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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, Mary Anne Koke	Attendee 6,

The following members absent:

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

The monthly meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board was called to order 8:15 p.m. in the St. John Town Hall.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the August meeting by Mary Anne Koke, seconded by Colleen Hansen. Approved 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Edgewood Estates – Attorney Michael Muenich, representing this new subdivision’s developers, Dennis M. McCoy and Raymond Eggert, presented a rendition of parkland to be donated in accordance with Town ordinances for new subdivision. The subdivision is located on the north side of West 93rd Avenue on the western border of St. John. The area of approximately 100 acres abuts High Ridge Estates at its eastern border, and is surrounded by unincorporated areas on the north (owned by the Kennedy family), and west by Beall Street. There are 38 lots in Phase I & II. According to Mr. Muenich the density study indicates a need for 4.79 acres, which will be located at the northeast corner. Density was calculated based on the premise that entire project would be populated by single-family residences. Board members were informed that none of the

proposed park area contains any wetlands, nor is there any detention pond planned for that section of the subdivision.

The only request by the developers is that when the property to the north is developed, and they indicated that development is expected in the near future, that parkland donations from the adjoining property be adjacent to this park to create an even larger "green space" area.

Access will be provided via a 15' wide, 200' long easement and can be paved as a 5' sidewalk immediately if desired. Mr. Muenich said he suggests that the developer place steel posts in front of the sidewalk to prevent entrance by automotive vehicles.

Motion was made to send letter to the Plan Commission stating that the Park Board approves the location of this designated park, made by Mary Anne Koke. Motion seconded by Colleen Hansen. Approved 3-0.

Candlelight Park – Since Mr. Muenich was the developer of Candlelight subdivision, Colleen Hansen asked him if that property had in fact been properly deeded to St. John. The response was that it had been formally accepted by the Park Board in the fall of 1991, with the official name of "Prairie West Park", with certain restrictive covenants: no commercial activities and no organized sports activities. There had been some questions as to the ownership for this park by Town Council members, who find the restrictions untenable. The Town Attorney David Austgen has been directed by the Councilman to investigate this deed.

Fairway Park – Playground equipment is to be installed at the earliest convenience of the Public Works Department. In a conversation with the Army Corps of Engineers' representative, John Richardson, on August 25th, Colleen Hansen had been informed that playground equipment needs no formal approval since it is not considered as structures. To ensure compliance, a permit form was faxed, via the Clerk-Treasurer's Office.

Patnoe Park – Playground equipment has been installed. Richard Conaway will direct the Public Works Department to install a trail of gravel from the swings to the activity center so that the children won't have to walk in the mud until next spring when the grass covers the ground fully. Developer, Dennis O'Day, had previously advised that grass would be planted in the fall of 1992.

Sun Meadows – Richard Conaway to check with Michelle Haluska, Acting Zoning Administrator, to see if there has been a response to letters issued by Rick Eberly to the developer for compliance with the ordinance and clean-up of the park area. Richard Conaway will also discuss the situation with Attorney David Austgen, to ensure that all measures are being taken to finalize this parkland problem.

Heron Lake – Preliminary approval was granted for Phase I of the development after receiving verbal parkland approval from the Park Department (via liaison Colleen Hansen). Immediate access will be provided by way of Knickerbocker Road. Motion was made to issue a formal letter approving Heron Lake parkland site by Mary Anne Koke, seconded by Colleen Hansen. Approved 3-0.

East Park Complex – Richard Conaway reported that Sam DeYoung of the St. John Grain Elevator suggested that the area should be disked twice. A mulcher will be called in, rather than using heavy equipment, also. Anticipated cost of \$1,800.00 to \$2,000.00. Mr. Ken Gembala, Town Council President and an Engineer will provide the layout. Plans call for a “tall fesque” (a strong type of grass), for the fields, except for the Babe Ruth infield, which will be sod, at a cost of approximately \$900.00. Anticipated is a baseball field, a babe Ruth field, a softball field, and a soccer field. The entranceway will be at Schafer Drive and West 93rd Avenue. The parking lot will be laid in stone.

Winter / Summer Programs – at Kolling Elementary School. Aerobics are on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 7:15 to 8:15 p.m. Men’s basketball is on Tuesday evenings from 7:15 to 9:30 p.m. Co-ed Volleyball is on Friday evenings from 7:15 to 9:30 p.m.

Finances:

- \$3.75 to \$4.00 per hour for the gymnasium;
- \$15.00 per hour for Aerobics Instructor;
- \$5.00 per hour for administrative work;
- \$10.00 per evening for Basketball moderator;
- \$20.00 per evening for Volleyball moderator;
- Residents will be charged \$1.00 per evening for participation. Non-residents will be charged \$2.00 per evening for participation.

Motion was made to increase the Aerobics hourly payment from \$15.00 to \$18.00 per hour for he 1992/1993 season, by Mary Anne Koke, seconded by Colleen Hansen. Approved 3-0.

Park Fees / Rental Costs – Richard Conaway to investigate costs through Judith Companik, Clerk-Treasurer, for clean-up when St. John parks are reserved for special use. Mary Anne Koke and Colleen Hansen prefer to establish a charge equal to costs-only for residents. Inquiry was regarding the \$20.00 for resident and \$35.00 for non-resident.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

A motion to pay the following bills was made by Mary Anne Koke, seconded by Colleen Hansen. Approved 3-0.

#4467	Jim’s repair – snap ring	\$1.95
#4468	Herman Monix, chain for swing	\$40.00
#4469	Crown Rentals, concrete for Patnoe playground equipment	\$235.00
#4471	Schilling Lumber, 12 landscape timbers playground border	\$39.87
#4472	Nipsco – utility costs	\$43.87
#4473	St. John Municipal Utilities – water	\$7.40
#4474	Gruel Brothers – belt	\$62.50
#4475	Nelson Construction – pea gravel	\$712.73

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Colleen Hansen at 10:10 p.m., seconded by Mary Anne Koke. Approved 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

By: /s/ Colleen Hansen
Secretary