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

The following members absent:

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

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board was called to order 8:10 p.m. on Wednesday, June 10, 1992 in the St. John Town Hall.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Mary Anne Koke to approve the minutes of the May meeting. Motion seconded by Caroline Petrick. Unanimous approval.

OLD BUSINESS

Heron Lake – Approximately 2.304 acres of parkland will meet the St. John parkland ordinance requirements for this proposed new subdivision, located in the northwest quadrant of the Town (north of Ventura Estates and west of Lake Central High School). Developer is proposing to eliminate cul-de-sac lots 70, 71, 72 and 73 in the northwest corner of the subdivision. There is presently a temporary easement, which provides access to the property. Park Board members agreed that the section described and presented is acceptable as described. A blueprint, from Heron Lake developers, defining the boundaries of the proposed parkland to be dedicated will be the basis for any formal presentation of acceptance for the park at the time of Plan Commission approvals.

Fairway Park – Property has been seeded by the Public Works Department.

Patnoe Park – Will be hydro-seeded in late August or early fall by the developer, Mr. Buck O'Day.

Sun Meadows – Developer assured Mr. Rick Eberly, Zoning Administrator, that rubbish would be cleaned out of the parkland. A check in the amount of \$4,000.00 was given to the Town for the purposes of clean-up, access pavement, along with tree removal at Fairway Park. Although a check has been offered, the Town has not accepted it. Additionally, it is questionable as to whether or not the Sun Meadows Park has been deeded to St. John. Further negotiations will take place to insure parkland is in usable condition, with appropriate access, prior to any acceptance of the property.

Fairway Park – There remains questions as to Fairway Park's wetland issues with the Army Corps of Engineers.

Civic Park – The St. John Town Council has purchased a slide to replace the damaged equipment with its budget and funds provided by various civic organizations, such as the Junior Women's Club and the St. John Lions Club.

East Park Complex – A five-year lease for the property on West 93rd Avenue, owned by the Lake Central School Corporation, has been signed by the Town Council members. Organized sports can commence activities by spring of 1993. Ken Gembala, Town Council President, Pete Monix, Public Works Director, and Richard Conaway have met with the softball and baseball groups on the issue. The following is anticipated:

- ◆ Two (2) Girls Softball fields;
- ◆ One (1) babe Ruth field;
- ◆ One (1) Little League field; and
- ◆ One (1) Soccer field to be facilitated on the 30-acre parcel.

Ken Schneider will be drawing the plans. A parking lot will be made available. A feasibility study will be made to determine if electricity can be installed. The Festival Committee may contribute 50% of electrical installation costs from its proceeds.

Richard Conaway formally expressed the Park Department's appreciation to Town Councilmen Ken Gembala, Carl Brown and Douglas Patterson, for their efforts in this endeavor.

Central Park – Mary Anne Koke report that condemnation procedures have been halted because Town Attorney David Austgen had been directed by the Town Council to cease efforts for condemnation. Carl Brown advised that the Clerk-Treasurer suggested that escrow funds were in jeopardy because they expire after a seven year deadline for usage. The concern centered on whether or not the funds would in fact be available for purchase of the property in question. An Executive Session was scheduled for 5:30 p.m., Friday, June 19, 1992, to discuss land acquisition.

Plan Commission – Mary Anne Koke, Plan Commission Liaison, reported that the Plan Commission voted to reduce the \$45,000.00 per acre parkland value to \$35,000.00.

Carl Brown requested that the matter be discussed in Executive Session with regard to the cost of land acquisition.

Schillton Hills Park – Mary Anne Koke noted that residents of Schillton Hills had contacted her to ask why they do not yet have a park. Richard Conaway suggested that limited funds would prevent any work on parkland there for this year. The original agreement was for approximately two lots and the remainder of the schedule of parkland donation as a cash donation as requested by the developer. However, to date, there is no roadway access to those lots and a cash donation was never rendered.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter from Fred Tipfer was received regarding his personal weed cutter, which was used for Town business because the Town did not have this equipment. Motion was made by Mary Anne Koke to reimburse \$75.00 for three years use of Mr. Tipfer’s weed cutting equipment. Motion seconded by Colleen Hansen. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mary Anne Koke to spend up to \$16,500.00 for playground equipment for Fairway and Patnoe Parks. Motion seconded by Caroline Petrick. Unanimously approved.

A letter was received from Cecile Petro, regarding the Fairway park playground equipment, requesting that the area maintain its rustic atmosphere and that the equipment include climbing apparatus to exercise both upper and lower muscle groups of the youngsters that would be using it. A barrier was also requested between usable parkland areas and water saturated areas.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

A motion was made by Caroline Petrick to pay the bills, seconded by Mary Anne Koke. Motion failed by a 2-2 vote. A motion was made by Colleen Hansen to pay the following bills contingent upon satisfactory explanation of claim docket #4082 for Austin Insurance for \$81.00. Motion seconded by Mary Anne Koke. Unanimously approved.

#4079	L. Feeney	\$35.00
#4080	L. Zych	\$60.00
#4081	P. Zych	\$268.75
#4082	Austin Insurance	\$81.00
#4083	Nipsco	\$43.87
#4084	St. John Municipal Utilities	\$7.40
#4085	Schilling Brothers Lumber	\$30.33
#4086	TSC Stores	\$91.97

ADJOURNMENT

Colleen Hansen made a motion to adjourn at 9:35 p.m. Motion seconded by Caroline Petrick. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

By: /s/ Colleen Hansen
Secretary