

**MARYVILLE PARK COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

JANUARY 15, 2007

The regular meeting of the Maryville Park Committee was called to order by President Roger Shoup at 6:03 P.M. on January 15, 2007, at the Administration Building. Members present were Louis Butch Bicanic, Diana Hedrick, Cindy Jones, Angel Merz, Ron Motil, Sharon Petty, Dennis Reynolds and Roger Shoup. Absent members were Al Ebert, Carol Frerker and Judy Wiemann. Also in attendance was Mayor Larry Gulledge; Maryville Redbirds Select Baseball Team representatives Terry Rujawitz and John Davis. Park Committee member Al Ebert was seated at 6:30 P.M., and liaison Todd Bell joined the meeting at 6:57 P.M.

President Shoup called for corrections and additions to the minutes of the November 20, 2006 meeting. Gulledge noted that the PEP grant remains \$15,000.00. Motil moved and Petty seconded to approve the minutes as corrected. The minutes of the November 20, 2006 meeting were unanimously approved as corrected.

Terry Rujawitz (344-7063) and John Davis (344-0041) representing the Maryville Redbirds Baseball Team addressed the Committee. They were seeking approval and permission to establish the baseball team in Maryville using a Drost Park Khoury League baseball field. The team is a traveling team for boys age 10 and under with seven to ten home games and seven to ten games on the road. Gulledge reminded the Committee of the past problems with parking for the Khoury League games. Rujawitz said their games would not be at the same times as the league season games. Bicanic moved and Petty seconded to recommend to the Village Board to allow the Maryville Redbirds baseball team, a select traveling team, to become established to use the Drost Park Khoury League field with restrictions on scheduling to accommodate parking and diamond use with the Drost Park Khoury League. The motion passed unanimously.

There was no representative from the Drost Park Khoury League in attendance. Gulledge said he is waiting for the league to contact him for a meeting.

Master Gardeners were not represented.

Hedrick distributed the Monthly Available Funds Report. There were no questions or comments regarding the report.

Shoup presented a letter from Joey James asking if we will have his band play in 2007. Hedrick said this band was not placed on the 2007 calendar of Events.

The Village Board approved the recommendations from the Committee's November meeting as follows:

1. Application for 2007 PEP grant to purchase a 0-turn mower and riprap
2. Application for DCED grant to purchase a 40 feet octagon pavilion with a cupola
3. To purchase 1 14' by 25' canvas screen from Tri-City Canvas with support materials for the movies in the park events
4. To purchase and install the necessary materials and parts to repair the swings in the Drost Park playground

Gulledge told the Committee there may be some green space fees coming in the near future.

Shoup reported the Holiday Lighting Contest was successful again this year. He thanked the judges for their time in judging. Merz suggested that next year markers be placed in the yards of the entries to make finding them easier for the judges. Other judges indicated this is a very good idea. Hedrick asked if those who are nominated could be notified of their entry. Gullledge suggested a best neighborhood prize.

Petty told the Committee the New Year's Day Scavenger hunt went well. All those who attended had a good time.

Hedrick announced that Petty helped her transfer the Donations List to an Excel program and forwarded it to Bell. Bell showed the Committee it is on the server for updating.

There was no information for the Web site.

Gullledge had nothing to report on the cleaning of Mod u Dock #1.

Gullledge said the Village attorney is working on the fishing regulations ordinance.

Gullledge commented that the pavilions from the PEP grant are not installed as yet.

Gullledge reported the brick pavers have arrived but are not installed yet.

Gullledge stated that all the grant funded trash containers are in place, but the other park equipment is not installed yet.

Gullledge 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.

Gullledge told the Committee the 2007 PEP grant application has been turned in.

Petty presented sketches of signs for approval for the annual event directional signs. She gave pricing, and the Committee agreed that \$120.00 metal frames should be purchased. She is to have the signs ordered.

Gullledge reported the DCED grant application for the 40 feet octagon pavilion and riprap has been sent, and waiting for results.

Gullledge related that the \$50,000.00 from Madison County for dredging Drost Lake is not favorable, but it may be possible to get the \$15,000.00 for three or four upcoming years in advance for this project. Jones added that the dredging of Drost Lake needs to be completed as soon as possible. Other members agreed. Jones moved and Merz seconded to recommend to the Village Board to expend and allocate funds from the IEPA grant, other available grant funds and Park funds to complete the dredging of Drost Lake. The motion passed unanimously.

He said the community involvement board is being established, and have already made some good suggestions. He would like to use the \$8,000.00 recycled materials grant from Madison

County for 2007 to purchase more trash containers to replace the blue barrels around town. It was agreed that the blue barrels are unsightly. Petty moved and Motil seconded to recommend to the Village Board to apply for the Madison County recycled materials grant in the amount of \$8,000.00 to purchase 20 trash containers to be used to replace the blue barrels throughout the Village and increase the number in the parks. The motion unanimously passed.

Hedrick is still attempting to make contact with Kassly and Laughlin funeral homes to have Maryville Parks placed on their memorial suggestion lists.

Petty told the Committee the screen for movies to be shown for the "Movie In The Park" events have been ordered.

Shoup reported he has received no response from Evan McNeil regarding his Eagle Scout project, and the project should be dropped. The Committee members agreed.

Gulledge informed the Committee the electric and water to pavilion #3 in Drost Park will be done.

Gulledge said the pavilions and restrooms will be painted in the Spring

Gulledge 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 will contact Collinsville Area Park District director, Mark Badasch about the status of the park land acquisition on West Main Street. If C.A.R.D. is no longer pursuing a purchase, Gulledge will contact the Cherry family.

Gulledge reported that the parking lot lights by pavilion #1 should be fixed. He further reported there is no resolve on the surveillance system, but he continues to work on it.

Gulledge told the Committee that five beavers have been removed from Drost Lake. Petty said there is still one working in the lake. She is to contact Public Services Officer, Eric Jones.

The parts for the swing repairs are in.

Petty presented information on message boards for the various park facilities. Boards 24" by 36" with the Village logo will cost approximately \$226.00 each. It was the general consensus of the Committee to place new boards on all the buildings. The current one on pavilion #1 can be moved to the library building. Motil moved and Ebert seconded to recommend to the Village Board to purchase and install bulletin boards for Firemen's Park pavilion #4, Drost Park pavilion #5 and the comfort station by pavilion #1 at an approximate cost of \$226.00 each. The present bulletin board on the comfort station may be placed at the library. The motion passed unanimously. Petty is to secure pricing information.

President Shoup asked for any other old business to be discussed at the next meeting due to time restraints this evening. The Committee agreed.

Petty presented materials for information holders to put in the parks. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Ebert suggested adding the Village Website to the Calendar of Events information that is sent out.

Petty said the Committee could serve as ambassadors and promoters of the February Discovery Days events.

Shoup suggested that when advertising events, participants should be asked to bring canned goods/non-perishable foods to the event to be donated to the Food Pantry.

Shoup told the Committee that Brian Witty of C.A.R.D. has asked if they may help with the kite day event.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Hedrick, Secretary