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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 7:32 p.m. by President Caroline Petrick. The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

OLD BUSINESS

Field Use of Kolling Land – Paul stated that the final contract was received from the School Corporation.

Basketball Court at Homestead Park – Asphalt is done.

Basketball Court at Lancer Park – Sand and fill is in place, asphalt will be done after settling takes place.

Swings – Installation is completed, need pea gravel.

Fence at Homestead Park – Waiting for completion of court.

Lancer Park Structure – We have received the billing and it should be shipped in three weeks.

Landscaping – Will receive quotes in July or August.

Vandalism at Homestead Park – Rope on equipment has been cut, pump and electrical box tampered with. These damages seem to be happening on weekends. The question was raised, “should we request more patrols at these time?” No repairs to be made at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Budget – The Board received a letter from the Town Board stating our budget meeting would be held on June 4th at 1:30 p.m. Ralph suggested that the budget be changed to be sure to avoid shortages in particular line items, i.e. raise Gas & Electric. We will receive approximately a 3% increase. Paul suggested putting more money in the capital outlay section of the budget to clean up Larimer Pond. The cost of the clean up would be \$6,000.00 to \$10,000.00. Paul suggested that we should request \$5,000.00 to \$6,000.00 to cover the Park Board’s portion of this project. It was also noted that the neighbors who own portions of the pond seem to be cooperative.

The Board discussed the transmittal of water from the Homestead Lagoon to Bull Run Ditch. An engineer’s report was read offering suggestions and remedies. The Town Board suggested that we have the Public Works Department plug the hole so that a large dollar amount would not have to be spent at this time. It was discussed if this cost should be added to the new budget.

ASSIGNMENTS

Budget - \$3,6952.00 budget and \$44,648.53 Cash (includes encumbered funds).

Fitness Program – Pam Zych sent copy of flyer, which will be distributed, for the summer program.

Public Relations – No report.

Town Board Liaison – Caroline attended. Nothing related to parks was discussed.

Park Maintenance – Previously discussed.

Summer Program – Previously discussed.

Winter Program – No report.

Baseball & Softball – A letter was received from Security Federal stating that they wanted no permanent structures erected at Security Field. A cyclone fence was installed by the St. John Girls Softball League. This was an approved structure. This fencing was also installed at Keilman Field. The Board voted to provide \$270.00 so that a similar fence could be installed at Larimer Park. The league will provide the labor.

Ralph made the motion, seconded by Caroline, and all voted in favor. Letters were received from St. John Girls Softball and St. John Boys Baseball suggesting possible scheduling conflicts at Keilman Field. The Board felt that the two parties involved should work out these problems.

Town Festival – Park Board will host the Horseshoe Contest. Paul to contract Mr. Harold Brewer about managing the contest. Paul will purchase trophies.

Liaison to Lake Central – No further information.

CORRESPONDENCE

Various catalogs were received.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Litchfield	\$8,554.00
Nipsco	\$31.03
Asphalt Service	\$3,115.00
Gruel Brothers	\$75.90
Equipment	\$21.00
Nipsco	\$31.03
Nipsco	\$21.32
Nipsco	\$52.06
Pam Zych	\$76.25

Ralph made a motion to pay the bills as read. Caroline seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

OPEN DISCUSSION

A neighbor of Lancer Park attended the meeting, complaining of miscellaneous damage to her property by children playing at the park. She suggested that the Park Department put up bushes to separate the properties. Paul suggested that we use funds to plant bushes rather than for place more fill. Ralph suggested that the Town Board obtain another member for the Park Board as soon as possible.

ADJOURNMENT

Ralph made a motion to adjourn. Caroline seconded the notion. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

By: /s/ Paul J. Anderson
Secretary

Approved:

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