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

The following members absent:

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| Absent 1, Bill Samuelson | Absent 4 |
| Absent 2, | Absent 5 |
| Absent 3, | Absent 6 |

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Ralph Ehresman. The Pledge of Allegiance was given

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the February 19, 1987 meeting were approved once the following correction was made. The sanitation facilities for 1987 duration of the contract should be from May 7th 1987 to August 31st, 1987.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Status of Playground Equipment purchased for Parks (Paul Anderson, Caroline Petrick and Pete Monix):
 - 1. Larimer Equipment – Basketball poles have been installed. Waiting for blueprint to come back because of incorrect blueprint.
 - 2. Timberlane – Paul Anderson to contact Pete Monix for locating equipment.
 - 3. Lancer Park – Will wait for fill to settle before locating equipment.

- B. Status of Parks Signs – Paul stated that the signs will be ready April 1, 1987.

- C. Fill for Parks – Ralph stated that Lancer Park has been filled and rough graded. Ralph mentioned that Pete Monix wants to install the equipment, final grade the park and seed it. Ralph stated that fill was donated by Dewey Snow. Ralph contacted Mike Muenich about donating fill for Timberlane. The fill would be available approximately June or July. Larimer Park needs fill for the shoreline. Ralph will contact Dewey Snow that the Park Board is interested in more fill and is willing to pay for the fill.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Summer Program Director – Caroline has contacted Kimberly Ann Clark in Lafayette. She is interested in expanding the Summer Program. Kimberly will be home on spring break in April and Caroline will sit down and discuss the Summer Program and her references. A motion was made by Caroline to table selecting a Summer Program Director until Caroline has interviewed Kimberly. Paul seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.
- B. Sanitation Facilities for 1987 – Ralph signed the contract and sent it back to Service Sanitation.
- C. Field Use of Land between Kolling School and Bus Barns – Paul has contacted Wally Malsch, liaison from the School board to the Park Board. Mr. Malsch stated that Paul should address the Lake Central School Board requesting use of the field. The School Board will then act on our request. The School Board is also going to clean up the retention area behind the north bleachers of the football field. This area could be used as a practice field. Ralph asked Paul to check on the cost of acquiring a backstop for this field. It was mentioned that to use the field by Kolling School, insurance would have to be acquired by adding this field to our policy.
- D. Landscaping Parks – Paul mad a motion to table a discussion on landscaping the parks. Caroline seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.
- E. Baseball Fields – Ralph has received one letter so far. The St. John Boys Baseball League requests use of the Keilman field from May 1st to July 31st, 1987 for the newly formed Instructional League. Ralph stated that the St. John Girls Softball League would be requesting field use also. Paul made a motion to table the use of Keilman Field until the April meeting so that an equitable division can be made between the Boys Baseball and the Girls Softball leagues could be made. Caroline seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

ASSIGNMENTS

- A. Budget – Caroline reported \$13,641.85 as our cash on hand, and the budget amount is \$31,449.79.
- B. Fitness Program – Paul reported that \$236.00 was collected and turned in with a bill for \$281.00. The average class size is 23 people. Pam Zych will gather information about putting together a Summer Aerobics Program.

- C. Public Relations – No activity.
- D. Park Maintenance – No report. Ralph asked all Board members to look at Homestead Park to help in determining a location for the basketball court.
- E. Liaison to Town Meetings – The Plan Commission passed two zoning changes of R-1 to R-2. The two locations are Wildwood and Patterson and on 85th Avenue. Both locations are for subdivisions and the developers are thinking of money in place of land to the Park Board. Ralph stated that he would like clarification if the money has to be used for parks in general or only in that area.
- F. Summer Program – No activity.
- G. Winter Program – No activity.
- H. Baseball & Softball – Caroline stated that the Girls Softball sign-ups are due March 21st. Paul stated that the Boys baseball sign-ups are done and the teams have been picked.
- I. Town Festival – Reviewed the details of last Festival meeting and the goal is to bring the people of the town together. Paul made a motion for the Park Board to run the Horseshoe Contest at the Town Festival. Caroline seconded motion. The motion carried 3-0.
- J. Liaison to School Board – Paul reviewed the information about the field availability earlier.

CORRESPONDENCE

Received catalogs from various suppliers.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Snow & Son, Inc Excavating	\$55.00 – one hour of grading
Miracle Equipment	\$10,949.31
Pam Zych (March)	\$281.25 for 18 – ¾ hours @ \$15.00 hour
Nipsco	\$20.63 (12-16-86 to 1/16/87)
Nipsco	\$20.62 (1/16/87 to 2/17/87)
Nipsco	\$5.94
Nipsco	\$194.67
Nipsco	\$24.27
TOTAL:	\$11,551.69

Paul made a motion to approve payment of the bills as read. Caroline seconded motion. The motion carried 3-0.

OPEN DISCUSSION

The pump at Homestead Park needs to be shut off.

Caroline asked if a copy of the Master Plan has been sent to the Department of Natural Resources. Paul stated that he is waiting for an updated map.

Bob Ponton stated that he is putting together an updated Town History Book. A photo of the Park Board and an article on the Park Board is needed.

ADJOURNMENT

Paul made a motion to adjourn. Caroline seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

By: /s/ William A. Samuelson
Secretary

Approved:

/s/ Ralph Ehresman
President
St. John Park and Recreation Board