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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, Carl Brown, Council Liaison |
| Attendee 3, Mary Anne Koke | Attendee 6, Denarie Kane, Zoning Administrator |

The following members absent:

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

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board began at 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 13, 1993.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Caroline Petrick to approve the minutes of the December 1992 meeting, seconded by Mary Anne Koke. Approved 4-0.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Motion made by Colleen Hansen to nominate Board members as officers, seconded by Mary Anne Koke. Approved 4-0.

- Nomination of Richard Conaway for Board President by Colleen Hansen, seconded by Mary Anne Koke, Approved 4-0.
- Nomination of Mary Anne Koke for Board Vice President by Colleen Hansen, seconded by Caroline Petrick. Approved 4-0.

- Nomination of Colleen Hansen for Board Secretary by Mary Anne Koke, seconded by Caroline Petrick. Approved 4-0.

Motion made by Caroline Petrick to close nominations, seconded by Colleen Hansen. Approved 4-0.

EAST PARK COMPLEX – The Lake Central School Corporation had discovered oil and gasoline contaminated soil when doing some improvements at their Bus barns. They had intended to move the soil to East Park, which is leased to the Town of St. John, for bio-remediation. On January 2, 1993, both Richard Conaway and Pete Monix attempted to halt the digging of the contractor hired by Lake Central School Corporation, but was unsuccessful.

Richard Conaway contacted the School Corporation Administration who had the work stopped. A meeting then took place between the School Corporation administrator (John Williams) and St. John representatives (Douglas Patterson, Pete Monix, John Geary, Denarie Kane, Caroline Petrick and Colleen Hansen). The contaminated soil will not be moved to East Park without the various permits needed by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management. It is anticipated that the soil will not be permitted to be moved from its present site at the bus barns. In addition, the School Corporation has agreed to replace excavation of the park property to its original condition.

Player benches for the ball fields have been received. A proposal from Hanover Acre Nurseries contained an estimate of \$14,170.00 to install ball fields (\$5,400.00 for softball and \$8,995.00 for a Babe Ruth field). It was agreed that this figure is much more than Board members had intended to spend. Richard Conaway to seek bids for the fields. It is expected that by the April meeting, a better discussing and more definitive proposals for proceeding with this project. Denarie Kane offered to supply Richard Conaway with leads for prospective contractors.

CENTRAL PARK – An Executive Session has been set for 6:00 p.m. on January 18, 1993 to discuss land acquisition. The Town Attorney, David Austgen, has completed all appraisals and title searches. Denarie Kane advised that there is a Land & Water Fund that we may be able to tap into to help with funding. Board members agreed to try to win grant funds by completing the necessary research and paperwork to qualify.

PATNOE PARK – Richard Conaway noticed that water had not filled the pond for ice-skating purposes. He asked the Public Works Department to check the valve.

SUN MEADOWS PARK – The Town of St. John is in receipt of the \$4,000.00 from the developer for the installation of a paved access to the park. Work will take place as soon as weather permits. Start-up playground equipment has been ordered and is expected to arrive by early March.

SCHILLTON HILLS PARK – Documentation of agreements between the Plan Commission and the developer has been given to Carl Brown and Denarie Kane.

- ❑ A Park Board statement dated August 24, 1988;
- ❑ Plan Commission minutes dated August 1, 1990;

- ❑ Plan Commission minutes dated August 15, 1990;
- ❑ Park Board letter to the developer dated August 8, 1991.

The issue is to be discussed at the Executive Session on January 18, 1993, as land acquisition.

LARIMER PARK - The Larimer Park Pond may be dredged using funds from budgets other than funds of the Park Board to settle a pending lawsuit, advised Mr. Carl Brown. Although the spring softball season will be in action at the same time, it is not expected that this activity will interfere.

ASSIGNMENTS

Motion made by Mary Anne Koke for the 1993 assignments, seconded by Colleen Hansen as:

Budget	Richard Conaway
Fitness Program	Caroline Petrick
Public Relations	Colleen Hansen
Liaison to Town Council	Colleen Hansen
Winter / Summer Program	Caroline Petrick
Preventative Maintenance	Richard Conaway
Baseball & Softball	Richard Conaway
Liaison to Plan Commission	Mary Anne Koke

Motion approved 4-0.

Richard Conaway advised that a baseball organization meeting would take place on January 14, 1993.

- Motion was made to lease Keilman Field from Tom Keilman for baseball and/or softball leagues at the same cost as 1992, with a lease to be signed accordingly, by Mary Anne Koke and seconded by Colleen Hansen. Approved 4-0. Richard Conaway will handle this issue.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion was made to pay the following bills, by Mary Anne Koke and seconded by Colleen Hansen.

#5295	St. John Municipal Utilities - water	\$7.40
#5294	Nipsco – gas and electric	\$17.54

In his official capacity as Park Board President, Richard Conaway congratulated the 1992 Board members for accomplishing more in this one year than in any previously. He specified the activity to settle issues at Fairway Park, Patnoe Park, Sun Meadows Park and East Park Complex.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made to adjourn at 10:05 p.m. by Colleen Hansen, seconded by Caroline Petrick. Approved 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

By: /s/ Colleen Hansen
Secretary