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

Attendee 1, Eileen Butcher	Attendee 4, David Wickland, Attorney
Attendee 2, Joan Millis	Attendee 5,
Attendee 3, Paul Haller	Attendee 6,

The following members absent:

Absent 1, Mary Anne Koke	Absent 4
Absent 2, Fred Kish, Council Liaison	Absent 5
Absent 3,	Absent 6

CALL TO ORDER

The monthly meeting was called to order with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

The president called the roll. In attendance were Eileen Butcher, Paul Haller, and Joan Millis.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

(November 23rd) "Paul Haller inquired about the motion to hire Pam Zych, whether this covered an 8-hr day and whether someone else was hired to cover evenings. Eileen Butcher confirmed that she has a staff to cover the long hours the Fitness Center is open.

- Motion by Joan Millis, seconded by Paul Haller, to approve the minutes of November 23 as presented. Passed unanimously on voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS

St. John Heartland Park

1. House Lease

Eileen Butcher noted that the house lease expires at the end of December. Per David Wickland, the Park Board should approve the lease as is without changes; the current tenants are expected to stay through this year. A rent increase would require another appraisal process.

- Motion by Joan Millis, seconded by Paul Haller, to approve the lease for 10616 White Oak Ave. rental property pursuant to the terms of the lease for the coming year, 1999. (Discussion): Paul Haller inquired what happens if the tenants leave before the end of the year. Eileen Butcher explained that it is a month-to-month lease. Thirty days' notice would be required. Passed unanimously on voice vote.

2. Handicapped Parking Signs

Eileen Butcher noted that the 12 spaces designated for handicapped parking require signs, at a cost of approximately \$200.00.

- Motion by Paul Haller, seconded by Joan Millis, to approve the purchase of handicapped parking signs for the St. John Heartland Park parking area, for \$250.00. Passed unanimously on voice vote.

Basketball Courts

This item will remain on the agenda until funds are identified to improve the courts.

Sun Meadows Easement Encroachment

An estimated has been received from Hardesty Survey for \$6,000.00 to conduct a survey of every house surrounding the park, plus the three entranceways. E. Butcher confirmed that the survey is needed to prove to some homeowners that they are still encroaching on park property. P. Haller inquired whether the homeowners could be assessed for the costs. Eileen Butcher offered to contact David Wickland. Joan Millis confirmed that she would have to obtain more bids for an expense of this size, i.e., Gembala and Ziemniak. There was some concern whether the surveying could be completed when there is snow on the ground. Paul Haller offered to contact Ken Gembala regarding an estimate.

Lawn Care

Eileen Butcher felt that bids should be in house for consideration by April 1.

St. John Web Site

The park rental fees were approved last month (Resolution PK 98-11-23) but not signed. The amendment states that the rental fee shall be \$25.00 for residents and \$50.00 for

non-residents for each day of use. A refundable fee of \$50.00 as a security deposit shall also be required at the time of reservation, to be refunded within 45 days. Three copies need to be signed.

Boy Scout Project

Joan Millis noted that the project has been approved but not completed. She recommended that the item be dropped from the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

East Park Complex

E. Butcher noted that the park had sustained wind damage in the amount of \$300.00. A pole and the backstop needs to be fixed for the upcoming baseball season. Pictures were provided for review.

Motion by Paul Haller, seconded by Joan Millis, to approve the expense for repairs to the equipment at East Park Complex for \$250.00. Passed unanimously on voice vote.

PROGRAM REPORTS

Eileen Butcher provided reports on the programs underway. Joan Millis noted that the revenue for Fit for Kids and Aerobics programs will accrue to the Fitness Center budget when they are moved there. Men’s Basketball and Volleyball will continue to come into the Park Board budget. Joan suggested that basketball program expand into the time and space freed up by the other two programs.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

3024	Park Board Fund	\$82,792.50 (1 st installment of park Bond due in July 1999, as result of Resolution PK 97-09-18C to be placed in a separate fund.
3028	Megan Yates	\$46.00
3027	Amanda Guzik	\$46.00
3026	Carl Decker	\$40.00
3025	Liz Vesich	\$52.00
3016	Norma Yaeger	\$30.00
3017	McCann Power & Equipment	\$127.04 (tractor parts)
3018	Quality Auto Parts	\$172.03
3019	St. John Postmaster	\$32.00 (stamps)
3020	Nipsco	\$42.62 (lights)
1812	Rick Rock	\$152.00 (pond pump removal)
3022	Lake Central Schools	\$107.50 (Kolling rental, paid from bond funds)
3023	J. Metro Excavating	\$43,500.00 (from park bond funds)

- Motion by Joan Millis, seconded by Paul Haller, to approve bills as presented.
Discussion: Joan Millis noted that a lot of fill will be needed on the NE corner of the

park when the culvert work is done; the J. Metro expense does not include this anticipated expense to finish the corner. Passed unanimously on voice vote.

Eileen Butcher submitted two additional bills for consideration:

3029	Ken Corp.	\$40,000.00
3030	Bazzo Excavating	\$18,929.38

Joan Millis noted that these bills come from the original ice group, CMS, for work that was “supposedly done.” Eileen Butcher recommended that the bills not be approved.

- Motion by Paul Haller, seconded by Joan Millis, not to approve voucher 3029 for \$40,000.00 or 3030 for \$18,929.38. Passed unanimously on voice vote.

ANY AND ALL

No additional items were presented for discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Joan Millis, seconded by Paul Haller, to adjourn the meeting. Passed unanimously on voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

By: /s/ Norma R. Yaeger
Recording Secretary