

MEETING MINUTES
Parks and Recreation Committee
Village of Maryville
April 21, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President Roger Shoup at _____ p.m.

Roll was taken. _____ members present: _____

Motion to approve February Meeting Minutes was made by _____ and seconded by _____ . Motion approved and passed unanimously. Motion to approve the March Meeting Minutes was made by _____ and seconded by _____. Motion approved and passed unanimously.

(RECORDING STARTING FROM 7:39:29 P.M.)

Topics:

KHOURY LEAGUE OPENING DAY:

Shoup reported the recommendation regarding naming of the field was approved by the Board. Stated they are looking for volunteers to help with the event; volunteers should contact Tracy Fenton.

FISHING DERBY:

Carol Frerker reported pavilion #1 has already been reserved by a private party on the date of the fishing derby. Stated as she does not want to cancel, she reserved pavilion #5 as an alternate location. Bell commented the new pavilion may be up by that time as well. The decision was made to use pavilion #5, which is close to the new restrooms.

MASTER GARDENERS:

Judy Wiemann reported everything is going well; however the state of Illinois has cut off all funding for Master Gardening. Explained this eliminates produce plantings, the fruits of which were donated to the food pantry. Stated some of the Master Gardeners are starting produce plants from seeds. Commented last year the Gardeners donated 1,700 pounds of produce to the pantry, which they found hard to use; accordingly they will cut back on planting this year. Shoup commented donations were taken for the Park Committee in memorial of Mayor's father-in-law, which could be considered for the Master Gardening program.

CONCERTS/MOVIES IN THE PARK:

Sharon Petty reported she firmed-up the Elvis impersonator for May 23rd, and the contract will be sent. Stated the show will start with a half-hour of Buddy Holly, followed by Elvis.

Sharon further reported they have sponsors for all movies except for the 29th, which is scheduled for Steve Wigginton. Butch Bicanic commented his brother-in-law, who is a manager for Bank of Edwardsville in Troy, stated he would like to get involved with sponsorship as well.

As previously discussed, kettle corn will be available for sale at the event. Stated FNB has agreed to providing water for all of the concerts. Stated Southern Illinois Chiropractic plans to buy a popcorn machine this year for use at the events. Discussion was held as to getting sponsors to provide Bobby's at each event.

Sharon stated there have been more requests for sponsorship than there are movies available and wondered about adding one or two more movies to the schedule. Roger Shoup suggested co-sponsorship of both movies and refreshments to cut down on expenses. Extensive discussion was held as to the expense of Bobby's ice cream. Suggestions were made that the Park Committee should approach Bobby's regarding some type of deal, as they did not give any price breaks to FNB last year. Sharon asked the group to provide personal contacts for sponsorship. The suggestion was made that each sponsor only be asked once per season.

Butch Bicanic reported he has contracts for George Ports and has received a letter from Joey James. Shoup confirmed Butch and Ron Motil will act as Master of Ceremonies. Sharon suggested double checking with Pat Presson to make sure the picnic tables are out in the area as well as passing out copies of the Calendar of Events. Wiemann reminded Butch to contact Thelma Long to alert her for the payment of the bands.

LIASON'S COMMENTS:

Trustee Bell reported on the following recommendations made to the Board of Trustees:

- Approval for Jamie Swanner to use the park for soccer camp motion carried
- A total of 275 fish were purchased for the lake
- The Eagle Scout project was authorized up to \$1,000 with possible cutting of cost by Park Board members

TO DO LIST REPORT:

Mike Valino is working on bringing the donations up to date. Explained what information the spreadsheet shows. Mayor suggested Mike Valino and Jolene Henry be the only two people involved in taking memorial requests and making changes to the list to ensure the memorial is completed. Shoup suggested the spreadsheet be e-mailed to all committee members for review and comment, if applicable.

