

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Parks and Recreation Committee**  
**Village of Maryville**  
**March 17, 2008**

The meeting was called to order by President Roger Shoup at 6:00 p.m.

Roll was taken. Seven (7) members present: Roger Shoup, Judy Wiemann, Sharon Petty, Angel Merz, Carol Frerker, Jill Walker, and Louis (Butch) Bicanic. Four (4) members not present: Jean Scheller-Sampson, Mike Vallino, Ron Motil and Dennis Reynolds. Also attending: Mayor Larry Gullledge, Trustee Todd Bell, and Assistant Village Clerk Tracy Fenton.

Motion to approve January Meeting Minutes was made by \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_. Motion approved and passed unanimously. Approval of the February Meeting Minutes was tabled pending multiple changes and corrections to be made by Butch Bicanic.

Topics:

**1. BIKE RODEO:**

Tracy Fenton explained the Village has received funds in the amount of \$353,000 from the Safe Routes to School grant to install sidewalks in Rolling Meadows Subdivision. Explained the Safe Routes program is designed to encourage children to walk and bike to school, and the Bike Rodeo falls within the realm of projects that support the Safe Routes program. For this reason, the Safe Routes Committee would like consideration of the Rodeo event location to be moved from the fire house to Maryville Elementary School. Tracy has secured the use of the school gymnasium in the event of inclement weather on the event day. Discussion was held regarding the preference of the Bike Rodeo Committee to use the fire house so as to house the event indoors to avoid papers being blown by the wind, etc., as well as the fact the fire fighters help with set up and tear down of the event. Tracy agreed to speak with the Principal of the school to propose using the gymnasium regardless of the weather. Tracy commented her willingness to recruit volunteers both from the PTA and Community Improvement Board to help with the event.

**2. EVENTS REPORTS:**

Sharon Petty informed the Oil Painting Discovery Series was attended by 20 people and went well. Stated participants expressed interest in holding such events once a month for which they would be willing to pay. Discussion was held as to the possibility of obtaining a volunteer or sub-committee to coordinate events, to be planned at the expense of the event-holder making the only expense to the Park Committee/Village the cost of using the Senior Center. Roger commented the Community Improvement Board is looking into revival of a Senior's program, which might fit in with what Sharon is proposing. Discussion was held as to fitting in with the library's event coordination as well. Roger asked Sharon to contact both groups to coordinate efforts. Sharon encouraged the committee to send her ideas and contacts for future series'.

Next, Sharon reported the Art Show went well, with approximately 106 pieces shown.

Roger informed the Kite Flying event is scheduled for April 19<sup>th</sup> in the park, and encouraged volunteers to come and help out.

Butch Bicanic reported on band bookings. Stated George Ports is booked and will send a contract for October 12<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. Stated Zydeco is booked for September 14<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Stated they were trying to fill the date for May, for which the suggestion was made to get an Elvis impersonator. Stated he spoke with Steve Davis of Collinsville, who suggested an hour of Buddy Holly and an hour of Elvis for \$500. Stated the available dates for this show are May 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.; June 22<sup>nd</sup>; or May 23<sup>rd</sup> which is a Friday night and Memorial Day weekend. The decision was made to try booking the event for the Memorial Day date. Mayor suggested contacting the Mother of Perpetual Help Church for permission to use their parking lot for these events.

Roger commented the MCIB is looking into reinstatement of the Fall Festival; if that happens he suggested the Park Committee might fund a band for the event.

Roger commented they need to see a better turnout of Park Committee members at events to help with set up and tear down, etc.

Angel reported she is planning to contact St. Louis Recumbent Bikes at their new location in Mascoutah to see if he would still be willing to help with the Bike Rodeo. Explained if they are unable to help, she is unsure what can be done for bike repair, as she cannot get the Edwardsville shop to return calls. Roger suggested contacting St. Louis Cyclery in Fairview Heights.

