

St. John Park Board Meeting Minutes  
August 26, 2003

Trustees:

Rhuben Pittman, President  
Joan Millis, Vice President  
Patrick Philbin, Member at Large  
Bill Dodaro, 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, Bill Dodaro, Dave Wickland, Kristie Aldridge and Steve Kil. Absent – Bob Pharazyn.
3. APPROVE OR AMEND THE MINUTES – July 22, 2003 and Special Meeting July 30, 2003. – **Mr. Dodaro made a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Park Board Meeting on July 22, 2003 and the Special Meeting on July 30, 2003. Seconded by Ms. Millis. Motion carried.**
4. Bike Trail Presentation – Duneland Group Phase 2 and 3  
Mr. Paul Weeks passed out drawings to the Park Board for where Phase I exists. A lengthy discussion ensued. See Tape recording incorporated by reference. Mr. Pittman recommended that a Study Session be planned.
5. Old Business
  - a. St. John Girl's Softball League
    - 1.) Concession/Storage Facility – Update  
Ms. Millis reported that she knew they removed the garage door but due to weather conditions nothing else was done.
  - b. Bike Trail Phase 1 – Update  
Mr. Kil reported that a preliminary field check is set up with INDOT in which they will do the whole trail and after that it's a matter of getting the bids put together. Mr. Weeks presentation is set around Phase 2 and 3.
6. New Business
  - a. St. John Heartland Park
    - 1.) Senior Baseball – Babe Ruth Field  
Mr. Pittman reported that men sixty-two and older wanted to use Heartland Park on Tuesday evenings until October.

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6. New Business Cont'd.

2.) Removal of ivy – Babe Ruth Field

The Park Board was concerned about planting ivy at the Park. Mr. Pittman stated that the problems at the park are with people coming in and planting trees, building fire pits and doing all kinds of things without getting permission from the Town Council and Park Board. Some discussion ensued and it was decided to let the ivy stay. See tape recording incorporated by reference.

3.) Bleachers – Babe Ruth Field

Mr. Pittman reported that Mr. Pharazyn had a presentation for a couple of sets of bleachers from Soccer USA in Hobart for \$2,000.00. Messrs. Pittman and Dodaro went out to Soccer USA in Hobart to look at the bleachers. **Ms. Millis made a motion to purchase the bleachers at Soccer USA in Hobart contingent upon Public Works approval and Park Board approval for \$2,000.00. Seconded by Mr. Philbin. Motion carried 3-1. Mr. Pittman voted no.**

4.) Drainage problem – Soft Ball Field

Dirt is being brought out to fix up the field. Item tabled.

5.) Proposed Concession Stand – Update

DNR Grant to be done for the concession stand.

b. East Park Complex – Soccer Field Setup

Mr. Pittman reported that Lake Central High School will be taking over East Park. Comments were made by Mr. Juritic, Ms. Jamieson, Mr. Philbin and Ms. Aldridge concerning the problems at East Park. A lengthy discussion ensued. See tape recording incorporated by reference..

c. Larimer Park

1.) Concrete work

Ms. Millis reported that she talked to Jerry Newell who did some of the concrete work last year and the Park Board has \$1,700.00 credit. Mr. Newell is aware of the credit and if he is awarded the contract he will tie in the \$1,700.00 or if he's in the area he will come in and fill in the one strip along the pavilion.

2.) Larimer Memorial – Landscape Proposals

**Ms. Millis made a motion to approve in the amount of \$1,662.00 to Hoover's Nursery contingent upon inspecting prior work and understanding the scope of the work that is required. Seconded by Mr. Dodaro. Motion carried. Mr. Philbin made a motion that in the event that the Park Board does not accept the Hoover proposal that the Park Board accept the proposal from Red Bud in the amount of \$2,410.00. Seconded by Ms. Millis. Motion carried.**

d. Kilkenny Park – Proposed Soccer Fields

Mr. Pittman reported that there is proposed park land out by the water tower on the west side of town. Mr. Wickland suggested writing a letter to the Planning Commission letting them know the Park Board is interested in that area.

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- e. Prairie West Park
    - 1.) Movie Night – September 6<sup>th</sup>

The movie shown will be Spy Kids II. Mr. Dodaro commented that it was brought to his attention that in movies passed, there was some political campaigning going on and in his opinion he would like to make a statement or have a letter sent out to all the candidates informing them that this is a Park Board sponsored movie night for the Town, and the Park Board will not condone any campaigning during the movie. All Park Board members agreed with Mr. Dodaro. Comments were made by Ms. Aldridge. Mr. Dodaro stated that for the record, the above comments were not about Ms. Aldridge.
    - 2.) Addition of a dirt mount

Ms. Millis reported that the dirt is being moved around and there may be a small cost.
  - f. Homestead Park – Playground Equipment

After some discussion this item was tabled.
  - g. Bob's Affordable – Repair of Damage Park Areas

Mr. Pittman reported that Bob's Affordable put some weed killer down and it did some damage to some of the parks and private property. Mr. Pittman had bills for Louis Estates for \$350.00 and Sun Meadows for \$170.00 for repairing some of the grass and he would like to deduct this from some retainage money that the Park Board holds on Bob's Affordable. Some discussion ensued. See tape recording incorporated by reference. **Mr. Dodaro made a motion to let Bob's Affordable repair his damages to the Park Board's specifications and when that is completed the Park Board release the funds. Seconded by Ms. Millis. Motion carried.**
  - h. ANR Pipeline property on Patnoe Drive

A house on Patnoe caught on fire and ANR wants to clear the property and give the property to the Park Board. **Mr. Dodaro made a motion to turn down the offer from ANR Pipeline. Seconded by Mr. Philbin. Motion carried.**
  - i. Encroachment – Various Parks

**Ms. Millis made a motion that a list be provided to Dave Wickland, Town Attorney, to address encroachment problems that about to the parks. Seconded by Mr. Philbin. Motion carried.**
  - j. Hiring of Park Director

Mr. Kil reported that he drafted a Position Description. Comments were made from the Park Board members. See tape recording incorporated by reference.
  - k. 2004 Park Board Budget

Mr. Kil stated that line items are what they are at any given time. Park Board has \$200,000.00 in their budget.
7. REPORTS
- a. Programs

Carl Dekker to do basketball at Kolling School for two nights.

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8. PAYMENT OF BILLS

Mr. Pittman had a question on a bill to Nelson Construction for \$3,200.00 to take out equipment at Heartland Park. Ms. Millis stated that this came out of the insurance money. **Mr. Dodaro made a motion to approve Voucher Nos. 1076 to 1088 in the amount of \$11,311.42. Mr. Philbin seconded. Motion carried.**

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

Brian Sandborn thanked the Board for the use Larimer Baseball Field this year. Mr. Sandborn asked the Board to renew the use of Larimer for next year. Mr. Sandborn also asked about Civic Park. Mr. Pittman stated that Mr. Keilman was not going to renew the use of the field for next year. Mr. Pittman stated that Civic Park does not belong to the Park Board. Some discussion ensued. See tape recording incorporated by reference.

A resident asked if Heartland Park was going to be reseeded in the Fall.

Mr. Pittman complimented the Girl's and Boys Baseball Leagues for all the work they've done at the Parks.

Mr. Pittman asked about signs being put up in the parks concerning the dogs.

Ms. Aldridge brought up the subject of a Dog Park.

Mr. Pittman showed a picture of a plaque from St. John Baseball to be displayed in the cabinet in the Town Hall.

10. ADJOURNMENT

**Ms. Millis made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Philbin. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Falaschetti