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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, Caroline Petrick	Attendee 6,

The following members absent:

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

The February meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board began at 8:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to accept the January minutes made by Caroline Petrick, seconded by Colleen Hansen. Approved 3-0.

FAIR OAKS MANOR – A new subdivision, proposed by developer Warren Opperman, was presented to the Park Board. It is a 20-acre site to be zoned R-1. There will be half-acre lots, a section of wetlands, and a water drainage retention pond. It lies on the south side of 85th Avenue, west of Sun Meadows, and east of Marydale (in unincorporated territory).

The developer requested that Board members accept his offer of cash equivalent for the value of property that would be needed to be dedicated as parkland. His offer consisted of \$19,502.00, which would be consistent with the value of land to meet Town parkland ordinances.

Since the subdivision also lies adjacent to Sun Meadows, and just east of the Sun Meadows parkland, a discussion took place as to the possibility of a greenway access for

children of Fair Oaks Manor along existing and planned utility easements. This may require negotiations with a property owner in Sun Meadows, on a home that is under construction. Inquiries will be made as to whether or not this is a feasible project. The Park Department would be responsible for maintenance of the walkway/bicycle path link.

- Motion was made by Caroline Petrick, seconded by Colleen Hansen to issue a letter to the Plan Commission regarding the Park & Recreation Board's favorable recommendation to accept the developer's offer of \$19,502.00 and to include information regarding the discussion of a link to the Sun Meadows Park. Approved 3-0.

FAIRWAY PARK – Michael Egnatz, of Lake Hills Golf Course and resident of Fairway subdivision, has offered to aerate and fertilize the park. The Board member are pleased to accept his offer and a letter will be issued to express appreciation.

EAST PARK COMPLEX – Removal of excavation equipment and repair and replacement of disturbed ground is to take place as authorized by the Lake Central School Corporation, Assistant Superintendent John Williams. Richard Conaway is continuing his inquiries for installation of baseball field. Colleen Hansen asked that a soccer field (on the north east corner) be installed for utilization for the fall season (August). There have been numerous requests for a practice field. The Schererville League, via William Samuelson, has offered goal posts, and the area would simply require grass, which will be seeded this spring to ensure field availability.

CENTRAL PARK – Initial telephone contact has not yet occurred. Calls to date have not gone through. Colleen Hansen requested a little more time to continue to seek contact with the major property owner before any formalized negotiations take place.

SUN MEADOWS – Richard Conaway will accompany Public Works Director, Pete Monix, to the site for a clarification of the paved access way.

SCHILLTON HILLS PARK – The subdivision's engineer has requested to be on the agenda of the Plan Commission Study Session on February 17, 1993. Park Board members will attend this meeting to get an update as to the status of the park, which has yet to be dedicated to St. John as required.

LARIMER PARK – Richard Conaway has received requests for the installation of a Geodesic Climber. Board members will look into finances to determine if funds are available for this equipment at this time. The park is also in need of new flags. Richard Conaway will make inquiries of various Armed Forces / Veteran Associations, and Caroline Petrick will contact scouting groups to see if there is an interest in participating in procedures for hailing flags on the flag poles.

CANDLELIGHT PARK – Status? There has been no communication from the Town Council on this park that had been returned to the developer without prior discussion with the Park Department.

ASSIGNMENTS

Budget – Board members have asked that Denarie Kane, Zoning Administrator, look into the possibility of a college student internship to administer a summer recreation program.

Fitness – Caroline Petrick to investigate as to whether or not a contract has been signed with Pam and Larry Zych for the aerobics, Volleyball and Basketball programs taking place at Kolling Elementary School. Inquiry will also be made into the Clerk-Treasurer’s office as to the balance of funds in the non-reverting funds for monies collected from participants in this program.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

#5486	Pam Zych – Aerobics and Volleyball classes	\$383.75
#5484	Schilling Lumber – paint for Sun Meadows curbs	?
#5487	Larry Zych – basketball	\$70.00
#5488	Liz Feeney – Aerobics assistant	\$60.00
#5489	Nipsco – utilities	\$42.62
#5490	St. John Municipal Utilities – water	\$7.40

A question arose as to Voucher #5485 for costs incurred for a chain saw. It may be a possibility that this invoice should be directed to the Public Works Department since Board member are unaware of any need for utilization of this type of equipment during this time of the year, and no requests came for such work.

- Motion was made to pay Voucher #5485 to Jim’s Repair in the amount of \$31.05 for oil and chain sharpening provided this expenditure is for the Park Department requirement, by Colleen Hansen, seconded by Caroline Petrick. Approved 3-0.

Discussion took place as to a warning system for frozen ponds that children ice-skate on in the Town’s parks. Colleen Hansen had spoken to Mr. Monix, as well as Town Attorney David Austgen, as to the feasibility of a red flag warning system along with legal repercussions. However, the majority of the Board members expressed opposition and the matter was dropped.

An inquiry from Mr. Pete Monix was brought to the Board’s attention for the joint purchase by the Public Works Department and the Parks Department for a “sprayer”, that would be used to fertilize and spray for weeds on park land and public properties.

- Motion to authorize a \$200.00 expenditure for the sprayer to be purchased by Mr. Pete Monix, through the Public Works Department, by Colleen Hansen, seconded by Caroline Petrick. Approved 3-0.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT – A discussion took place as to beginning projects that would meet with ADA requirements for access to St. John parks. The Zoning Administrator has been collecting data necessary for any projects and will provide details needed before we can proceed. While communication has already taken place with the Public Works Department for curb cuts, and estimated costs, there may

be added facilities needed that should be completed at the same time to allow for a better cost containment of this project. This subject will continue to remain open.

Grants Research – The Zoning Administrator supplied volumes of information for grant research, ADA requirements, and Park Board compliance affidavits, which were accepted by Colleen Hansen and will be investigated jointly with Caroline Petrick.

Recycling – The Zoning Administrator has recently been appointed co-chair of St. John's Recycling Committee, and asked the Park Board to consider projects at park sites and perhaps to sponsor a compost demonstration for residents. After formalized meetings of the Recycling Committee, a cooperative of efforts will be further discussed.

Arbor Day – Colleen Hansen asked Board members to consider a tree-planting project in April. A proposal will be provided to the Board at its March meeting.

Motion made to sponsor the Officer Friendly Program at \$1,000.00 by Colleen Hansen, seconded by Caroline Petrick. Approved 3-0.

St. John Heritage Festival – Since there have been announcements that this event will not take place in 1993, the Park Board may consider sponsoring a one-day summer event, possible based on a program in Fort Wayne called "Sunday In the Park", a children's fair with age appropriate games and amusements. The project will be investigated and discussed further.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made to adjourn at 10:20 p.m. by Colleen Hansen, seconded by Caroline Petrick. Approved 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

By: /s/ Colleen Hansen
Secretary