

St. John Park Board Meeting Minutes
March 24, 2009

Trustees:

Shari Kolodziej, President
Faye Cedano-Johnson, Vice President
Carl Thomsen, Member at Large
Beth Hernandez, Member at Large
Mark Barenie, Town Council Liaison

Chip Sobek, Parks & Recreation Superintendent
Tim Kuiper, 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 Shari Kolodziej, Carl Thomsen, Beth Hernandez and Chip Sobek. Absent – Faye Cedano-Johnson, Mark Barenie and Tim Kuiper, Town Attorney.

3. APPROVE OR AMEND THE MINUTES

Ms. Kolodziej entertained a motion to approve the February 24,2009 Park Board Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Ms. Hernandez. Motion carried.

4. NEW BUSINESS

Contract Approvals

Ms. Kolodziej entertained a motion to accept contracts for Susan Thomas, Jennifer Pufahl and Megan Jubera for the summer park program. Seconded by Mr. Thomsen. Motion carried.

Adoption of New Park Rental Fees

Mr. Sobek reported that the Town Council has approved the park rental fees that were suggested by the Park Board.

Tables for St. John Evangelist Festival

Since a letter from St. John Evangelist came in before the rental fees were approved, the tables will be grand fathered in for this year.

Pond Treatment Proposal

Ms. Kolodziej entertained a motion to accept the 2009 proposal from McNamara Weed Control. Seconded by Ms. Hernandez. Motion carried.

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5. OLD BUSINESS

Discussion About House at Heartland Park

Mr. Sobek took two employees from the Building and Planning Department out to the house at Heartland Park to basically tell him what was good and bad about the house and what they could do to remodel.

Mr. Sobek also reported that Functionally Fit is closing because of a leasing problem and that perhaps they would be interested in leasing the house. He will be meeting with the interested party and report back at the next Park Board Meeting.

Easter Egg Hunt Report Time and Procedure

Mr. Sobek reported that he will provide a list for the park board members as to who signed up for the hunt and it will be by family not age groups. He asked that they be at Lake Hills Park around 9:15 a.m. to start setting up.

Park Cleanup Day

Park cleanup day – weather permitting will be on Saturday, March 28, 2009 at 8:45 a.m. Mr. Sobek will take Lake Hills Park, Faye Cedano-Johnson, Timberlane Park, Carl Thomsen, Larimer Park, Beth Hernandez, Heartland Park and Shari Kolodziej, Prairie West Park.

Mr. Sobek also reported that he received a call from Comforts Catering volunteering to provide soup and hot dogs for those people who come out to help with the cleanup of the parks.

Skateboard Park Information

Mr. Sobek reported that he did some research on the skateboard park and there are some issues. Dyer is putting there's right by the police station. Crown Point's is running fairly smoothly and one park in Danville, Illinois is closing. The cost to have a skateboard park is astronomical and with budget constraints being as they are at this time it is not feasible to do anymore research.

6. PAYMENT OF BILLS – March 2009 – Park Apv's. #1031-#1047 - \$11,163.11
Ms.Kolodziej entertained a motion to approve the March 2009 Park Apv's. #1031-#1047 in the amount of \$11,163.11. Seconded by Ms. Hernandez. Motion carried.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT – No Public

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8. ANY AND ALL

Ms. Kolodziej reported that she received three letters from students at Clark Middle requesting certain things that they would like to see done at the parks. One letter is about a skate park, one is for a swimming pool and another is for something to be done with the tennis courts.

After a lengthy discussion it was decided that Mr. Sobek would do research on these requests and report back to the Park Board.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Kolodziej entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Thomsen. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Falaschetti
Recording Secretary