

MARYVILLE PARK COMMITTEE MINUTES

APRIL 16, 2007

The regular meeting of the Maryville Park Committee was called to order by President Roger Shoup at 6:01 P.M. on April 16, 2007, at the Administration Building. Members present were Diana Hedrick, Cindy Jones, Angel Merz, Sharon Petty, Dennis Reynolds, and Roger Shoup. Members Louis Butch Bicanic, Al Ebert, Carol Frerker, Ron Motil and Judy Wiemann were absent. Also in attendance were Trustee liaison Todd Bell, and John McNamara and Tracey Fenton of the Drost Park Khoury League. Park Committee member Carol Frerker was seated at 6:15 P.M. and Butch Bicanic was seated at 6:30 P.M.

President Shoup called for corrections and additions to the minutes of the March 19, 2007 meeting. Petty noted that the word February should be March throughout the first two paragraphs of the minutes. Jones moved and Petty seconded to approve the minutes as corrected. The minutes of the April 16, 2007 meeting were unanimously approved as corrected.

John McNamara, III, addressed the Committee regarding the 2007 Drost Park Khoury League season. He told the Committee that the Maryville Improvement Board is working with them for Opening Day Ceremonies. These include the possibility of a parade, Mayor Gullede to throw out the first pitch, special events for the kids such as a pitching game and inflatable activities. He further stated the Khoury League would like to name the fields after former major league players or prominent people. The league has decided to name Field #3 the Ken Oberkfell Field and is to be dedicated to him as part of the Opening Day ceremonies. Oberkfell's family has been invited for the event, but Oberkfell himself is unable to attend. The league will install a 9" by 4" sign designating the field. The league would like to name other fields in the future.

Hedrick commented that this has been discussed in previous years, but the Park Committee chose not to name fields to prevent family members and other citizens from disappointment that their relatives names were not used. Bell added that is correct. When asked how many professional baseball players came from Maryville, Hedrick said 12 or 13. Since there are not that many fields, it was suggested that perhaps more than one name could be designated for the same field. Petty moved and Motil seconded to recommend to the Village Board to allow the Drost Park Khoury League, at Opening Ceremonies, to name and dedicate a ball field the Ken Oberkfell Field due to his past accomplishments and a member of a world championship team; and to work with the Drost Park Khoury League to establish criteria for the future naming of ball fields. The motion passed with six yes votes and two abstaining votes.

Wiemann distributed information from Ron Cornwell, Extension Horticultural Educator, regarding the tree planting in Drost Park. He mentioned several problems including trees are planted too deep; excessive winter damage on the lower trunks; and lawn mower or weed whip damage on some trees. He suggests having a master gardener or trained employee present to see that trees are properly planted; educate some park employees at the Southern Illinois Grounds Maintenance School in Collinsville each year; properly plant replacement trees.

There was no report for the Master Gardeners.

Hedrick said the Monthly Available Funds Report was not available.

Hedrick read a letter from Joey James asking for his band to be scheduled for the Concert In The Park series for this year. She noted that Wiemann has previously contacted him to tell him the 2007 schedule was complete, and the number of concerts had been reduced. Hedrick is to send Mr. James a letter of thanks for his interest.

The Village Board placed on the "To-Do List" the following request of the Committee from the March meeting :

To request the Village engineer to review the boat dock pier to upgrade it for better access with the cost and needed specifications.

There was no green space fees report.

Shoup told the Committee that the wind will blow for the upcoming Go Fly A Kite Day.

Merz reported that she and Wiemann had collected about \$700.00 in donations for the Bike Safety Rodeo Coming up on May 12th. She asked if the Collinsville Area Recreation District will help with funding this year. Hedrick said her response from C.A.R.D. has been no. Frerker will talk to C.A.R.D. about funding.

Hedrick said there is only one tree to be dedicated at this time. It was the general consensus of the Committee to have the dedication of park donations later in the year. Hedrick informed the group that she will be out of town on May 21st, and cannot attend the concert. Petty and Frerker volunteered to oversee the concert.

Hedrick said that a flowering tree has been donated in memory of Vera Sappington by Jones and Hedrick.

Bell reported the new members' names and information has been added to the web site. There was no information for the Web site.

Bell commented that the installation of the pavilions from the PEP grant is completed.

Motil announced that the fishing regulations signs are installed.

Hedrick and Shoup reported they walked Drost Park, and made a list of the necessary placement of brick pavers as well as ones that need to be ordered.

Shoup told the Committee that most of the park/picnic equipment from the recycled grant has been installed.

Shoup reported that J.T. Simmons' Eagle Scout project, "Pup Mitt" containers, will be placed at various locations near the entrances to the park such as the new comfort station by the bike trail and near pavilion #1.

Bell informed the Committee that the 2007 PEP grant has been approved, and the pavilion with a room for the electrical equipment will be installed in Firemen's Park after the Homecoming.

Hedrick had no report on contacting Kassly and Laughlin funeral homes to have Maryville Parks placed on their memorial suggestion lists.

Petty reported that the screen for movies to be shown for the “Movie In The Park” was the wrong material, and the company is redoing it.

Bell informed the Committee the electric and water to pavilion #3 in Drost Park is on the “To-Do” List.

Bell said the Khoury League has started painting one of the pavilions and restrooms.

There was no report on the four-acre park at the end of Duke Drive.

No report was given on park land acquisition.

There was no report on the surveillance system.

Bell said five more beavers have been caught, and Eric Jones will continue to work on this problem.

Petty voiced a concern about the message board placement on the comfort stations. Bell will talk to Pat Presson tomorrow. Bell added that Clint hopes to get them installed next week.

Petty will talk to Mayor Gulledge about the “Time Line for Park Grants/Programs List that is to be placed on the server for the Committee’s use.

Bicanic reported he could not find any business to sponsor the purchase of a projector and equipment of the movies series. Jones said the Village should consider purchasing the equipment to be used by all departments. Many members voiced agreement. Jones moved and Hedrick seconded to recommend to the Village Board to purchase a projector, player, audio mixer and necessary components for use for movies and other possible Village events of all departments. The motion passed unanimously.

Petty informed the Committee that the movie “Big” cannot be shown. On June 29th, “Babe the Gallant Pig” will be shown. Ghost Busters was suggested as a replacement for “Big”. Petty will check on this. Other suggestions included Field of Dreams and Raiders of the Lost Ark. She said that Cindy’s Critter Camp is interested in sponsoring a movie if it would be about dogs. She will report at the next meeting.

Bell presented and distributed the budget form to Committee members. Following discussions and decisions as to amounts to be stated, Bell will present this to the Board for approval.

Merz commented that the water problem around the gazebo has not been resolved. She suggested sending a reminder. Shoup will check with Pat Presson.

Petty said the Village needs to make repairs to the Walking/Jogging Path again. Others agreed.

Petty moved and Motil seconded to recommend to the Village Board to weed and add agate screening to the Walking/Jogging Path. The motion passed unanimously.

Hedrick reminded the group that it is time for the Village to begin the monthly maintenance/safety checks on the playground equipment. She added that the national park association suggests that a copy of the checklist form be kept on file for future use as may be needed by the Village. She has given a copy of the check list to the Public Works Department a few years ago. It was the general consensus of the Committee that a reminder be added to the memo with recommendations to the Village Board.

Being no other business, the meeting was adjourned by President Shoup at 8:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Hedrick, Secretary