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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, Mary Anne Koke |
| Attendee 2, Colleen Hansen | Attendee 5, |
| Attendee 3, Caroline Petrick | Attendee 6, Carl Brown, Council Liaison |

The following members absent:

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

The monthly meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board was called to order 8:05 p.m. in the St. John Town Hall.

Due to scheduling conflicts, all future meetings will be held on the second Wednesday of each month. Notification of the change was reported to the St. John Clerk-Treasurer, Judith Companik, for publication by the Board’s President, Richard Conaway.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Caroline Petrick to accept the April meeting minutes. Seconded by Mary Anne Koke. Unanimous approval.

OLD BUSINESS

Heron Lake – Gary Mathews, an attorney representing the developers of a proposed subdivision, Heron Lake, appeared before the Board for recommendations of parkland location within the subdivision. Developers are planning to complete the first twelve lots to determine what the demand is before pursuing the rest of the project. There are approximately 2.4 acres needed to meet Town ordinances for parkland requirements.

Heron Lake developers will appear before the Park Board again on June 10th with options for parkland locations.

East Park Complex – Town Councilman Carl Brown advised the Board that an agreement had been signed on May 13th by Town Council President Kenneth Gembala, to secure the lease of approximately 30 acres of property owned by the Lake Central School Corporation on 93rd Avenue. The agreement is contingent upon an insurance policy that must be provided by St. John. Since the property lies outside the corporate boundaries of St. John it cannot be included in the present liability coverage. According to Mr. Brown, Mr. Gembala and the town attorney, David Austgen, are in the process of contacting private insurers. The agreement includes the necessity to keep the land available for building once the need arises and does not permit the installation of any permanent structures.

The plan is to utilize the level ground for practice ball fields for the Town's children, since ball fields are somewhat scarce. Mr. Brown estimated that the agreement would allow the Town to use the property by May 20, 1992. Once it is finalized, Richard Conaway will advise the various leagues, contact a surveyor and work with Mr. Gembala to accomplish the task of constructing practice ball fields. This should all be completed to allow utilization of the fields by next spring.

Mr. Brown also stated that Lake Central's Joseph Vozar, offered to assist in the purchase of agline for the infields since "he can get a real deal: for that commodity. Mr. Conaway will also speak with Public Works Director, Pete Monix, to install water lines for drinking fountains on the east and west sides of the property borders.

Fairway Park – The park has been graded by Dewey Snow and Sons. Pea gravel is available and playground equipment, when delivered, can be installed by the employees of the Public Works Department.

Patnoe Park – An appointment has been scheduled between Miracle Equipment Company and Colleen Hansen to design and facilitate the purchase of park equipment for both Patnoe and Fairway parks. Costs are in the range between \$4,000.00 to \$6,000.00 for each park. Total costs of \$8,000.00 to \$12,000.00. There is presently \$17,000.00 in the budget allotted for park equipment.

In order to expedite installation, since the summer season is nearly upon us, Colleen Hansen will contact Board members for agreement for such purchases once designs are completed, allowing a purchase order and claim form to be issued. A rope will also be part of the purchase to replace the damaged climbing rope at Lancer Park.

Civic Park – Although not under the jurisdiction of the Park Department, a slide in Civic Park must be replaced for safety reasons. Once the regulations surrounding the upkeep of those grounds is reviewed by the town attorney via Carl Brown, the Park Department will purchase and install a new slide if permissible.

Sun Meadows – There are large piles of brush left on the donated parkland that have not been removed by the developer. Since the property has already been deeded to St. John, there may be no recourse available to force them to clean up the area. However,

in the interest of maintaining a good relationship with the developer, a verbal request to clean out the area is hoped to rectify the problem.

Keilman Field & Larimer Park – Ball fields at these two locations have been roto-tilled and agline has been distributed.

Portable Restroom Facilities – Five (5) portable toilets have been secured for the summer season. One each at Larimer Park, Common Field, Homestead Park, Lancer Park and the softball field at Lake Central High School. Richard Conaway contracted with “Port-A-Let”, a division of Waste Management.

Central Park – Carl Brown advised that the town attorney stated that two owners of the property do not want to settle at the price offered. Additionally, property on Joliet Street that was thought to be an alternative has resulted in negative availability. Park Board members urged Mr. Brown to pursue the original Central Park site on U.S. 41 via the courts system if necessary, as soon as possible.

Girls Softball – The \$250.00 annual subsidy this year will be recognized on the “All Stars” uniforms, which are to be emblazoned with the St. John Park Board.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion made by Caroline Petrick to pay the bills, and due to the change in monthly meeting dates that will conflict with the submission of the billing for the summer program, allow a sum not to exceed \$250.00 for the month of May’s billing of Aerobics, Volleyball and Basketball. Motion seconded by Richard Conaway. Motion passed 3-1.

#3965	Superior Petroleum, gas & oil for grass cutting equipment	\$119.82
#3966	Quality Auto Parts, part for equipment	\$14.59
#3867	Nipsco - electric	\$43.87
#3968	Austin Company - insurance	\$1,054.00
#3969	St. John Municipal Utilities - water	\$7.40
#3970	Thomas Keilman – baseball field lease	\$235.00
#3971	Snow & Sons – grade Fairway Park	\$480.00
#3972	Nelson Construction – pea gravel	\$247.25
#3973	St. John Elevator – grass seed & fertilizer for Fairway Park	\$197.00
#3974	Crown Rentals – cement for Geodesic Climber (Homestead)	\$70.00
#3975	Schilling Brothers Lumber – lumber to replace picnic tables	\$356.77

ANY AND ALL

Motion was made by Colleen Hansen to establish the second Wednesday of the month at 8:00 p.m. as the regularly scheduled meeting time for the Parks & Recreations Board. Seconded by Mary Anne Koke. Unanimous approval.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Mary Anne Koke to adjourn at 10:00 p.m. Motion seconded by Caroline Petrick. Unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted,

By: /s/ Colleen Hansen
Secretary