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

The following members absent:

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| Absent 1, Carl Brown, Council Liaison | 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. in the St. John Town Hall. Due to a police emergency, Richard Conaway was called away during the first twenty minutes of the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mary Anne Koke, seconded by Colleen Hansen to accept the July minutes. Passed 3 –1 (abstention).

OLD BUSINESS

Central Park – David Bielski attended the meeting to offer his assistance toward the Board's quest to acquire an organized sports field for the children of St. John. He said that he had spoken to John Dull, Lake County's Attorney, regarding bonding and condemnation procedures. Mr. Dull, as per Mr. Bielski, has offered to assist the Park Board to "get the call rolling" for the purchase of the Central Park property. Mr. Bielski also stated that he has "Marine buddies" whose services can be donated for the purposes of grading and leveling the fields according to engineering drawings that would need to be followed.

Mrs. Koke, Mrs. Petrick, and Mrs. Hansen agreed to draft a letter to the Town Council reinforcing the Park Board's commitment to this project for the 30-acre site to the east of U.S. 41, just south of the Lake Central High School Bus barns. A request will be made for reaffirmation of the Park Board Resolution dated September 19, 1991, to begin eminent domain procedures immediately.

Mr. Bielski added that Bill Carmichael of NIRPC is available to aid with a demographic study and to help in the design of the property.

A motion was made by Mary Anne Koke to appear before the Town Council on September 14, 1992 to deliver Resolution No. 9-19-91 for immediate action. Motion seconded by Colleen Hansen. Approved 3-0.

Fairway Park – Development of this parkland has hit another setback. According to information supplied by Richard Conaway, the developer's attorney, Joseph Skozen, has been in contact with St. John's attorney, David Austgen, regarding the installation of playground equipment. Mr. Conaway stated that Mr. Skozen said it could not be placed on the property because the area designated for playground equipment is wetlands. Colleen Hansen to discuss the latest issue with the Public Works Director Pete Monix, Town Council President Kenneth Gembala, and Attorney David Austgen.

Patnoe Park – Park equipment is in the process of installation now.

Sun Meadows Park – A response to letter issued to Mr. Joseph Beckman, Sun Meadows developer, regarding the status of this park has not yet been received. This issue to be updated at the September meeting.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion made by Caroline Petrick, seconded by Colleen Hansen to pay the following bills. Approved 3-0.

#4425	Schilling Brothers Lumber – hooks, chain, paint & tape	\$30.12
#4426	Nipsco - utilities	\$43.87
#4427	St. John Municipal Utilities - water	\$7.40
#4428	DeJong Equipment - blades	\$83.13
#4429	Gruel Brothers – snapper mower blades	\$15.95
#4430	Clearing Disposal Service – portable toilets	\$275.00
#4431	St. John Outdoor Power Equipment – ½ cost weed-whacker replacement	\$75.00
#4432	Miracle Recreation – playground equipment for Fairway and Patnoe Parks	\$15,992.00

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Colleen Hansen, seconded by Caroline Petrick to adjourn at 9:55 p.m. Approved 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

By: /s/ Colleen Hansen
Secretary