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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, Caroline Petrick | Attendee 4, |
| Attendee 2, Ralph Ehresman | Attendee 5, |
| Attendee 3, Carl Brown | Attendee 6, |

The following members absent:

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| Absent 1, Patty Atkins | Absent 4 |
| Absent 2, | Absent 5 |
| Absent 3, | Absent 6 |

The meeting of the St. John Park Board was called to order at 7:38 p.m. by President Caroline Petrick in the fire house meeting room.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was given.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the October 20, 1988 meeting were read and Ralph corrected the statement that we contact Dewey Snow for bids to correct to read leaving for bids out, to we contact Dewey Snow to level off the fill.

OLD BUSINESS

Fill for Parks – Still in need of more fill when available.

Field Use Statement from Lake Central School – Ralph brought up the need to renew annually, our commitment from the current Lake Central Board members each April so as to keep current with their thoughts.

Mr. Wickland appeared at the meeting to discuss the preliminary procedures and methods to acquire the land purchase. He explained the steps needed to take to get aid from the state to fund this project. Copies of the procedures outlining these first steps were given to each member present. The first stop was to get an official Department of Natural Resources appraisals from two appraisers. We had already agreed at last meeting to hire John Krum and Anthony Forzt if they are interested.

Landscaping Bids – Caroline reported contacting several landscapers who cautioned putting in landscaping without access to water at the sites, could not be guaranteed. Caroline suggested we table this item until the spring when the water lines for the parks may be completed.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Dewey Snow has been contacted about our request for excavation work at Lancer and High Line Parks. He hasn't responded to the Board as yet.
- B. Goal Setting for 1989 – Discussed with the budget increases for summer hourly wages for grass cutting and Larimer Pond cleanup have been included for next year. A suggestion by Ralph Ehresman was given to put soccer field in at High Line Park.
- C. Caroline met with the Miracle Equipment representative, Vic Levan, to find an addition to Timberlane Park's Natureville equipment. They came up with a suspension bridge, deck, and a 12' tornado slide at \$5,719.74. Ralph made a motion to purchase the additions. Carl seconded motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- D. Caroline mentioned the need to order the basketball standards, backboards, and nets for Lancer Park's basketball court. A quote from Miracle for \$917.00 was given. Ralph made a motion to purchase this equipment. Caroline seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

ASSIGNMENTS

- A. Budget – Cash on hand is \$18,257.63. Budget of \$36,952.01.
- B. Fitness Program – Report given by Pam Zych with attendance is in her bill.
- C. Public Relations – No report given.
- D. Liaison to Town Board Meeting – Caroline attended and the only item concerning the Park Board was the appearance of a group protesting the multi-family section in the Sun Meadows Development. They also submitted a petition with others in objection to the multi-family aspect.
- E. Winter Programs – None held.
- F. Summer Programs – No activity at this time.
- G. Maintenance – Pete stated he would get the pea gravel soon.

- H. Baseball & Softball – No report given.
- I. Town Festival – Committee inactive at this time.
- J. Liaison to Plan Commission – Carl attended and questioned if we are receiving our correspondence from the Plan Commission. All agreed that we had. He also brought along the preliminary drawings for Sun Meadows Subdivision from the Plan Commission for the Park Board to view. Ralph discussed the need for more land space large enough for more baseball fields.

CORRESPONDENCE

Only correspondence received was from the Plan Commission’s news.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Asphalt Services	\$8,245.00
Sanitation Services	\$1,275.00
Pam Zych	\$131.25
M.T.S. Supply	\$33.05
Schilling Brothers Lumber	\$52.72
Nipsco	\$21.32
Nipsco	\$25.08
Caroline Petrick (keys for new members)	\$6.66

Ralph made a motion to pay the bills as read. Caroline seconded motion. Motion carried.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Carl discussed the need to find out if the Park Board will be involved financially this year with the Larimer Pond cleanup by the next meeting. Ralph and Carl renewed the need to get Dewey Snow to work on Lancer and High Line Parks before the weather gets too bad. No other discussion was offered.

ADJOURNMENT

Carl made a motion to adjourn. Ralph seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

By: /s/ Caroline Petrick
Acting Secretary

Approved:

/s/ Caroline Petrick

President
St. John Park and Recreation Board