

**MARYVILLE PARK COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

FEBRUARY 19, 2007

The regular meeting of the Maryville Park Committee was called to order by President Roger Shoup at 6:03 P.M. on February 19, 2007, at the Administration Building. Members present were Louis Butch Bicanic, Al Ebert, Diana Hedrick, Cindy Jones, Angel Merz, Ron Motil, Sharon Petty, Dennis Reynolds, Roger Shoup and Judy Wiemann. Member Carol Frerker was absent. Also in attendance were Trustee liaison Todd Bell and Mayor Larry Gulledge. Park Committee member Carol Frerker was seated at 6:23 P.M.

President Shoup called for corrections and additions to the minutes of the January 15, 2007 meeting. Wiemann moved and Ebert seconded to approve the minutes as presented. The minutes of the January 15, 2007 meeting were unanimously approved as presented.

There was no representative from the Drost Park Khoury League in attendance. Shoup informed the Committee that he and Mayor Gulledge met with the new president, John McNamara, III, who will concentrate on the parking, clean up and painting issues. The League will pay the utilities bills for the comfort station they use from May to August. Gulledge said the new president seems eager to resolve the concerns from earlier years.

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; and properly plant replacement trees.

Wiemann reported the Master Gardeners held its first meeting with 16-18 gardeners present, and the next meeting is March 6th. They plan to keep everything status quo with enhancements to the current gardens. They will plant a veggie garden again this year with the harvest being donated to the food pantry. She suggested that wood chips be pit around the trees, but not against the bark.

Hedrick said the Monthly Available Funds Report was not available. Gulledge told the Committee there is \$64,402.62 in available funds.

Hedrick had no correspondence.

Bell told the Committee that the grant for the 0-turn mower has been changed to a pavilion in Firemen's Park. Gulledge added that a 2006 application was received in error, and the 2007 grant did not allow wheeled equipment; and the grant was changed to a 24' by 36' pavilion with room for a six foot room to house the electric unit for the park.

The Village Board took the following action on the recommendations from the Committee's January meeting as follows:

1. Maryville Redbirds baseball team use of Drost Park Khoury League ball field was approved.
2. Expending and allocating funds from IEPA grant, other available grants and Park

- funds to complete the dredging of Drost Lake, in agreement to follow through on this.
3. Recycled grant to purchase 20 trash containers to replace the blue barrels throughout the Village and increase the number in the parks was approved.
 4. The purchase and installation of bulletin boards on pavilions #4, #5 and the comfort station by pavilion #1; and to move one from this comfort station to the library was approved.

Gulledge told the Committee a couple developments will come to the Planning Commission's next meeting that may bring in \$1000,000.00.

Petty reported the February Discovery Days are going well. She needs a projector and laptop computer for the next Sunday. Bell, Bicanic and Reynolds will be sure these are available. Frerker said she has a projector. Petty also asked for help to unload and set up as well as take down and load afterwards. Ebert will be there to help with this.

Petty said the Art/Photo Contest is moving forward. Frerker commented that the applications have been sent to Good Shepherd and CHS. Bell added that the application is on the web site.

Petty informed the group that she gave Bell all the information for the 2007 events. She also stated that she revised the Calendar of Events to include the web site information at the top and the food donations at the bottom.

Bell told the Committee the Park Donation List is now ready on the server for the Committee's use. Hedrick and Gulledge are to meet to complete all the information possible to date. There were no additions at this time from any members. Frerker will oversee this in the future.

There was no information for the Web site.

Gulledge said if the Committee wants to stock Drost Lake this year, the order needs to be in by March 28th. Hedrick reminded the group that the recommendation from Fred Cronin was to stock channel catfish. Jones added these should be six to eight inches in length. Hedrick moved and Jones seconded to recommend to the Village Board to purchase 100 six to eight inch Channel Catfish from the Madison County Soil and Water Conservation District to be used to restock Drost Lake. The motion passed unanimously.

Gulledge sad the Village has lost another public works employee, and asked the Committee to be patient with the department on getting projects accomplished.

Gulledge told the Committee that Mod U Dock #1 cannot be cleaned any better than as is at present.

Gulledge commented that the pavilions from the PEP grant must be completed by April 1st, so they will become a priority.

