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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,	Absent 4
Absent 2,	Absent 5
Absent 3,	Absent 6

The meeting of the St. John Park Board was called to order at 7:33 p.m. by President Caroline Petrick. The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the March 10, 1988 meeting were read and approved.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Fill for parks was discussed.
- B. Field Use of Land at Kolling School – Paul reported that the field at Kolling is approved for our use at no charge.
- C. Basketball Courts at Homestead and Lancer Parks – Lancer needs more san fill before the court can be started. Asphalt Services estimated the cost to be \$600.00 to \$650.00. Paul made a motion to have Asphalt Services provide the sane at a cost not to exceed \$650.00. The motion was seconded by Ralph. The vote was unanimous. Ralph suggested that the sand across from Sherwood Club be investigated before the final approval is given to Asphalt Services. Asphalt Services

will finish both parks as soon as possible. It was also suggested by Mr. Monix that the basketball courts be made somewhat larger. Lancer Park to be made 50' x 90' and Homestead park to be lengthened by 24'. Ralph so moved and the vote was unanimous.

- D. Swings – Installation is completed and pea gravel will be placed under each set.
- E. Fencing at Larimer and Homestead Park – Fencing at Homestead is contingent on the completion of the basketball court. Fences at both parks will be painted as soon as possible.
- F. Structure at Lancer Park – Caroline reported that the money has been approved for the structure from last year's money. The cost of materials to be \$8,750.88. We will seek bids at the May meeting for actual construction and concrete work.
- G. Picnic Tables – Construction is completed.

#### NEW BUSINESS

None

#### ASSIGNMENTS

- A. Budget – Cash balance of \$36,567.40. Budget balance of \$36,952.00.
- B. Fitness Program – Pam Zych discussed ideas for a summer program. Kolling School will not be available for summer use. Therefore, an outdoor program will be the most feasible. Pan showed a sample slyer which will be passed out tot he various subdivisions.
- C. Public Relations – No report.
- D. Liaison to Town Board – Caroline attended the last meeting and reported that a new Republican Park Board Member should be appointed on May 4<sup>th</sup>.
- E. Park Maintenance – No report.
- F. Summer Program – Previously discussed.
- G. Winter Program – No report.
- H. Baseball & Softball – A letter was received from St. John Girls Softball requesting the following:
  - (1) The infields of Larimer, Security and Keilman be skimmed.
  - (2) A six-foot chain-link fence be installed in front of each bench area at the three fields.

The Board stated that the infield preparation will be done, but that any other improvements that they desire be made at their own cost. Also, any improvements must be approved by the property owner.

I. Town Festival – No report.

J. Liaison to Lake Central School Board – Previously discussed.

CORRESPONDENCE

Miscellaneous correspondence was received.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Pam Zych	\$243.75
Nipsco	\$31.03
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Schilling Lumber	\$347.04

Caroline made a motion to approve the bills as read. Paul seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Caroline suggested that some type of landscaping be done around the park signs. A discussion took place concerning various types. Caroline will contact a number of landscaping firms to obtain ideas and pricing.

It was said that the Homestead Homeowners Association would like to donate enough money to the Park Department so that volleyball posts could be installed at Homestead Park.

ADJOURNMENT

Ralph made a motion to adjourn. This was seconded by Paul. Vote was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

By: /s/ Paul J. Anderson  
Secretary

Approved:

/s/ Caroline Petrick  
President  
St. John Park and Recreation Board