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The Park Board of the Town of St. John met on this date with the following members present:

Attendee 1, Mary Anne Koke	Attendee 4, Carl Brown, Council Liaison
Attendee 2, Shirley Hawkins	Attendee 5,
Attendee 3, Joan Millis (late)	Attendee 6,

The following members absent:

Absent 1, John Millis (late)	Absent 4
Absent 2, Paul Haller	Absent 5
Absent 3, Ken Gembala, Council Liaison	Absent 6

Town Council Liaison Carl Brown was filling in for Mr. Gembala.

An informal meeting commenced at 7:10 p.m. Members present were Mary Anne Koke and Shirley Hawkins. The lack of a quorum caused the customary formal meeting to be delayed.

Prairie West Park Retention Pond – Due to excessive, simultaneous and lengthy discussion from the floor, without recognition from the Chair, it became impossible to record the proceedings.

Mr. Rob Berger was present and attempted, from his seat, to explain the chemical treatment to correct the pond problems.

At 7:40 p.m. the meeting was formally called to order by Ms. Koke upon the arrival of Ms. Millis.

Prairie West Park Retention Pond – Unrecognized discussion resumed on the issue until it was pointed out that a motion was made and approved at the May 15th meeting to commence the chemical treatment proposed by Mr. Berger in his written proposal.

Park Equipment in Schillton Hills – Mr. Monix advised finished except for pea gravel. Volleyball court will be moved to the east next week and is not in use.

Sun Meadows Park – Mr. Monix advised installation will commence next week.

Drinking Fountains – Mr. Monix said they will be in by next week.

Eagle Scout 288 and 289 – Ms. Millis will continue to make contact and work with the group.

Park Fee Rental and Policy – Ms. Millis made a motion the matter be tabled until August due to unacceptability of having a policy change mid-season, seconded by Ms. Hawkins. Approved 3-1.

Mr. Estep, Optimist Club, stated there would be a Fishing Derby held at Homestead Park Lake from 7:00 a.m. to noon on September 16th. The date has been cleared with the park schedule.

Lantern View Park – Ms. Millis advised she has observed site and applied for grant with a positive feeling toward approval.

Volleyball League – Ms. Millis reported program is a success and the hopes are for an additional four teams next year for a total of eight teams.

Girls Baseball – Representative Dave Anders advised two dugouts have been moved with tops. He suggested that in the future, on baseball related structural matters, they be advised since they have qualified members willing to volunteer to work on projects.

Boys Baseball – Representative Randy Nye advised baseball tournament will be June 16, 17, and 18. He requested four picnic tables be moved to the site and located at approach to concession stand. Mr. Monix indicated he will handle along with bringing extra trash cans. The leagues were made aware that in the future to expect a charge for services of this sort.

Ms. Millis advised Mr. Anders and Mr. Nye that the wording on the liability policy should be, "Town of St. John and Lake Central School Corporation". Also, the amount of \$2,000,000.00 is to be increased to \$5,000,000.00. Mr. Brown advised the change should be effective immediately.

Mr. Monix advised he had had a request from the St. John Catholic Church for the loan of 20 picnic tables for the church's annual festival, July 21 – 24. Ms. Hawkins made a motion the request be allowed, seconded by Ms. Millis. Approved 3-1.

Mr. Monix advised he would probably have a request from Cedar Lake Summer Fest for 20 picnic tables for their July 1 – 4 festival. Mr. Monix added that St. John and Cedar Lake have had mutual loan relationship, which has worked successfully. Ms. Millis made a motion the Cedar Lake request, if made, be honored, seconded by Ms. Hawkins. Passed 3-1.

Mr. Brown made mention of the possibility of allowing town resident, Mrs. Vamos, handle out grant applications since she's had experience and success in the matter.

Mr. Monix said there's a need for a new tractor to replace the current piece of equipment due to the inability to secure repair parts and the age of the tractor. The cost with a trade in, would amount to approximately \$6,000.00. It would be advisable to adopt a policy to trade every 2 – 3 years.

Mr. Brown said the Police Department had questioned the advisability of ticketing vehicles illegally parked at baseball games where "no parking" signs are posted and/or on residents lawns. It was the general feeling a warning ticket would be in order.

Ms. Millis indicated their office has received complaints regarding dogs being turned loose in parks. It was determined the rules of the parks are determined by the Park Board. A solution might be a letter to the dog owner.

Mr. Brown apologized to the Board for his late arrival at the meeting. He has been asked by Mr. Gembala to attend due to Mr. Gembala being out of town. Mr. Brown had assumed the meetings still commenced at 8:00 p.m.

Mr. Paul Haller, Park Board member also apologized for his lateness, arriving at 8:00 p.m. due to a business commitment.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Ms. Hawkins made a motion the following bills be paid, seconded by Mr. Haller. Approved 4-0.

#891	Nelson Construction	\$7,040.53
#1001	Avalon Petroleum	\$152.12
#1002	Jim's Repair	\$7.20
#1003	Pam Zych	\$25.48
#1004	Schilling's	\$94.86
#1005	Pam Zych (took in \$482.00)	\$432.00
#1006	Larry Zych	\$30.00
#1007	Liz Feeney	\$29.00
#1108	St. John Postmaster	\$32.00
#1009	Nipsco	\$612.62
#1010	St. John Utilities	\$20.00
#1011	Rium Equipment	\$116.23
#1012	DeJong Equipment	\$321.14
#1013	Bruce Septic	\$460.00

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 9:20 p.m. by Ms. Millis, seconded by Mr. Haller. Approved 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

By: /s/ Shirley Hawkins
Secretary