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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, Mary Anne Koke                     |
| Attendee 2, Colleen Hansen   | Attendee 5, Carl Brown, Council Liaison        |
| Attendee 3, Caroline Petrick | 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 March meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board began at 8:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Caroline Petrick to approve the February minutes with the correction to the section on Sum Meadows Park for paint description, which should have been "markers" and not "curbs". Motion seconded by Mary Anne Koke. Approved 4-0.

EAST PARK COMPLEX – No activity reported.

CENTRAL PARK – A meeting has been set for informal discussion with Mr. Alex Fabian, property owner of the majority of land in the proposed park area. Members Richard Conaway, Caroline Petrick and Colleen Hansen expect to attend to open up a dialog with Mr. Fabian on March 18, 1993. This in the hopes of an amicable step forward for the future, formal offers and approvals with the assistance of the Town Attorney and the Town Council.

SUN MEADOWS PARK – Playground equipment has been received and will be installed once the paved access-way is complete. Colleen Hansen is to speak with Public Works

Director, Pete Monix, for cost estimates for paving the access. The Sun Meadows developer provided a check in the amount of \$4,000.00 for work on this park, as well as clean up at Fairway. That check was received stated Carl Brown.

SCHILLTON HILLS – Developer wishes to rescind his 11-acre park site for a 6-acre site, but has yet to define the location of that acreage. The new concept will be presented at the Plan Commission Study Session on March 17, 1993. Park Board members agreed that it is in our best interest to attend the study session for a better understanding of the developer's intentions, since the developer has yet to appear before the Park Board with any new plans.

LARIMER PARK – The American Legion will donate two flags. An U.S. flag and an Indiana State flag. Richard Conaway noted that a quantity of Aglime would again be needed for the softball field this spring. Carl Brown advised the board to keep some funds available for a clean up of the pond that may be needed as part of a settlement for legal action against the Town.

FAIR OAKS MANOR – The Board will proceed with the process to implement a public easement for access of Fair Oaks Manor residents (children) to Sun Meadows Park. The developer has already indicated his willingness to grant the easement, and has in fact described the location for the trail between Lots 10 and 11, then running in an east-west direction on the south side of Lots 11 and 12. The property owner of the lot in Sun Meadows has also given his verbal approval for granting a public easement in an east-west direction on the northwestern corner of the property for approximately 115'. The Parks Department would install a wood chip path and split rail fence to guide all foot traffic specifically on the easement only. Documentation, plat changes and any other necessary paperwork will be completed before the Plan Commission's final approval process.

CANDLELIGHT PARK – This deed had been returned to the developer by the Town Council due to unacceptable restrictive covenants on the land, which could in essence, cause the property to revert to the donor, said Carl Brown. Before the property deed is approved, Richard Conaway advised Carl Brown that there remains a low spot that is a continual water problem that must be rectified.

FITNESS PROGRAM – A new pre-school (or 3-5 year olds) fitness program began this month, at the Kolling School gymnasium from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Fridays. The class is already full, and has a waiting list. In a first hand account, Colleen Hansen advised Board members that the project was very well done and has gained much attention, even with only word of mouth publicity. The cost for participating in the program is \$20.00 monthly, with a maximum class size of sixteen. The operating cost is \$28.50 per session, or \$114.00 per month. \$25.00 per session to the instructor and \$3.50 per session to the school for gym rental. Colleen Hansen questioned why the program, while certainly less than any commercial program in the area, was more than double the costs of programs for adults.

- Motion made by Colleen Hansen that the charge for participation be reduced to \$3.00 per session for a monthly total of \$12.00 in April and May. Motion seconded by Mary Anne Koke. Failed by a tie vote of 2 – 2.

- Motion made by Mary Anne Koke to maintain the \$5.00 per session (\$20.00 monthly) charge for the first child enrolled, and any additional child from the same family enrolled at \$2.50 per session (\$10.00 monthly), starting in April. Approved 3-1.
- Motion made by Colleen Hansen to join the Indiana Parks and Recreation Association at an annual cost of \$125.00, membership to include all four Park Board members and the Zoning Administrator. Motion seconded by Caroline Petrick. Approved 4-0.

SUMMER / WINTER PROGRAMS – The possibility of a summer recreation program for the Town’s youngsters will be investigated. Calls will be made to local colleges for internships if feasible.

BASEBALL & SOFTBALL – Correspondence from the Girls Softball League advised that there are 13 teams, including major, minor and instructional teams. The league requested use of Larimer and Keilman fields for the instructional teams, and the Lake Central High School fields for the two major teams for practices to begin in April through June. Richard Conaway will advise if the School’s fields will be available and any applicable paperwork that needs to be completed.

- Motion made by Colleen Hansen to grant exclusive rights to Larimer Park and Keilman Field, Monday through Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup> through July 30<sup>th</sup>. Motion seconded by Mary Anne Koke. Approved 4-0.
- In addition, the Girls Softball League requested sponsorship from the Park Board.
- Motion made by Colleen Hansen to contribute \$200.00 from the Parks & Recreational Promotion Budget to sponsor girl’s softball. Seconded by Caroline Petrick. Approved 4-0.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion made by Mary Anne Koke for the payment of bills as follows:

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| \$7.40   | St. John Municipal Utilities for water  |
| \$45.12  | Nipsco for gas and electric   |
| \$211.95 | Pam Zych for Fitness Program*   |
|          | *4 sessions basketball \$40.00 / 4 sessions volleyball \$80.00 / 6 sessions Aerobics \$112.50 / 3 hours administrative work \$15.00 / supplies \$4.45 / Aerobics assistance \$20.00 |

\*Revenue from the Fitness Program: Basketball - \$78.00 / Volleyball \$102.00 / Aerobics \$212.00 for a total of \$302.00.

ARBOR DAY – A discussion regarding trees to be planted in the parks to celebrate Arbor Day. Patnoe Park would be the first priority with other parks reviewed to determine if planting would be appropriate also.

- Motion made by Colleen Hansen for the expenditure not to exceed \$500.00 for a tree-planting project in April on park property. Seconded by Mary Anne Koke. Approved 4-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Colleen Hansen to adjourn at 10:45 p.m. Motion seconded by Mary Anne Koke. Approved 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

By: /s/ Colleen Hansen  
Secretary