

St. John Park Board Meeting Minutes  
November 25, 2003

Trustees:

Rhuben Pittman, President  
Joan Millis, Vice President  
Patrick Philbin, Member at Large  
Bill Dodaro, Member at Large

Bob Pharazyn, Director of Public Works  
Kristie Aldridge, Town Council Liaison  
Steve Kil, Town Manager  
Dave Wickland, Town Attorney

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, Bill Dodaro, Bob Pharazyn, Kristie Aldridge, Steve Kil and Dave Wickland. Absent – Patrick Philbin.
3. APPROVE OR AMEND THE MINUTES – **Mr. Dodaro made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 28, 2003 meeting. Seconded by Ms. Millis. Motion carried.**
4. Presentation – Kenn Kraus, Town Engineer – Drainage
  - a.) INDOT Project – Intersection U. S. 41 & West 93<sup>rd</sup> Avenue  
Mr. Kraus reported that INDOT requested permission to discharge the storm water from their storm water system from U. S. 41 and West 93<sup>rd</sup> Avenue to Prairie West. At the time the Park Board refused the request. Messrs Kraus, Williams, Redar and Davies met with INDOT and requested that they reroute their storm sewer in another direction and take it south of U. S. 41 and discharge it into St. John Ditch directly. INDOT came back and refused to do this. Mr. Kraus reported that the original request for taking the storm water into Prairie West came about was to dump water into several areas where we know there is a flooding problem. Mr. Kraus passed out to the Park Board a few exhibits of a synopsis view of what INDOT is asking for and how this will affect the basin itself. A lengthy discussion ensued. See tape recording incorporated by reference. **Mr. Dodaro made a motion to allow INDOT to divert the water into the pond at Prairie West Park and request that they throw in a fountain and installation for an aerator and request that they filter the water somehow, sediment traps or whatever and a contribution for future treatment and land replacement contingent on the Park Board's approval of the contour of the additional 3.6 acres. Seconded by Ms. Millis. Motion carried.**

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5. OLD BUSINESS

a.) Heartland Park

1.) Bleachers – Babe Ruth Field – Update

Mr. Pharazyn reported that 75% of the work is complete. Mr. Pittman had prices on bleachers that the Park Board wants to install. **Mr. Dodaro made a motion to purchase three (3) sets of bleachers for \$1,845.00 from Kidstuff Playsystem. Seconded by Ms. Millis. Motion carried.**

b.) Bike Trail Phase 1 & 2 – Update

Mr. Kil reported that he received a memo from Mr. Paul Weeks of the Duneland Group outlining additional costs of moving the trail. Mr. Kil also reported that there was some concern about moving the trail from the north side to around the south side of a pond located at Homestead Acres Park. Another recommendation was to reroute the trail around a utility easement. Mr. Pittman reported that the cost of additional planning and engineering work would have run an estimated \$30,000.00. Mr. Weeks reported that there were three (3) requests one of which was a petition with signatures in favor of moving the trail and the two other requests were to reroute the trail around a utility easement. Mr. Pittman asked for comments from the Park Board and the audience in reference to moving the bike trail. Comments were made by Joe Hero, Kristie Aldridge, Paul Weeks, and Steve Kil. See tape recording incorporated by reference. **Mr. Millis made a motion to leave the bike trail as engineered. Mr. Dodaro seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

c. Homestead Park – Playground Equipment

d. Bob' Affordable – Repair of Damage Park Areas

Ms. Millis stated the only reason it's on the agenda is to serve as a reminder to her to deduct the \$3,900.00 from monies owed Bob's Affordable.

e. Hiring of Park Director

1.) Job Description - Approval

The Park Board will look over and make any changes to the Job Description before approval.

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6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Heartland Park

1.) Approval for sidewalk – Babe Ruth Field

Mr. Pittman stated that he had a verbal for the sidewalk but wanted this brought out to the Park Board Meeting. **Mr. Dodaro made a motion to approve the sidewalks installed at the Babe Ruth Field. Seconded by Ms. Millis. Motion carried. Ms. Millis amended the motion to include \$15,800.00 more or less. Coax received the contract. Seconded by Mr. Dodaro. Motion carried.**

2.) Approval for purchase of new gas furnace and central air at rental house on White Oak Avenue

**Mr. Dodaro made a motion to approve the purchase and installment of a new gas furnace and central air at the rental house on White Oak Avenue to Naughton Heating for \$4,700.**

3.) Approval for purchase of new door for blue pole barn

**Ms. Millis made a motion to approve \$1,200.00 for emergency repair. Seconded by Mr. Dodaro. Motion carried.** Mr. Kil to check to see if this can be paid for somewhere else.

3.) Roofs – four dug outs – Girl’s Softball

**Mr. Dodaro made a motion to approve the payment of materials for the dug outs and roofs for the Girl’s Softball Field. Seconded by Ms. Millis. Motion carried.**

b. Enforcement of Ordinance #1245 – All Parks

**Ms. Millis made a motion to go ahead and have Town Attorney, Dave Wickland put into resolution form regarding no pet’s on the ball fields. Seconded by Mr. Dodaro. Motion carried.**

7. REPORTS

4.) Men’s Basketball – Nothing to Report

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8. PAYMENT OF BILLS

Vouchers #1126 thru #1144 in the amount of \$16,786.88.

**Mr. Dodaro made a motion to approve Vouchers #1128, 1140, 1143 and 1144 an exclude Voucher Nos. #1126, 1127, 1141 and 1142. Seconded by Ms. Millis. Motion carried.**

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

Ms. Aldridge asked about the playground equipment at Homestead Park. Mr. Pittman stated that Mr. Philbin was going to address this at tonight's meeting but he was unable to attend the meeting.

Mr. Sandborn requested the Park Board to make the connection to the water for the irrigation system at Heartland Park. **Mr. Dodaro made a motion to approve up to \$1,600.00 the improvements needed for the irrigation system to be put in at the Babe Ruth Field and have Mr. Pharazyn get a few more proposals then have the work done. Seconded by Ms. Millis. Motion carried.**

Mr. Pittman spoke to Tom Keilman and he said baseball has the field for another year.

Mr. Pittman received a letter from Margaret Kiewicz whose father was Robert Patnoe. A portion of land that was originally part of his farm is now a park that bears his name and she would like to donation two or three trees to help improve the Park. **Mr. Dodaro made a motion to approve Margaret Kiewicz of 5122 N. Newland Avenue, Chicago, IL 60656 to donate two or three trees to Patnoe Park in memory of her father contingent upon the approval of the trees she wants to put in by the Park Board. Seconded by Ms. Millis. Motion carried.**

Mr. Pittman received a letter from a young man that lives over on Oakwood Avenue requesting lights and a skate board and bowling alley in the Park on West Oakridge. Mr. Pittman to reply.

Mr. Pittman reported that there are a couple of pillars out at the entry way to Heartland Park and would like to put up a double sided sign.

10. ADJOURNMENT

**Mr. Dodaro made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Ms. Millis. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted – Kathleen Falaschetti

