

MEETING MINUTES
Parks and Recreation Committee
Village of Maryville
February 18, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President Roger Shoup at 6:12 p.m.

Roll was taken. Eight (8) members present: Roger Shoup, Judy Wiemann, Sharon Petty, Dennis Reynolds, Jean Scheller-Sampson, Carol Frerker, Mike Vallino, and Ron Motil. Three (3) members not present: Angel Merz, Jill Walker, Louis (Butch) Bicanic. Also attending: Mayor Larry Gulledge, Trustee Todd Bell, Benjamin Ogle, Mary Ogle, Assistant Village Clerk Tracy Fenton, and John McNamara.

Approval of Minutes from last meeting in January was tabled.

Topics:

1. EVENTS REPORTS:

Sharon Petty reported that the Discovery Series has been going very well. The bass fishing session was attended by approximately 40 people. The oil painting session will be coming up shortly and the attendance for that session has been reported as full.

2. EAGLE SCOUTS PROJECT:

Eagle Scout Benjamin Ogle and his mother were present and has requested that as part of his Eagle Scout project, he be allowed to provide some constructive services for Drost Park. Benjamin reported that he could start at almost any time after approval, but he needs to finish the project by the end of this upcoming summer. He reported that he is planning to perform at least 40 hours on the project, but he could also do more if needed. Some of his ideas included landscaping around the bridge and he could even connect the path to the bridge. It was also discussed that landscaping near the Drost Park sign is needed. Judy Wiemann informed Benjamin that the Park Committee needs the plans or schematics of what Benjamin wanted to do. The Park Committee would also then fund the landscaping project. Benjamin was informed that he needs to create a proposed budget and submit it to the Park Committee for consideration and that the Village Board of Trustees would need to approve it as well. Mayor Gulledge and the Parks and Recreation Committee as a whole thanked Benjamin Ogle for his interest and Benjamin replied that he would be submitting some plans to the Park Committee at an upcoming meeting.

3. KHOURY LEAGUE:

John McNamara and Tracy Fenton reported that approximately 1,000 children will play Khoury League ball in the Village of Maryville this upcoming summer. Mr. McNamara reported that it appears that older kids are now coming back to the league and are coming

back from some of the select teams. The primary issues that he wanted to discuss with the Parks and Recreation Committee is that because of the large amount of players scheduled to play this summer, the Khoury League is now running out of fields. Fields for T-ball players appear to be adequate, but not for the older kids since they need larger fields to play their games. He also informed the Park Committee that drainage in the outfield of field #6 is a problem and that the Khoury League was seeking permission to place fill dirt in the outfield section of field #6. He has also asked on behalf of the Khoury League to extend the backstop on field #6.

On behalf of the Khoury League, Mr. McNamara also will request that the Khoury League be allowed to construct two batting cages, approximately 70' by 12' in the area of field #6. Another possible location would be along the fence line near Illinois Power and also centrally located. Another possibility would be the construction of a storage shed for the Khoury League, but he would get back to the Parks and Recreation Committee with dimensions and also possible costs for future Board of Trustees' approval. Mr. McNamara also informed the Parks and Recreation Committee that the Khoury League would like to add dugouts on field #6 and that the Khoury League will pay for the construction of those dugouts.

Motion was made by Ron Motil recommending that the Village Board of Trustees approve and allow the Khoury League to work on and fill the areas of field #6 to improve drainage in the outfield, to install new dugouts on field #6, consistent with other dugouts on nearby diamonds, at the Khoury League's expense, and to install extensions to the backstop of field #6, also at the Khoury League's expense. Second of the motion by Judy Wiemann. Motion approved and passed unanimously.

Tracy Fenton reported that Opening Day ceremonies and the Khoury League parade is scheduled for May 3, 2008 and that all plans for the Opening Day ceremonies and parade were progressing. John McNamara reported that the Khoury League will also hope to name an additional diamond, with Village Board approval, at the May 3rd ceremony.

Motion was made by Judy Wiemann recommending that the Village Board of Trustees approve and allow the Khoury League to conduct Opening Day ceremonies and a parade on May 3rd consistent with the past approval and help by the Maryville Improvement Board. Second of the motion was made by Sharon Petty. Motion was approved and passed unanimously.

4. MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

- The Park donation list has been reviewed and checked by Mike Vallino and Mayor Gullede and work will continue on the list. The Mayor reported that items were found that the Village didn't even know existed, such as bricks that had not been installed and also additional picnic tables. He reported that it will be decided in the future where some of the items will be installed, but it will eventually be done. A report will be made at the next meeting.

- A grant has been awarded for waste receptacles in the total amount of \$8,000.00. This grant is an 80/20 matching grant so therefore, the Village must come up with \$2,000.00 in order to obtain the total of \$8,000.00.

Motion was made by Sharon Petty recommending that the Village Board of Trustees expend the \$8,000.00 grant for waste receptacles consistent with those that had been purchased and placed in the past. Second of the motion was made by Dennis Reynolds. The motion was approved and passed unanimously.

- Mayor Gullede reported that the Village of Maryville has been awarded the annual Pep Grant in the amount of \$15,000.00. Last year the Village Board purchased picnic tables and park benches. This year the recommendation would be to purchase decorative planters for the entrances to the Village of Maryville. Mayor Gullede also reported that this is not a matching grant.

Motion was made by Judy Wiemann recommending that the Village Board of Trustees expend the \$15,000.00 grant for the purchase of planters and picnic tables in the following manner: \$6,000.00 for ten picnic tables, \$6,030.00 for ten large black metal planters and \$3,270.00 for the purchase of six small black metal planters. Second of the motion was made by Jean Scheller-Sampson. Motion was approved and passed unanimously.

- Mayor Gullede reported that he had received letters of resignation from the Village Parks and Recreation Committee of Al Ebert and Louis Bicanic, Jr. Mayor Gullede reported that he reluctantly accepted the resignation of both Committee members, but also wanted to extend his thanks for their service to the Village of Maryville and wishes the best for both gentlemen. The Parks and Recreation Committee also agreed in their appreciation of the past contributions of Mr. Ebert and Mr. Bicanic.

5. BUDGET:

Parks and Recreation Committee discussed the budget at length and Sharon Petty noted that it would be a great help if a description for each line item of the budget would be provided in the future. After a lengthy discussion of the budget worksheet, the Parks and Recreation Committee placed amounts in the line items as recommendations to the Village Board of Trustees.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Motil, Acting Secretary