

St. John Park Board Meeting Minutes
March 25, 2003

Trustees:

Rhuben Pittman, President

Joan Millis, Vice President

Patrick Philbin, 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 6:00 p.m., with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. ROLL CALL –
In attendance were Rhuben Pittman, Joan Millis, Patrick Philbin, Bob Pharazyn, Kristie Aldridge, Steve Kil and Ken Reed filling in for Dave Wickland who was absent.
3. APPROVE OR AMEND THE MINUTES –
Ms. Millis made a motion to approve the February 25, 2003, Regular Meeting and the Special Meeting on March 11, 2003. Seconded by Mr. Philbin. Motion carried.
4. OLD BUSINESS
 - a. St. John Heartland Park – Babe Ruth Field – Update
Mr. Pharazyn reported that he spoke with the Fence Company and they promised that they would be at the park on Saturday until the work is completed. Mr. Pharazyn also met with the Landscape Company on getting pricing for the perimeter and finish grading and seeding. The rough grading still needs to be completed and Mr. Pharazyn spoke with Greg Snow about that and once the fence is up and the little issues that are still left to do which are minimal are completed, Mr. Snow will get in there with his machine, knock down and rough grade everything and get it correct for the landscapers Mr. Pharazyn reported that he has about \$4,500.00 left to upgrade. Some discussion ensued concerning the maintenance of the field, sod, drinking fountain and bleachers. See tape recording incorporated by reference.
 - b. Bike Trail – Update
Review of Bike Trail
Mr. Kil reported that he walked the entire length of the bike trail with representatives from the Duneland Group and the Army Corps of Engineers as it relates to Bull Run Ditch. The whole idea is to keep the wetland impact underneath 1/10 of an acre because then we could go under the nationwide permit, we will not have to do litigation. Every station mark was measured and it is going to require us to tweak the bike trail a little bit. Ms. Aldridge and Mr. Pittman wanted to know when the people of St. John would be able to use the trail. No one would commit as to when the bike trail will be complete. More discussion ensued. See tape recording incorporated by reference.
 - c. LWCF Grant Application – Update
Due to a money crunch, this item will be taken off the agenda.

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OLD BUSINESS CONT'D.

- d. Haller Park (in memory of Paul Haller, former Park Board President)
Mr. Pittman wants to have Homestead Park named in honor of Paul. Mr. Philbin referred to Ms. Millis' statement that a newer park should be named after Paul. Some discussion ensued. Nothing was resolved.
 - e. Five Year Master Plan Update – Nothing to Report.
 - f. Impact Fee Ordinance – Update
Mr. Kil reported that there was one response that came back. Mr. Kil is waiting to hear from the committee.
 - g. Heartland Park
 - 1.) 10616 White Oak Avenue – Park House Repairs
Estimates were received from Eenigenburg Roofing in the amount of \$4,060.00 and Lange Roofing in the amount of \$6,843.00. **Mr. Philbin made a motion to approve the repairs to the house in Heartland Park at 10616 White Oak Avenue roofing repairs and approve of the proposal of Eenigenburg Roofing. Seconded by Ms. Millis. Motion carried.**
5. NEW BUSINESS
- a. Picnic Table – Repairs
Ms. Millis reported that there are twenty-five (25) picnic tables that are in need of repair. **Ms. Millis made a motion to allow a \$500.00 cap to do repairs to the picnic tables in various parks not to exceed \$500.00. Seconded by Mr. Philbin. Motion carried.**
 - b. CDBG – 2003 FY
These are HUD funds for putting in sidewalks in Fairway Park and Schillton Hills Park plus wood chips at Lantern View Park and Fairway Park, and for the county bus. Mr. Pittman realizes that this has to go to the Town Council for approval but the Park Board's suggestion is to put in 430 lineal feet at Fairway Park and 208 lineal feet at Schillton Hills Park. In addition, wood chips at Lantern View Park and Fairway Park. Some discussion ensued. **Ms. Millis made a motion to recommend to the Town Council that parks and sidewalks ADA accessibility, and sidewalks leading to park equipment and the chips around the equipment are included. Seconded by Mr. Philbin. Motion carried.**
 - c. Lancer Park – Completion for 2002 project
Ms. Millis reported that there is nothing but the sign left in Lancer Park.
 - d. Larimer Park – completion of 2002 project
Mr. Phrazyn reported that they need to get black dirt and seed. Work was started around the entrance sign and then they ran out of money. More discussion ensued concerning the drinking fountain and maintenance of the fields. See tape recording incorporated by reference.

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6. REPORTS

Ms. Millis reported that basketball is still going.

Mr. Kil suggested to the Park Board to consider entertaining going in with a few other communities to host a senior citizens trip, for example to Branson Missouri. The idea being that by going with other communities this can fill up the bus trip. The Park Board will check into this.

7. PAYMENT OF BILLS

Voucher Nos. #1009 to 1015

Mr. Philbin made a motion to pay Voucher Nos. #1009-1015 with the exception of Voucher #1011 for Nipsco in the amount of \$48.46. Seconded by Ms. Millis. Motion carried.

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

Ms. Aldridge asked the Park Board to send a letter to the Plan Commission asking to purchase land that is developing on the east side of town for Park use. Mr. Philbin thought that a developer was going to donate the land.

Ms. Aldridge reported that the fireworks would take place on July 5.

Mr. Pharazyn to tie in the water fountains at the Babe Ruth field within the next week to ten days.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Millis made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Philbin. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Falaschetti