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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, Mary Anne Koke
Attendee 2, Colleen Hansen	Attendee 5, Carl Brown, Council Liaison
Attendee 3, Caroline Petrick	Attendee 6,

The following members absent:

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made to approve the April minutes with one correction on Fairway Park, in that Richard Conaway received a telephone call regarding a chain-link fence, not a letter. Motion made by Caroline Petrick and seconded by Mary Anne Koke. Approved 4-0.

EAST PARK COMPLEX – New grass has been planted and the park is on its way to being completed for organized sports by next spring. There are to be two softball fields, one Babe Ruth field and one soccer field. All seed, etc. had been ordered and purchased as approved in April and the Public Works Department has been completing the improvements on the land.

PATNOE PARK – Richard Conaway will speak with Dennis O'Day (developer) regarding the situation with grass growth in that park. It is very sparse and, therefore, muddy and difficult for pedestrians to walk anywhere in that park. He will request that O'Day again seed the property. However, should he choose not to cooperate, the Board may have to plant more grass and/or install a pea gravel walkway so that children may at least be able to get to the playground already on the premises.

In addition, nine trees have been planted on that parkland for landscaping purposes as well as to celebrate Arbor Day and Earth Day, reflecting the Board's posture toward the environment.

- Motion was made to again seed the sparsely grassed areas of the park and install a pea gravel path via the Public Work Department, only after appealing to the developer should that tactic fail, not to exceed \$1,000.00. Motion made by Colleen Hansen and seconded by Caroline Petrick. Approved 2-1, with one abstention.

SUN MEADOWS PARK – Delays due to rainy weather conditions and the Public Works Department workload have held up the pavement access to the park, along with the installation of the playground equipment. Richard Conaway will discuss completing this project with Pete Monix, the Public Works Director.

SCHILLTON HILLS PARK – The park dedication has been settled. It will be located on the north side of West 93rd Avenue at the corner of Farmington and Franklin Drives. The 2.1 acres will be seeded, leveled and graded by June 30th, according to statement made by the developer's attorney, Michael Muenich, at the May 5th Plan Commission meeting.

LARIMER PARK – There will be an Executive Session on Saturday, May 15th at 9:00 a.m. with the Town Council, a member of the Park Board (Caroline Petrick), homeowners and the Casboni Brothers, who are involved in possible litigation regarding alleged pollutants and the drainage situation in the Larimer Pond.

HUNTERS RUN PARK – A letter was approved for issuance to developer Bill Brant for Hunters Run Park. It was agreed that the property would have to be cleared of all debris (including dead tree stumps buried under mounds of construction dirt), leveled, under brush, weeds, scrub trees removed, and the property leveled, low areas holding standing water altered to alleviate that problem. The developer, via attorney Michael Muenich, expects to have the property dedicated to the Town by June 30th. In the meantime, the Town Council approved the inclusion of \$5,000.00 in a Letter of Credit to cover these corrections should they not be accomplished.

SUMMER – Port-O-Let mobile restrooms have been ordered and installed in Lancer, Keilman, Homestead, and Larimer Parks for the summer at \$55.00 each per month. They will be serviced weekly.

JOHN HACK CEMETERY – Richard Conaway has been contacted by a descendent of the Town's founding father, John Hack, regarding the family cemetery. There is a question as to who owns the property and who will tend to it. Richard Conaway suggested that the Park Board may want to take over maintenance and ownership to establish it as an historical site. He will follow through with inquiries as to ownership, legal questions as to whether or not the Town can legally own the cemetery, and what steps are needed to proceed.

BUDGET – Colleen Hansen recommended that Board members review what their expectations are for next year's budgetary needs. Richard Conaway is expected to be discussing the budget with the Clerk-Treasurer and Town Council in June.

TOWN COUNCIL LIAISON – Carl Brown suggested that there might be a need to adjust or amend current ordinances to ensure that parkland is dedicated before final approval is given for any phase of new developments.

PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE – Pete Monix will be directed to order pea gravel for filling in low areas around playground equipment in all parks so equipped. There is a tree in Lancer Park that was planted last spring that has died. Colleen Hansen will look into records to see if it can be returned to the landscaper and replaced.

BASEBALL & SOFTBALL – The season is now in full swing. There are some questions as to the night light abuse in Civic Park by league members. Carl Brown advised that if abuse continues, the lights would be shut down. Richard Conaway said the league is already addressing the situation, however, the Park Board does not have any jurisdiction over activity at Civic Park according to restrictions placed on that park when dedicated to the Town. Yet, he will use his influence to stress to the leagues the impact of this issue.

- Motion made to insure a Master Plan Update Questionnaire in the Calumet Press and Schererville News (papers that are delivered free of charge to all residents of St. John), within the next 30 days for input from town citizens, not to exceed \$75.00. Motion made by Colleen Hansen. Motion seconded by Mary Anne Koke. Approved 4-0.
- Motion to authorize the Park Board President and Secretary to enter into an agreement with Tradewinds to access St. John Parks to meet standards required by the American with Disabilities Act, not to exceed \$300.00. Motion made by Mary Anne Koke and seconded by Colleen Hansen. Approved 4-0.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion made by Mary Anne Koke, seconded by Caroline Petrick to pay the following bills. Approved 4-0.

#6113	Nelson Construction – for 8.75 tones aglime stone	\$374.67
#6112	Hanover Acres Nursery – 3600 lbs. of athletic field seed mix**	\$5,940.00
#6111	Indiana Park & Recreations Association – membership	\$125.00
#6109	Nipsco – utilities	\$42.62
#6110	St. John Municipal Utilities – water	\$7.40
#6108	Bekan Insurance Group – liability insurance/commercial auto renewal (for trailer)	\$2,027.00
#6107	Liz Feeney – Aerobics assistance	\$25.00
#6106	Larry Zych – basketball games	\$40.00
#6105	Pam Zych – Aerobics, volleyball & gymnastics	\$307.50
#6104	Schilling Brothers Lumber – material for picnic tables	\$491.15

** The following quotes were received for athletic field seed mix for East Park Complex:

- Allen Landscaping - \$2.60 per pound.

- Martin Landscaping - \$1.80 to \$2.60 per pound at various types of seed.
- Hanover Acres - \$1.65 per pound, this is the same seed used at Hanover High School for the varsity baseball fields, which indicates directly exactly the type of grass that can be expected to take root at East Park Complex field.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made at 10:00 p.m. by Caroline Petrick, seconded by Mary Anne Koke. Approved 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

By: /s/ Colleen Hansen
Secretary