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

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

The following members absent:

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

The meeting of the St. John Park Board was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by President Caroline Petrick. The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the January 14, 1988 meeting were read and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Fill for Parks – Nothing new at this time.
- B. Field Use of Land at Kolling School – Paul stated that the proper application had been filled out and turned into the Principal at Kolling School.
- C. Basketball Courts at Homestead and Lancer Parks – Caroline stated that Asphalt Services will not be able to pour until April 15, 1988. They will recommend a site for the court at Lancer Park.
- D. Swings – Pete Monix stated that they would be assembled next week.

- E. Fencing at Larimer and Homestead Parks – Larimer is done and will be painted in the near future. Homestead Park will be done when time permit, depending on the swing installation and basketball court construction.
- F. Structure at Lancer Park – Caroline stated that we have to wait until the appropriations are read at the next Town Board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Caroline confirmed purchase of six (6) picnic tables to be built by the Town employees.

ASSIGNMENTS

- A. Budget – Cash balance is \$25,718.03. Budget balance is \$36,952.00.
- B. Fitness Program – Pam Zych, Aerobic Instructor, attended the meeting. A long discussion was held concerning various programs which are currently offered and which are possibilities to help gain participation by town residents. The Park Board felt that Pam should organize a set of programs that we can try this summer on a trial basis.
- C. Public Relations – No report.
- D. Liaison to Town Board – Caroline reported that the Town Board read the names of the newly elected Park Board officers. A meeting of the heads of all departments was held on February 27, 1988. The Town Board suggested that the Park Board could make a bid on the land on U.S. 41 if it desired.
- E. Park Maintenance – Paul reported that the crews are ready to begin cleanup when weather permits. The recent vandalism on the water fountains was also discussed.
- F. Summer Program – Previously discussed.
- G. Winter Program – No report.
- H. Baseball & Softball – A schedule was received from St. John Girls Softball which was basically the same as previous years. A conflict will exist at Keilman Field with St. John Boys Baseball, which will be mutually worked out as in the past.
- I. Town Festival – Ralph reported that June 16th through the 19th, as the dates for this year's festival.
- J. Liaison to Lake Central School Board – Previously discussed.

CORRESPONDENCE

Miscellaneous correspondence was received.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Pam Zych	\$131.25
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McShanes	\$86.04
Nipsco	\$21.32
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Nipsco	\$31.03
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Ralph made a motion to approve the bills as read. Paul seconded motion. Vote carried.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Caroline has been in contact with Service Sanitation. A motion was made by Ralph, and seconded by Paul to sign a contract with them at the same rate as last year. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Bielski reported that Bill Samuelson has resigned from the Park Board.

Mr. Bielski also reported that the Lantern Woods Homeowners Association wanted to know if the Park Board would be interested in accepting a parcel of land in that subdivision with certain limitations. It was suggested that the association contact the Park Board for a discussion.

Mr. Wickland, Town Attorney, was present and a long discussion ensued concerning the possible purchase of the property to the south of the Lake Central Bus Barns. Various ways of appraising, purchasing and financing were discussed. It was moved that the Town Engineer gives the Board a preliminary estimate for the cost of improvements and that a local realtor be contacted to give the Board an approximate value of the property. Ralph made a motion to contact Vern Lee & Associates to make an appraisal. This was seconded by Caroline. The vote was unanimous.

The proposed Louis Estates subdivision was discussed. Ralph made a motion to accept cash in lieu of parkland from the developers of this subdivision. The motion was seconded by Caroline. The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT

Ralph made a motion for adjournment. Motion seconded by Paul. The vote was unanimous and meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

By: /s/ Paul J. Anderson
Secretary

Approved:

/s/ Caroline Petrick

President
St. John Park and Recreation Board