

**MARYVILLE PARK COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

October 16, 2006

The regular meeting of the Maryville Park Committee was called to order by President Roger Shoup at 6:03 P.M. on October 16, 2006, at the Administration Building. Members present were Diana Hedrick, Cindy Jones, Ron Motil, Sharon Petty and Roger Shoup. Absent members were Al Ebert, Carol Frerker, Angel Merz and Dennis Reynolds. Also in attendance was Mayor Larry Gullede and Andy Koch, a Troy Times-Tribune Reporter. Park Committee liaison, Todd Bell joined the meeting at 6:12 P.M. and Carol Frerker was seated at 6:15 P.M.

Mayor Gullede introduced new member Louis Bicanic to the group.

President Shoup called for corrections and additions to the minutes of the September 18, 2006, meeting. Wiemann moved and Jones seconded the minutes be approved as presented. The minutes of the September 18, 2006 meeting were unanimously approved.

There was no representative from the Drost Park Khoury League in attendance. Petty commented that a resident complained about the restrooms being filthy. Petty asked who is responsible for cleaning them. Gullede said it is the Khoury League's responsibility, and he will discuss this at the meeting with the League officials in January.

Wiemann said there is no report from the Master Gardeners at this time.

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

Hedrick presented a contract from George Portz for his blue grass band to perform for the October 14, 2007 Concert In The Park. Shoup will have it signed by the proper people and a copy returned to Mr. Portz.

There were no recommendations brought before the Village Board for action.

Jones and Hedrick reported that the Pooch Party was successful again this year. There were fewer dogs entered, but this event was held the same day as Cardinal baseball playoffs. The dogs were well behaved, and the costume event was especially fun this year.

The Dedication of park donations held in conjunction with the Joey James Band concert was also well attended, according to Hedrick. Approximately 60 people were in the audience for the day.

The upcoming Turkey Trot event will be held on November 18th. Darryl Frerker, Collinsville High School Track coach will conduct the 5K run, and Sharon Petty will run the One Mile Walk/Jog/Run for accuracy event. Petty and Frerker will look for sponsorships for the event. Petty said the walking/jogging path needs to be cleaned up before the event day as well as the need for the restrooms to be open. Gullede will try to have both restrooms open or put out port-a-potties. Motil suggested using the library restrooms. Shoup said that can be done.

Hedrick is still trying to devise the park donations listing with the added columns. There was no information for the Web site.

Trustee Bell told the Committee that Village Attorney Steve Wigginton is interested in sponsoring one of the movies next year. Motil said his law firm will sponsor the first movie of the season. The Committee agreed in general consensus that this would be acceptable to help defray the expense of the events. Bell informed the group the company that installed the new playground surfacing used the wrong color, but the blue and black really looks good. Other members who have seen it agreed, and suggested to keep it. Gulledge said he will ask for a discount and keep this surfacing.

Gulledge reported that he applied for a lake dredging grant from the PLWIP (Priority Lake and Watershed Improvement) for up to \$40,000.00. Gulledge estimated a cost of \$90,000.00 to complete the next phase of dredging. He will look for additional funding. The Madison County Park and Recreation Grant can meet our grants for \$15,000.00. Motil said he contacted MEPRD, and he and Gulledge will meet with their engineer about the 4-acre park site.

Gulledge said he establishing another committee for an appearance and involvement board, and he may ask for a representative from each of the current committees. The new board is in the beginning stages, and asked for suggestions for members.

Gulledge also said he has made a request to the state of Illinois for the ground on Route 159 at the north frontage road.

Shoup met with Public Works Director Pat Presson and employee Clint Jones last week to discuss the list of projects and things that need to be done in the parks. Presson said he will work on the list. Presson said he hopes to start installing the pavilions the next week. Shoup asked for suggestions as to the placement of the new picnic tables. Suggestions included placing the octagon in the new pavilion #5 and the rectangular ones in the octagon pavilions. Hedrick asked if one of the tables will be placed between the Administration Building and the Dorchinez Building which had previously been recommended along with the BBQ grill donated by the Meier family a few years ago. Gulledge said he will check into this.

Hedrick informed the group that a check from the American Legion for the Bike Safety Rodeo has been received.

Gulledge said the fishing regulations ordinance and signs are still on the "To-Do" list.

Gulledge reported that a letter of permission to move the Vernon Lucas memorial has been received from the Mother of Perpetual Help Catholic church. Wiemann will talk to Joe Semanisin about the construction of the memorial for his parents.

Hedrick is to talk to Jolene Henry regarding the progress on the brick pavers for park donations.

The needed tree removal from Drost Lake has been completed, according to Gulledge. Petty said that beavers have cut down a tree in the lake, and she will contact a man from Highland about removing the beavers.

Hedrick presented the 2007 Calendar of Events. Wiemann moved and Motil seconded to recommend to the Village Board approval of this Calendar of Events. The motion passed

unanimously.

Hedrick is to contact area funeral homes about placing Maryville Parks on their memorial lists as possible suggestions for families.

It was suggested that the installation of electric and water service to pavilion #3 in Drost Park be applied for in the Representative Jay Hoffman's legislative grant program. Gullledge will do this.

Petty will have a report at the next meeting on the screen for movies in the park. Shoup said he measured the building again, and the screen needs to be 14' x 25'.

Gullledge indicated he will try to get tree watering accomplished.

Shoup reported that in preparation for the Evan McNeil Eagle Scout project, the Village needs to install the foundation for the bridge. Shoup will meet with Pat Presson about the piers, and then with McNeil for a supply list and a construction date.

Gullledge said the painting of the pavilions and restroom is on hold until later.

Wiemann said the doors in the restrooms on the women's side of the comfort station in Drost Park still are not working properly. The locks turn, but do not catch on anything to keep the door shut. Shoup will address this with Pat Presson again.

Gullledge said there is nothing to report at this time concerning the Cherry property as park land.

Bell told the Committee that the Firemen's Park marquee lights have been fixed.

Hedrick said that Ebert told her a resident asked him about the needed clean up in the northeast corner of Drost Park. The area in question is in the northwest corner, and is not Village property.

Wiemann noted that the lights in the parking lot by pavilion #1 are not working. Also, the operation of the surveillance system in Drost Park was questioned. Gullledge said he is to reschedule the meeting with the surveillance firm regarding the system.

Bell stated that the signs requested by the Committee to give directional information on event days are in conflict with a Village sign ordinance. A discussion ensued as to possible remedies for this situation. Petty moved and Frerker seconded to recommend to the Village Board to review the current sign ordinance to allow directional event signs to be placed for the public's information on event days. The motion passed unanimously.

Petty asked if the park sign on Route 159 will be replaced now that the construction is completed. Gullledge said he will check into this.

Hedrick told the Committee she has discussed with President Shoup the need to relinquish some of her duties for the Committee. She said the publicity is too time consuming with added responsibilities at home and work. She briefly explained what the publicity entails, and members discussed various points. She added that she will complete the publicity duties for the remainder

of this year if no one is ready to take over the responsibility, but as of January, she can no longer continue to do this. Shoup asked the members to consider this situation, and hopefully someone will volunteer at the next meeting.

Shoup asked for each member to submit three addresses for the Holiday Lighting Contest. He does not need names, just addresses.

Being no other business, the meeting was adjourned by President Shoup at 8:23 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Hedrick, Secretary