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The Park Board of the Town of St. John met on this date with the following members present:

Attendee 1, Richard Conaway	Attendee 4,
Attendee 2, Colleen Hansen	Attendee 5,
Attendee 3, Caroline Petrick	Attendee 6,

The following members absent:

Absent 1, Mary Anne Koke	Absent 4
Absent 2,	Absent 5
Absent 3,	Absent 6

The April meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board was called to order 8:05 p.m. in the St. John Town Hall. The regularly scheduled meeting, normally held on the third Thursday of the month, was changed as a courtesy to help alleviate conflicts with the Waterworks and Sanitary Board meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made to approve the minutes of the march 17, 1992 meeting by Colleen Hansen. Seconded by Caroline Petrick. Unanimous approval.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken Jakubowicz of 9804 West Oakridge Drive, Commissioner of the Boys Babe Ruth Baseball League, appeared before the Board seeking an update regarding fields for organized sports in St. John. According to Mr. Jakubowicz there are no Babe Ruth size fields for practice; Girl's Softball has two fields at Keilman and Civic Park. Boys are practicing on a two-hour revolving shift schedule now. Richard Conaway has arranged for use of the Lake Central High School fields for the Girls Little League teams.

Richard Conaway advised that the Park Board is working with the Town Council liaison, Carl Brown, to secure fields. Both for practice and regular competitive games.

Central Park – The Central Park location on the east side of U.S. 41 still presents a problem. At the suggestion of Councilman Kenneth Gembala, Board members will consider a 30-acre parcel of land on the south side of Joliet Street. Richard Conaway stated that the indication is that the owners are open to selling the property to the Town. The area lies on the west and south perimeters of the Hack Family memorial.

Fairway Park – The park is now graded. Public Works Director, Pete Monix, will seed it as soon as weather permits and bill the Park Department. This park, along with Patnoe Park, are the first priorities for playground equipment with this year's available funds, approximately \$17,000.00.

Colleen Hansen to contact sales agents from playground equipment companies for designs in plastic and steel to remain within the budgeted dollars available.

Richard Conaway will be inquiring as to soccer field goal posts with local schools, to determine the appropriate equipment. Plans are to install the posts at Candlelight Park for children's practice and spontaneous games.

A motion was made to purchase rope for Lancer Park playground equipment that has worn away, by Caroline Petrick. Motion seconded by Colleen Hansen. Unanimous approval.

Caroline Petrick mentioned that a resident requested to have lights placed in Lancer Park to deter teens from gathering there after dark. She suggested that if a number of residents were concerned, that a petition should be passed around the neighborhood expressing their concerns before any action would be taken by the Park Board or Town Council on the issue.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

A motion was made to approve the payment of the following bills, with the exception of McShanes, which is to be returned to the Clerk-Treasurer for explanation. Motion made by Caroline Petrick and seconded by Colleen Hansen. Approved unanimously.

#3780	St. John Youth Baseball	\$250.00
#3781	St. John Sports	\$777.00
#3783	Warren Den Hartax	\$105.00
#3784	Schilling Brothers Lumber	\$87.11
#3785	Pam Zych	\$153.75
#3786	Larry Zych	\$30.00
#3787	Liz Feeney	\$15.00
#3788	Baxter Printing	\$75.00
#3790	St. John Municipal Utilities	\$7.40
#3791	Reese Recreational Products	\$461.62
#3792	AAA Supply Company	\$55.38

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Colleen Hansen at 10:15 p.m. Seconded by Caroline Petrick. Unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted,

By: /s/ Colleen Hansen
Secretary