

**MARYVILLE PARK COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

September 18, 2006

The regular meeting of the Maryville Park Committee was called to order by President Roger Shoup at 6:00 P.M. on September 18, 2006, at the Administration Building. Members present were Al Ebert, Carol Frerker, Diana Hedrick, Cindy Jones, Angel Merz, Sharon Petty, Dennis Reynolds, Roger Shoup and Judy Wiemann. Ron Motil was absent. Also in attendance was Mayor Larry Gullledge and resident Louie Ray. Village Board Liaison Todd Bell joined the meeting at 6:05 P.M.

President Shoup called for corrections and additions to the minutes of the August 21, 2006, meeting. Wiemann noted that the minutes should read that Merz and Wiemann will co-chair the Bike Safety Rodeo in 2007. Merz moved and Frerker seconded the approval of the minutes as corrected. The minutes of the August 21, 2006 meeting were unanimously approved as corrected.

Gullledge told the Committee that Shoup, Bell and Gullledge will meet with the Drost Park Khoury League about the 2007 season.

Wiemann informed the Committee that the Master Gardeners have found some vandalism around the gardens area. She asked if the surveillance camera could be adjusted to cover the gardens area? Gullledge said he will check this possibility. She said the trash cans have been emptied. Shoup asked if there is an installation date set for the entrance gate. She replied none has been set as yet.

Hedrick distributed the monthly available funds report. Petty questioned the Village Board vote to dedicate 50% of green space fees to purchase park land and 50% to park improvements. Bell said this was the recommendation from the Park Committee. Hedrick is to look in previous minutes for this recommendation from the Committee.

Hedrick had no correspondence to present.

Bell reported the following results of the recommendations to the Village Board:

1. Gave permission for the Master Gardeners to install an open gate trellis.
2. Gave permission for firefighters to place a park bench in memory of Pauline Scarborough in Firemen's Park.
3. Placed the hiring of an employee solely for the Park and Recreation Department on the "To-Do List"
4. Voted to allow Evan McNeil to complete an Eagle Scout project in Drost Park.
5. Decided to use the surface material around fences, and will spread wood chips around benches and picnic tables.

Bell reported the Village Board voted at the August 28, 2006 meeting to increase the green space fees to \$750.00 for all aspects.

It was reported that 130 people were in the audience at the Zydeco Crawdaddy's Band concert.

Hedrick announced that due to the threat of storms, the dedication ceremony and Joey James Band concert has been rescheduled for October 15, at 2:00 P.M.

Hedrick reminded the Committee that the Pooch Party is October 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 in Drost Park at Pavilion #1. Members who volunteered to help are Ebert, Frerker, Petty and Wiemann.

Petty opened discussion about memorial lists given at funeral homes, and if Maryville Parks is on them. Hedrick thought the memorial suggestions are the family's decision. Wiemann said the funeral homes may have a list to help families in making this decision. Wiemann will contact various funeral homes to request Maryville Parks be placed on the lists.

Mayor Gullidge told the Committee that the Tourism Board of Southern Illinois will feature Maryville in an upcoming issue.

He also relayed to the group that he received a grant application from Representative Jay Hoffman for a \$25,000.00 grant. It must be used for something worthy of 20 years in time. The Committee liked the idea of a pavilion because it would be long standing. Hedrick moved and Ebert seconded to recommend to the Village Board to apply for the Representative's grant of \$25,000.00 for a metal pavilion, of appropriate size, to be installed on the West side of Drost Lake at the end of the East Division Street extension. The motion passed unanimously.

Gullidge informed the Committee that restroom/pavilion #5 in Drost Park is open, and the dog fountain now has sufficient pressure.

Ebert told the Committee that electric and running water would be nice at pavilion #3. Bell added that could possibly be run from the new restroom. Ebert moved and Merz seconded to recommend to the Village Board to run electric and water to pavilion #3 from the most accessible location. The motion unanimously carried.

Gullidge said that people are still parking on the grass. Frerker suggested putting up signs about parking in the library lot.