Gulledge presented a copy of the fishing regulations ordinance that has been adopted by the Village. Motil will work on signs for the Drost Lake area, and report at the next meeting.

Wiemann said she and Jolene Henry have the firemen's paver information completed.

Gulledge stated that Comfort Station #5 now has benches from the recycled grant.

Gulledge informed the Committee that he has not received any response from J.T. Simmons regarding the recommended change, by the Committee, from metal to wood or cedar holders for his Eagle Scout Mutt-Mitt project.

Gulledge told the Committee the 2007 PEP grant is in, and the Village is waiting for a response.

Petty showed a sign showing directions to an event. She commented that the ground was too frozen to put up the signs for the Discovery Days events, and suggested putting "pvc" pipes in the ground so the signs can be put up for events. Reynolds and Ebert will take care of this. Petty said the signs are stored in the library garage.

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 "Movies In The Park" events has not arrived yet.

Gulledge informed the Committee the electric and water to pavilion #3 in Drost Park is not done.

Gulledge said the pavilions and restrooms to be painted is not done.

Motil will set up a meeting with METRD regarding an OSLAD grant to help develop the four-acre park at the end of Duke Drive.

Gulledge contacted Collinsville Area Recreation District director, Mark Badasch, about the status of the park land acquisition on West Main Street, and C.A.R.D. has made contact with the property owners. Gulledge said there is property west of Pleasant Ridge Road that the owners may be interested in selling to the Village.

Gulledge reported there is no resolve on the surveillance system as yet. Ebert suggested the 0-turn mower be placed on the Wish List. The Committee agreed.

Petty has informed Eric Jones that new teeth marks from beavers are on the trees.

The swings in the Drost Park playground are repaired.

Petty asked the Committee if the message boards should have the village logo at the top. The general consensus of the Committee was yes.

Gulledge said the DCEO grant has been turned in, and expects approval any day.

Petty presented information about information holder (like realtor use). These should be placed by the three comfort stations to hold park event and information for visitors to take. Members

comments indicated agreement. Motil moved and Ebert seconded to recommend to the Village Board to purchase four or five literature display boxes, not to exceed \$100.00, from Sams.com to be installed by the Village Public Works Department at the comfort stations/pavilions in Drost Park and Firemen's Park. Member Sharon Petty will assist in the purchasing and locations of installation. The motion passed unanimously.

Wiemann and Merz have contacted 13 individuals/groups for donations for the Bike Safety Rodeo. Bell is to contact the Fire Department to verify the date for the use of the fire station.

Shoup announced that Brian Witty from C.A.R.D. has asked if they can help with the kite day event. Hedrick said that Witty has resigned from C.A.R.D. to take a director's position elsewhere. Frerker said MK will contact Shoup about this event.

Petty presented a sample "Time Line For Park Grants/Programs" for the Committee's use to help secure future grants/programs and to maintain a tracking system on current grants/programs. The members agreed this would be an effective tool. Bell questioned the need for the "Other Communities" column. The general consensus was to delete it. Gullledge said the amount of the PEP Park Enhancement Program-Madison Co. P & R Commission needs to be changed to \$15,000.00 for lake dredging. Petty is to oversee the maintenance of information on this chart.

Bicanic asked if the movie event sponsors can be anyone. The group agreed. Bicanic will contact some financial institutions for sponsorship donations for the purchase of a projector and movies. Gullledge said Andy Koch of the Troy Time-Tribune asked about \$250.00 to sponsor a movie.

Shoup asked the Committee to consider removing items from the "Tabled Items List". He suggested removing C.A.R.D. withdrawal. Wiemann and Petty said they are against removing it. Gullledge said it is not going to progress anywhere. They voiced their remaining opposition. Hedrick moved and Motil seconded to remove the C.A.R.D. withdrawal from the Tabled Items List. The motion passed with nine yes votes, one no vote and one abstaining vote. The Committee agreed to remove the following items: Budget, Fun day in the park using inflatable play equipment for children, large group pavilion in Drost Park, and Cherry property on West Main Street.

Being no other business, the meeting was adjourned by President Shoup at 7:53 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Hedrick, Secretary

