

St. John Park Board Meeting Minutes
December 17, 2002

Trustees:

Barb Zivat, President

Rhuben Pittman, Member at Large

Joan Millis, Member at Large

Dave Wickland, Town Attorney

Bob Pharazyn, Director of Public Works

Kristie Aldridge, Town Council Liaison

Steve Kil, Town Manager

1. CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m.
2. ROLL CALL – In attendance were Barb Zivat, Rhuben Pittman, Joan Millis, Dave Wickland, Bob Pharazyn, Kristie Aldridge and Steve Kil.
3. APPROVE OR AMEND THE MINUTES – **Ms. Millis made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 25, 2002 meeting. Seconded by Mr. Pittman. Motion carried.**
4. OLD BUSINESS
 - a. St. John Heartland Park – Babe Ruth Field Update
Mr. Pharazyn reported that the roofs have been installed on both dugouts. The fence has been staked and laid out. The lights were turned on in daylight to check for problems. Mr. Pharazyn also reported that the lights will be turned on at night and they need to be on for about eight hours.
 - b. Bike Trail – Update
Mr. Kil reported that he wanted the Park Board to take a look at the final sets of plans and he could see no reason why they couldn't go out for bid this spring.
 - c. LWCF Grant Application – Update
Mr. Kil reported that he needs the board to authorize the LWCF Grant Application and come up with projects. Approval for the grant will not be available until March.
5. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. Haller Park (in memory of Paul Haller, former Park Board President)
Ms. Zivat entertained a motion to rename Homestead Park in honor of Paul Haller who had been the Park Board President for many years. Mr. Pittman made a motion to rename Homestead Park, seconded by Ms. Zivat. Ms. Millis was not in favor of renaming the park and felt it should be one of the park's that have not been deeded rather than upset the apple cart with the residents that have lived there for quite a long time. She also suggested that perhaps a part of the bike trail should be named after Mr. Haller. Comments were made by Mr. Hero. Ms. Zivat then asked for a vote from the members. Mr. Pittman and Ms. Zivat voted for renaming the park after Mr. Haller and Ms. Millis voted against. Vote did not carry. The item will be placed on a future agenda.

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NEW BUSINESS CONT'D.

b. Indiana Hurricanes Traveling Softball Team

Mr. Bob Derezhinski asked the Park Board to schedule the ball fields for practice times for the girl's softball team. Some discussion ensued. Comments were made by Mr. Tom Juretic and Mr. Pittman.

6. REPORTS

a. Programs

Ms. Millis reported that men's basketball is on its way.

7. PAYMENT OF BILLS

Ms. Millis made a motion to approve Voucher Nos. 1196 – 1201. Seconded by Mr. Pittman. Motion carried.

8. ANY AND ALL BUSINESS THAT MAY COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Mr. Wickland referred to his December 4, 2002, letter to the Park Board regarding the discussion of last month's meeting about the possibility of holding a Special Meeting in December or January concerning the Park Master Plan. Brian Bishop of Storrow-Kinsella called Mr. Wickland to let him know that after the last meeting that no special meeting is necessary. Mr. Bishop recommends that we take any further public comment this evening and forward any comments to him for incorporation into the document. Mr. Bishop will forward the document to the DNR on December 23, 2002. Ms. Millis reported that she dropped off a copy of the draft at the St. John Library with some sheets for anyone to sign or make any comments. Mr. Hero asked that his comments from the Park Board's last month meeting be incorporated into this month's meeting. Refer to tape recording incorporated by reference.

Mr. Pittman showed a drawing of the proposed concession stand at Heartland Park. Comments were made by Mr. Hero concerning equipment storage, picnic area and lightning protection.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Pittman made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Millis. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:05.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Falaschetti