MAYOR COMMENTS:

Pending grants:

- 2008 PEP Grant of \$15,000: Order was placed 4/15/08 for 10 large planters, 6 small planters, 8 picnic tables, with 6 to 8 weeks' for delivery.
- 2008 Madison County Recyclable Park Equipment Grant of \$8,000: Order was placed 4/18/08 for 21 thirty-two gallon trash cans, with 6 to 8 weeks' delivery.

Mayor reported he had a request from Roger Blase to use the park on May 19th for a Boy Scout Crossover Ceremony, at which they will use a fire pit. Motion was made by Sharon Petty to recommend allowance to the Board; second was made by Judy Wiemann. Motion approved and passed unanimously.

Mayor reported the Village has agreed to fix the drainage problems on the northwest side of the park; however they need to confirm exactly what the OSLAD grant will cover before starting work. Further reported the Village has been told verbally they received the grant; however they

have not received the confirmation award letter as yet. Explained no money has yet been released, as none is available at the State at this time.

Mayor reported a meeting was held on 4/14/08 with John McNamara, Drost Park Khoury League President, Todd Bell and Roger Shoup. Stated after that meeting an e-mail was sent to League managers informing parents to call or e-mail the Mayor to complain about any problems encountered with parking. Explained McNamara was not aware this e-mail was sent and had the individual that sent it send a retraction. Stated he pointed out to McNamara all of the projects the Village is currently trying to accomplish to help the League with lighting, parking, etc. Mayor stated his intention to attend the next Khoury League Board meeting to present the Village's position regarding the League.

Mayor reported the retention basin created after the dredging will be returned to its original state, and Presson has researched a way to drag the rest of the lake, let it dry and haul off the waste.

Mayor reported the Board has approved a company to erect the forty-foot pavilion on the west side of the park. Further reported the small pavilion has been installed and is in use.

Mayor commented the Public Works Department is short handed and plans to hire some part time help.

Mayor welcomed Curtis, and commented his opinion he will be an asset to the committee. Stated a second new member, Ed Clark, recently had surgery and could not make tonight's meeting.

Mayor commented the Prayer Dinner is scheduled for May 1, 2008 and has tickets available.

OLD BUSINESS:

Judy Wiemann updated on the Eagle Scout project in the park. Stated the project information has been sent to the Boy Scouts and is awaiting approval, after which he will begin work. Stated she has put the boy in contact with Jill's husband to work on getting the price down.

Next, Judy reported on the monument sub-committee's recommendation. Commented her disappointment at the article in the paper and the fact that nothing came back from the Village Board after the Park Committee's recommendation was made. Mayor explained the item is on the agenda for the next Caucus meeting, and he has had several comments from Board members that are not in favor of the recommendation. Further explained they are exploring the issue to make sure they do not set a precedent they will regret in the long run. Bell explained the reason nothing came back from the Board is that despite numerous discussions on the issue, a decision has not yet been made on approval. Wiemann clarified her complaint that a status report was not brought back to the Park Committee. Discussion was held as to the Boards' concerns regarding criteria on deciding who is worthy of this type of memorial and who is not; for this reason, the decision was made for the Trustees to think more on the issue and revisit it at the next Caucus meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Roger Shoup reported the Community Improvement Board has asked permission to landscape the northwest corner of Firemen's Park at Route 159 and Perry Streets to match the opposite corner at the Blue Star Memorial. Sharon Petty moved the Park Committee grant the request for

landscaping the northwest corner of Firemen's Park. Second to the motion was made by Carol Frerker. Motion approved and passed unanimously.

Sharon Petty asked if there is some way to recruit adult summer help as opposed to teenagers. Mayor responded one of the reasons they recruit teenagers is it is inexpensive labor, and cutting grass is not a difficult job. Explained they tried to find some older help, and advertised for part time employees up to 35 hours per week from May 1 to October 1 at \$13 per hour. Stated they received approximately 13 applications, out of which four were chosen for interviews, and one will be hired. Commented the Board was prepared to hire three individuals; however only one was found.

With no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,