Caroline mentioned the Lake County Park System has Lemon Lake an Oak Ridge Park available for cross-country skiing and equipment rentals also. The locations are much closer to St. John.

Baseball & Softball – Ralph had nothing to report.

Town Festival – Ralph had nothing to report.

Liaison to Lake Central School Corporation – Paul had a meeting with Dr. Roman, Hank Lawrence, and Wally Mauch for two hours, and they were very receptive to the idea of a joint venture in using the School's resources. Paul composed a letter, a copy enclosed, with our ideas to be considered. One is if Lake Central School Corporation is interested in developing an area between Kolling School and the Bus Barn. They would like to bring down to grade that area for baseball fields. Paul also sent a letter to Captain James O'Brien of the Army Corps of Engineering, asking for their assistance with this project to lower the grade at Kolling School. Paul also advised he contacted Mr. Wickland about the insurance coverage should the Park Board enter a joint venture to improve and use the area mentioned by Kolling School.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter from the Department of Natural Resources about insurance. A letter to be forwarded to the Softball League from the Amateur Players Insurance Group.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Schilling Service Center	\$28.64
Nipsco	\$200.73
Schilling Lumber	\$29.44
Pam Zych	\$315.00 (Aerobics Instructor)

Paul Anderson made a motion to approve the bills as read. Seconded by Ralph Ehresman. Motion carried 3-0.

Paul was requested by Betty Siedelmann, Clerk-Treasurer, to ask the Board to transfer \$250.00 from Account No. 388 to No. 387 for the Service Sanitation bill. Ralph made a motion to transfer. Paul seconded motion. Motion carried 3-0.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Caroline mentioned that the Board should also include in the disbursement of funds to replace the basketball backboards at Larimer Park. Two at \$350.00 would be needed.

Ralph Ehresman mentioned that one of the land plots being sought is no longer available for sale. The other parcel is stilling being explored.

ADJOURNMENT

Paul Anderson made a motion to adjourn. Ralph seconded motion. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

By: /s/ Caroline Petrick
Secretary

Approved:

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