

## MARYVILLE PARK COMMITTEE MINUTES

November 20, 2006

The regular meeting of the Maryville Park Committee was called to order by President Roger Shoup at 6:03 P.M. on November 20, 2006, at the Administration Building. Members present were Al Ebert, Diana Hedrick, Cindy Jones, Angel Merz, Ron Motil, Sharon Petty, Dennis Reynolds, Roger Shoup and Judy Wiemann. Absent members were Louis Butch Bicanic and Carol Frerker. Also in attendance was Mayor Larry Gulledge and Andy Koch, a Troy Times-Tribune Reporter. Park Committee member Carol Frerker and liaison Todd Bell joined the meeting at 6:13 P.M., and Louis Bicanic was seated at 6:21 P.M.

President Shoup called for corrections and additions to the minutes of the October 16, 2006 meeting. Wiemann noted that she was not listed as absent for that meeting. Wiemann moved and Motil seconded the minutes be approved as corrected. The minutes of the October 16, 2006 meeting were unanimously approved as corrected.

There was no representative from the Drost Park Khoury League in attendance.

Wiemann reported that the Master Gardeners donated 759 pounds of produce, grown in its garden, to the Maryville pantry.

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

Mayor Gulledge shared with the Committee correspondence he received stating the Madison County PEP grant will increase to \$15,000.00.

The Village Board took the following action on recommendations from the Committee's October meeting:

1. Building the pavilion from the State Representative's grant on the west side of Drost Lake.
2. Prices for installation of electric and water to pavilion #3 in Drost Lake will be discussed at the next caucus.
3. Approved permission for the Park Committee to offer sponsorships for the movies in the park events.
4. According to the Village Attorney, no revision is needed to the sign posting ordinance because the caveat in the ordinance allows the Village to post signs; and therefore, authorized the purchase of the signs not to exceed \$500.00.
5. Approved the 2007 Calendar of Events.

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

Petty and Frerker reported that runners from all over the metro area came out for the Turkey Trot event. There were 101 5K runners and 19 1-mile accuracy competitors. The proceeds which may be about \$600.00 will be sent to the CHS track program.

Shoup asked for each Committee member to send him three or four addresses with locations for nominations in the Holiday Lighting Contest. He needs this by December 16<sup>th</sup>. Members who

will judge are Bicanic, Hedrick, Merz, Motil and Reynolds. Shoup will E-mail the needed information.

Hedrick asked Bell for help transferring the park donations listing with the added columns to an Excel program. He will contact her.

There was no information for the Web site.

Gulledge said he has received another Eagle Scout, J.T. Simmons, project proposal. Gulledge distributed pictured information of the dog "Mutt Mitt" containers. The scout wants to purchase and install four in Drost Park to be used by walkers to clean up dog waste. Several members voiced concern about the appearance of this particular model, but the idea is very good. Gulledge will recommend Simmons further research other types of dispensers, and report back at the next meeting.

Gulledge informed the Committee that the PEP grant application is due January 19, 2007. Shoup added that there will not be sufficient time after the next meeting to submit the application. Gulledge suggested a 0-turn mower to be used only in the village parks at an approximate cost of \$10,700.00. Ebert suggested using the remaining grant funds to purchase riprap to stop erosion in Drost Lake. Bell said it will be very expensive to put riprap around the lake, and this will not allow much to be purchased. Various comments were in favor of the riprap idea because it will at least be a start, and can progress from time to time as funds become available. Petty moved and Ebert seconded to recommend to the Village Board to apply for the 2007 PEP grant for the purchase of a 0-turn mower and the remainder of the grant for riprap for shoreline restoration of Drost Lake. The motion passed unanimously.

Gulledge said the Village workers will continue to attempt to clean Mod u Dock #1.

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

Hedrick reminded the group that she will no longer be in charge of publicity for park events and information. She asked for a volunteer to begin no later than January, 2007, and she will work with the person to get started. Petty and Frerker will take the responsibility for a six month trial period. Hedrick said the deadline for information for the C.A.R.D. publication is November 27<sup>th</sup>.

Gulledge said the Village attorney has the fishing regulations ordinance materials and is waiting for more information.

Wiemann and a horticulturist from University of Illinois looked at the trees planted by the State. He said to move or replant them will cause many to die; and suggested putting wood chips around the trees, but not against the tree roots. He will send Wiemann a letter with recommendations.

