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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, Richard Conaway | Attendee 4, Colleen Hansen |
| Attendee 2, Mary Anne Koke | Attendee 5, |
| Attendee 3, Caroline Petrick | Attendee 6, |

The following members absent:

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

The January meeting of the St. John Park Board was called to order 8:00 p.m. in the St. John Town Hall.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Petrick made a motion for acceptance of the minutes from the November and December 1991 Parks and Recreation Board meetings, seconded by Mrs. Koke. Motion carried 3-0. Ms. Hansen abstained since she was not a member, nor in attendance at that time.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion regarding South Olcott Park concerned the lack of funds to move telephones poles, quoted by Nipsco at a cost of \$22,672.96, enabling the installation of a soccer field. Decisions for this parkland were tabled until the next meeting.

Mr. Conaway will inquire as to whether or not the parkland for Sun Meadows subdivision has been deeded to the Town. Since that area remains untouched to date, the Park

Board will look into when its completion is scheduled. Originally, the developer, Joseph Beckman, presented an impressive design for the area. Mr. Conaway will also request an improved means of communication between the Park Board and the Town Council.

Due to the new impact fee legislation that has gone into effect as of January 1, 1992, Mr. Conaway expressed his concern that the "cash in lieu of parkland" for phase two of Willow Ridge Manor may be lost. The total expected was \$19,000.00. The Town has already received \$9,500.00 for the first phase, but stands to lose the remaining \$9,500.00. A meeting has been called for January 29, 1992 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall to discuss the effects of this new law enacted by state legislators.

The deed for Fairway Park has been issued to St. John. Dead trees on the east side of the property have been taken down. However, there has been no work done on the northwest side of the area. Public Works Director, Pete Monix, has pledged to remove the dead trees any remaining debris. Plans for the park include a rustic shelter on the east side and playground equipment on the northwest section.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Election of Officer for 1992 took place. Nominated and unanimously approved:

Richard Conaway – President
Mary Anne Koke – Vice President
Colleen Hansen – Secretary

Assignments for 1992:

Budget	Richard Conaway
Fitness Program	Caroline Petrick
Public Relations	Colleen Hansen
Liaison to Town Council	Caroline Petrick
Winter / Summer Programs	Colleen Hansen
Preventative Maintenance	Richard Conaway
Baseball & Softball	Richard Conaway
Liaison to Plan Commission	Mary Anne Koke

Plans for the Central Park are still under discussion. Mr. Conaway will contact the Town Council President, Kenneth Gembala, to set a meeting to discuss the Town's commitment to the project. Presently, stated Mr. Conaway, there are not enough ball fields for the number of teams in the town, a condition of urgent concern to the various children's leagues.

Turnout to the volleyball games and aerobic sessions has been very good. Volleyball is averaging about 15 an evening. Aerobics is averaging 22 each evening.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Mrs. Koke made a motion for payment of the bills. Motion seconded by Mrs. Hansen. Motion carried 4-0.

ANY AND ALL

Discussion to determine the date and time for Board meetings led to a motion by Mrs. Petrick, seconded by Mrs. Hansen for the third Thursday of each month at 8:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. Motion carried 3-1, with the negative vote from Mrs. Koke.

Mr. Conaway will advise the Homestead Homeowners Association of the Board's approval (passed in December 1991) to split the cost of a Geodesic Climber for the Homestead Park. Total cost of the equipment is \$900.00. The Park Board will contribute \$450.00.

Fifth precinct committeeman, George Rogus, asked the Board members if there was any possibility for parkland for the Watts subdivision. He stated that there have been many young families moving into that area that had questioned him about it and there are no parks on the Hanover Township side of St. John. The Board will look into the matter.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Koke motioned to adjourn at 9:35 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Conaway. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

By: /s/ Colleen Hansen
Secretary