Gullidge reported that the Mod U Dock by pavilion #3 is completed. The first dock has been cleaned, but it did not clean well so the workers will try again.

Gullidge informed the group there has been no progress on the installation of the pavilions from the PEP grant. Bell suggested the concrete flooring should extend beyond the building. Petty added that one should be placed on the north side of playgrounds #2 and #3, and the other offset on the south side of these playgrounds.

The general consensus of the Committee was to place the historic tree donation program on the tabled items list. Hedrick is to add this to the list.

Wiemann stated that the American Legion is to send a \$150.00 donation for this year's Bike Safety Rodeo, and the Goshen Rotary cannot help this year.

Gulledge informed the Committee there is no progress on the fishing regulations ordinance as yet, but will have it put on the "To-Do List".

According to Gulledge, the State told him they will look into the improperly planted trees situation.

Wiemann said Father Sotiroff of the Mother of Perpetual Help Church will send a letter of approval to move the Vernon Lucas memorial to the baseball memorial area behind the Administration Building. Hedrick noted the Maryville Gazette is listing the price for brickpavers in the Memorial Plaza as \$60.00, \$120.00, etc. She added that Jack Kime said this is the information given to him by Joe Semanisin. Gulledge will talk to Semanisin about changing the prices back to \$50.00, etc. Bell thought these prices are for the new walkway leading to the plaza.

Hedrick reported the brickpaver information has been sent to Jolene Henry to order.

Petty said the sub-committee on park/picnic equipment, etc., will try to have a report for the next meeting. Gulledge added that there are now six trash cans by pavilion #1.

Gulledge informed the Committee that the removal of the tree from Drost Lake is on the "To Do List".

Hedrick opened discussion on the 2007 Calendar of Events. Petty has talked with possible speakers/crafts people, including an art instructor and a quilting teacher, regarding the February Discovery Month for the calendar. Hedrick suggested someone who teaches scrap book making. Petty thinks she can find activities for each Sunday. Hedrick is to contact Comptroller Brussatti to reserve the Senior Citizen Center for all Sundays in February.

Petty presented a report on prices for a screen for the movies may be around \$145.00. It was decided the screen should be approximately 14' by 20', with grommets every foot, and horizontal seams. She will check for what would be available not to exceed \$350.00.

Bell informed the Committee that Village Attorney Steve Wigginton's law firm would like to sponsor a movie (pay for the movie) next year. The members thought this was a very good offer. Petty moved and Wiemann seconded to recommend to the Village Board to allow the Wigginton law firm to sponsor a movie next year, and to allow the Park Committee to provide this same opportunity to other interested parties. The motion was unanimously passed.

Gulledge added that the Village has joined the Troy Chamber of Commerce; and that it includes all members of all the Village's committees. This may be used as another publicity avenue.

Gulledge told the Committee the Village workers will do the best possible to water the trees in Drost Park.

Shoup informed the Committee there has not been any report from Evan McNeil regarding his Eagle Scout project.

Gulledge told the Committee the small boxes of pavilion parts have been put away for safe keeping.

Gulledge also reported that the painting of the pavilions and restrooms will be done this fall.

Gulledge related that the Village workers told him the locks in the women's restroom by pavilion #1 do lock. Wiemann will check this again tomorrow.

Gulledge said the sewer smell by pavilion #1 should be clearing as the workers jetted and put cleaner blocks in the sewer outlet.

Gulledge reported a dumpster has been moved to a pad by the maintenance building.

Merz informed the Committee there has been no further action on the 4-acre park ground at the end of Duke Drive.

Gulledge related comments from C.A.R.D. Director, Mark Badash, that if a reasonable price comes back from the Cherry family for their land on West Main Street, then C.A.R.D. will move forward.

Wiemann noted that the lights in the Firemen's Park marquee are out.

Gulledge commented that the triangular piece of land across from Ralph's Service Station on Route 159 will be sold for development eventually.

Being no other business, the meeting was adjourned by President Shoup at 8:08 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Hedrick, Secretary

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