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

Attendee 1, Joan Millis	Attendee 4,
Attendee 2, Mary Anne Koke	Attendee 5,
Attendee 3, Shirley Hawkins	Attendee 6,

The following members absent:

Absent 1, Paul Haller	Absent 4
Absent 2, Fred Kish, Council Liaison	Absent 5
Absent 3,	Absent 6

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President Joan Millis.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Hawkins made a motion that the minutes of the June 4<sup>th</sup> meeting be approved as submitted. Seconded by Ms. Koke. Passed 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Millis advised a preliminary draft of Parks 2000 had been received from Storrow & Kinsella Partnership, relating to the five-year park plan. Additional information has been requested and has been handled by Ms. Millis.

There was nothing to add regarding Central Park.

Ms. Millis indicated the drinking fountains at Prairie West Park and Schillton Hills Park have not been installed. Public Works has advised her the job would be done by the

middle of July. The reconnecting of the water fountain at Homestead Park has not been handled due to top priority projects needing immediate attention.

The pavilion at Prairie West Park has been closed at one end to discourage the geese from using the pavilion. Chemical treatment of both Prairie West and Homestead Park ponds continues. Mr. Rob Berger reported the algae is less than a year ago, although Prairie West continues to have more of a problem due to the geese droppings acting as a nutrient for the algae.

- Ms. Koke made a motion to allow Mr. Berger to continue the treatment of Prairie West Park as deemed necessary, seconded by Ms. Hawkins. Passed 3-0.

Tony Williams, Troop 550, made a presentation for a Turtle Island project to be erected in the pond at Prairie West Park as his Eagle Scout project. Drawings of the project were presented to the Board. Mr. Berger indicated the turtles would have no impact on the pond. The surface area of the island will be composed of materials to resemble a grassy, sandy natural area conducive to turtle life. The island will be removed in the fall for winter storage and to not interfere with winter ice-skating on the pond. Scout Leader, Mr. Williams, advised the project will be handled primarily by fundraisers. He also advised maintenance would be minimal, amounting to sand replacement.

- Ms. Koke made a motion to approve Tony Williams's projected Turtle Island Project in Prairie West Park, seconded by Ms. Hawkins. Passed 3-0.

Mr. Williams also asked the Board's permission to put his boat into the water at Prairie West to work on the project. Ms. Millis advised the permission would be granted and the police would be notified of the work.

There was a discussion regarding the advisability of having ducks in Prairie West Park as a part of geese control. Ms. Millis will check into the matter.

Schererville Soccer Club has asked that the Board again this year sponsor a team, as was done in 1995, in the amount of \$200.00. Ms. Koke made a motion we sponsor a team, seconded by Ms. Hawkins. Passed 3-0.

Ms. Millis reported the merry-go-round in Larimer Park is broken and is beyond repair. She recommended we order a new piece of replacement equipment in the fall, for placement in summer of 1997. Ms. Hawkins suggested the Board give first consideration for the purchase to the Miracle Company, since we have been pleased with previous park equipment purchases from their company. Ms. Hawkins also recommended the piece of equipment be geared toward the toddler age since this age depends heavily on park outings and for their entertainment.

Ms. Millis indicated nothing has been heard regarding the budget. She will pursue having a meeting with Judy Companik regarding the matter and will advise the Board of the date and time.

### PAYMENT OF BILLS

The bills were presented for payment:

1252	Storrow & Kinsella Partnership	\$1,500.00
1347	Norma Yaeger	\$30.00
1348	Ruim Equipment	\$82.70
1349	MTS Supply	\$5.14
1350	Aquatic Weed Control	\$99.65
1351	Aquatic Weed Control	\$99.65
1352	Aquatic Weed Control	\$176.40
1353	Schilling Lumber	\$30.37
1354	Rogers & Sons	\$6.40
1355	Alsip Nursery	\$65.06
1356	Pam Zych	\$60.00
1357	Nipsco	\$17.54
1358	Nipsco	\$25.08
1359	St. John Municipal Utilities	\$64.40
1360	Jim's Repair Service	\$8.39
1361	Nelsons Construction	\$25.00
1362	Bruce's Septic	\$295.00
1388	Barry Woodward	\$54.48

Ms. Hawkins made a motion for payment, seconded by Ms. Millis. Passed 3-0.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Hawkins made a motion to adjourn at 7:55 p.m., seconded by Ms. Koke. Passed 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

By: /s/ Shirley Hawkins  
Secretary