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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, Mary Anne Koke |
| Attendee 2, Richard Conaway | Attendee 5, |
| Attendee 3, Michael Adams | Attendee 6, David Wickland, Attorney |

The following members absent:

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

The meeting of the St. John Park Board was called to order by President Caroline Petrick at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was given.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The December meeting minutes were read and approved with a motion by Caroline Petrick and a second by Richard Conaway.

Mr. Wickland suggested that a copy of the minutes be sent to the Clerk-Treasurer and to his office. Mr. Wickland also informed us that if we would distribute a copy of the minutes before the meeting, the minutes would not have to be read, just a motion would be needed to approve the minutes as read unless there are any additions or corrections.

The January 19, 1989 minutes were read and approved with a motion by Richard Conaway and a second from Mary Anne Koke.

Resolution No. 3-16-89 was introduced and discussed. The Board decided to table the resolution until further information was acquired as to the charges and procedures that

other nearby communities used for the use of their pavilions in the parks for citizens of the community and people outside the immediate community. Mike Adams said he would contact nearby communities to attempt to gather this information and would have it for the Board by the next meeting.

A discussion regarding Sun Meadows development and the area designated for the Park, was discussed. It was the view of the Park Department to accept the concept of Sun Meadows development, as long as the area designated for the park could be maintained. This without having to wait for the once a year that it could be burned to rid the park of weeds, trash, etc. It was agreed upon by the Park Board to draft a letter to the Plan Commission recommending that this is our position. A motion was made by Caroline Petrick that we recommend the proposal for Sun Meadows wetland sketch dated 3-14-89 as a controllable area for the park, with a second by Richard Conaway.

As of the meeting on March 16, 1989, it was the general consensus that fill for the parks has not been distributed. Mr. Conaway stated that he would discuss this with Mr. Monix and inform the Park Board of what transpired at the next meeting. It was brought to our attention that soon we would have all the fill we needed.

A discussion took place regarding the water runoff in Fairway development, and how the land specified for park area was under water. It was also noted that the retention/detention pond was not working like it should. Mr. Conaway said he would discuss this with Mr. Monix.

Surface for under the swing sets has been purchased but has not been put down as of yet. As soon as the weather improves it will be put down.

Fencing for Homestead Park on the east side, as of this meeting, has not been installed. The west side has been completed.

Signs for the parks are in the process of being completed.

Appraisals for the land purchase were discussed. The owner has some complaints regarding the constraints the Department of Natural Resources is imposing upon them regarding appraisals. Apparently when there is State or Federal money involved, the appraisals have to be done in a particular fashion. An idea was to have the owners present at the next Park Board meeting. Mr. Wickland said that he would contact them regarding this.

Mr. Monix has suggested that the Park Department purchase a piece of equipment that will aid in grooming around the wetlands. The cost is approximately \$10,000.00.

ASSIGNMENTS

- Budget - \$8,284.71 in cash. \$47,371.43 in budget.
- Public Relations – Nothing to report.
- Liaison to Town Board – Beckman bond has been reduced.

- Winter Programs – Nothing to report.
- Summer Programs – Assigned to Mike Adams.
- Park Maintenance – Mr. Conaway will check on fill with Pete about Fairway Park and Dewey concerning Highline Park fill.
- Baseball & Softball – Mr. Conaway stated that at the last meeting for the Town little league, that landscapers will be consulted for improvements on the fields, and the cost would be absorbed by the leagues.
- Town Festival – Mr. Conaway will speak with Mr. Wozniowski regarding when the next meeting will take place for festival plans.
- Liaison to Plan Commission Meetings – Mary Anne Koke spoke to Glen Eberly in obtaining layouts, plats, etc. of plans for park areas that we will be looking at eventually. Caroline stated that the work sessions are probably the more important meetings to attend. This meeting is held on the third Wednesday of each month at 8:00 p.m.

It was noted that the contracts for the portable toilets were completed at the same price as last year of \$75.00 a month from May through September of 1989.

A motion was made by Richard Conaway with a second by Mike Adams, to pay the bill from Service Sanitation of \$75.00 a month for services from May through September 1989. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Richard Conaway, with a second by Mary Anne Koke, to renew the lease for Keilman Field. Motion carried,

A motion was made by Caroline Petrick, with a second by Mary Anne Koke, to renew the lease for Security Field. Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

A motion was made by Richard Conaway, with a second by Mary Anne Koke to pay all bills, except for the apparent bill from Dewey Snow. Motion carried.

OPEN DISCUSSION

None offered.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mike Adams, with a second by Caroline Petrick to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

By: /s/ Michael Adams
Secretary