### **3. EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT:**

Judy Wiemann reported he has met with Ben Ogle regarding his Eagle Scout Project. Explained he is proposing landscaping on the park sign near the Schoolhouse Trail, and has submitted a proposal for a total estimated cost of \$1,058.60. Discussion was held as to the possibility of the Park Committee getting better pricing on the stone than Ben was able to obtain.

**Motion was made by Judy Wiemann recommending that the Village Board of Trustees accept the Eagle Scout project proposal, Alternative #2, for a cost not to exceed \$1,000. Second to the motion was made by Angel Merz. Motion approved and passed unanimously.**

### **4. LIASON'S COMMENTS:**

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

- The Opening Day Ceremony Celebration in conjunction with the Community Improvement Board motion carried.
- Repairs to Khoury League Field #6 motion carried.
- PEP Grant of \$15,000, Solid Waste Recycle Grant of \$8,000 and the Poured Solid Surface Grant of \$4,000 motions carried.

### **5. TO DO LIST REPORT:**

The pavilion is installed and finished except for concrete work. Sharon commented when installing these pavilions, the finish work is not completed in a timely manner. Mayor responded they will review the work to make sure it is finished properly.

## **6. MAYOR'S COMMENTS:**

Stated he has received a call that they will be receiving the PEP, Solid Waste and Poured Surface grants; however he has not yet received notification in writing.

Next, stated now that Jolene Henry is full time, she will be handling Park Committee donations so as to keep better records of what is donated and where it should be installed.

Next, suggested members of the committee recommend people to fill the empty slots on the Committee, as he does not have any names of people he knows personally.

Next, brought to the Committee's attention a contradiction in the Village Ordinances involving animals in the park: One ordinance states animals are not allowed; the other states they are allowed as long as they are on a leash.

Next, explained funds are not available to do the second part of the lake dredging. Stated his recommendation for the Committee's consideration is to put the lake back the way it used to be; if money becomes available in the future the Village can set up the drainage themselves. Explained the whole area is a mess and needs to be addressed. Asked the Committee to recommend to the Board to remove the holding area and re-seed it.

**Sharon Petty made a motion to recommend to the Board of Trustees to return the retention ponds used for dredging of Drost Park to their former condition. Second to the motion was made by Carol Frerker. Motion approved and passed unanimously.**

Next, Mayor stated they have an idea to drag as much of the lake as they can in the fall, get it up on the shore to allow it to dry, and come back in the Spring to collect and dispose of it.

Next, Mayor discussed the Clean Up Day scheduled for May 17<sup>th</sup>. Stated he has a huge list of people who will be helping that day, and needs a list of projects from the committee. Stated he needs a list of projects and needed supplies by the next Park meeting.

## **7. OLD BUSINESS:**

Sharon Petty reported there are fifty (50) bushes coming, which will be available for the Community Work Day for planting.

**Sharon Petty made a motion to purchase cat fish from Madison County as per prior recommendation. Second to the motion was made by Judy Wiemann. Motion approved and passed unanimously.**

Butch Bicanic reminded the Committee upon the resignation of two long standing members last year; Dennis Reynolds was to form a sub-committee to decide on a way to honor their service. Asked if that had been accomplished. Sharon Petty stated they met and made a recommendation; however nothing further has been done. Butch asked that the item be placed on the next meeting agenda for discussion.

The Semanisin Memorial Project was discussed. **Butch Bicanic made a motion to submit the memorial recommendation to the Board of Trustees. Second to the motion was made by Sharon Petty. Motion approved and passed unanimously.**

**8. NEW BUSINESS:**

Roger reported Carol Frerker was approached by the owner of The Game, Jamie Swaner. Stated he has been in contact with Swaner, who has asked if he can hold a soccer day camp for five days in the park for children from 4 years of age to high school. Stated he is waiting for Swaner to send the specifics of the plan. Explained Swaner is willing to pay to use the green space. Mayor suggested he is uncomfortable with charging people to use a public park; he would rather see the individual make a donation to the Parks Committee. The decision was made that the issue will be brought back to the Committee once more information is submitted.

With no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Fenton, Acting Secretary