Wiemann reported she has talked with Joe Semanisin about the baseball memorials. He will have them completed by Spring.

Hedrick informed the Committee that Jolene Henry ordered the brick pavers for park donations

on September 21, but has not received them as yet.

Gulledge reported that all the grant funded trash cans are up, and the other park equipment is put together.

Gulledge said signs giving directions to annual park events need to be ordered. Petty will order signs not to exceed \$500.00 with the approval of the Mayor.

Hedrick informed the Committee that the funeral homes of Allan and Cuiferri in Collinsville, Irwin Chapel in Glen Carbon and Weber in Edwardsville do not have lists suggesting memorials. Herr in Collinsville has put Maryville Parks on their list. Saska Mateer in Edwardsville needs a letter with information about how and for what donations would be used. Kassly in Collinsville and Laughlin in Troy asked to be called another day.

Gulledge asked if the Committee wants to apply for the State Representative grant. He suggested a 40 feet octagon pavilion with a cupola to be installed by the Village Public Works Department. Petty moved and Wiemann seconded to recommend to the Village Board to apply for the DCED, State Representative, grant to purchase a 40 feet octagon pavilion with a cupola to be installed by the Village Public Works Department. The motion passed unanimously.

Petty told the Committee the screen for movies to be shown for the "Movie In The Park" events should be 14 feet by 25 feet. Bell added support materials will also need to be purchased. She said the Village should be able to purchase a canvas screen from Tri-City Canvas and support materials for less than \$400.00. Motil moved and Reynolds seconded to recommend to the Village Board to purchase a 14 feet by 25 feet canvas screen from Tri-City Canvas and support materials, not to exceed \$400.00, to be used for the Movie In The Park events. The motion passed unanimously.

The need for tree watering is to be placed on the "Tabled Items List".

Shoup reported he has received no response from Evan McNeil regarding his Eagle Scout project.

Gulledge will take prices to the next caucus for running electric and water to pavilion #3 in Drost Park.

Gulledge said the painting of pavilion #3 is finished, and others will be painted in the Spring.

The repairs on the door locks in the restrooms on the women's side of the comfort station in Drost Park is to be placed on the "Tabled Items List".

In regards to the four-acre park at the end of Duke Drive, Gulledge will meet with METRD after the first of the year about an OSLAD grant to help develop the park.

Bell related to the Committee that he spoke with C.A.R.D. Director Mark Badasch who told Bell he is getting an appraisal on the property on West Main Street for park land, and will make an offer.

Gulledge said he is checking the situation on the parking lot light by pavilion #1.

Gulledge is still trying to set up a meeting concerning the surveillance system in Drost Park.

Petty reported that Terry Stauber from Highland will trap the beavers in Drost Lake if he can keep the pelts. Gulledge advised her to give the information to Human Services Officer, Eric Jones.

It was noted that swings were removed from the playground in Drost Park, and have not been replaced. Bell will check on this. Further discussion led to a conclusion that the Committee needs to forward a recommendation for this. Ebert moved and Merz seconded to recommend to the Village Board to pursue and install the necessary material and parts to repair the swings that have been removed from the Drost Park playground. The motion passed unanimously.

Ebert voiced concern about people riding bikes, etc. on the walking/Jogging Path even after signs were put up that this is not allowed. He suggested fining the people who abuse this regulation \$50.00. Merz commented that there is no other way to get to the bike trail from Copper Creek subdivision. Hedrick added we are fighting a losing battle because this would require an ordinance; and then when will the police have time to patrol the area. Reynolds suggested putting an article in the Maryville Gazette.

Petty opened discussion concerning the need for a message board for the new comfort station. Bell commented that the one on the comfort station by pavilion #1 gets so much sunshine, all the information is not readable. Petty suggested moving the one from the old comfort station to the bike trail comfort station and replacing the old one with a shaded type. Shoup said more discussion is needed on this matter at the next meeting.

Frerker reminded the members that the Scavenger Hunt on New Year's Day will use the library rather than the Senior Citizen Center, and will be from 1:00 to 3:00 P.M.

Being no other business, the meeting was adjourned by President Shoup at 8:03 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Hedrick, Secretary