

**MARYVILLE PARK COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

June 19, 2006

The meeting of the Maryville Park Committee was called to order by President Roger Shoup at 6:01 P.M. on June 19, 2006, at the Administration Building. Members present were Al Ebert, Carol Frerker, Cindy Jones, Angel Merz, Sharon Petty, Roger Shoup and Judy Wiemann. Members Diana Hedrick, Ron Motil, Harland Schiebal and Chris Stanley were absent. Wiemann recorded the minutes until Hedrick could arrive. Also in attendance were Trustee Liaison Todd Bell, Mayor Larry Gullede, resident Louie Ray, and Vickie, Wayne and Selma Bantel residing at 52 Duke Drive. Hedrick was seated at 6:10 P.M., and Trustee Rod Schmidt joined the meeting at 6:45 P.M.

President Shoup called for corrections and additions to the minutes of the June 19, 2006, meeting. Jones moved and Ebert seconded to approve the minutes. The minutes of the June 19, 2006 meeting were unanimously approved.

President Shoup asked the Bantel family to address the Committee. Vickie Bantel spoke to the possibility of creating a park on the village owned, four acre property that abuts their property on Duke Drive. They want it known that they are not in favor of the four acres becoming a park and asked to be kept abreast of the situation. Their objections include the 25 to 30 feet deep gully by the bike trail that would be dangerous for park development, the wild life habitat would be destroyed, and parking would be very limited for a four acre park. She suggested that if it becomes a park, having it well-lighted at night would be helpful. President Shoup told the Bantel group the Committee would take their concerns into consideration when this item is discussed.

There was no representative from the Drost Park Khoury League in attendance. Gullede said that parking is still a big concern, and a resolution must be found before the season starts next year. Frerker said that people are not using the library parking lot because they do not know how to get from the Senior Center area to the library area. Gullede suggested improved signage at the Myron Provence Parkway entrance to Drost Park. Hedrick suggested a sign showing a map of Drost Park with directions from one parking area to another. Shoup called for a committee to address this problem. The committee shall include Petty, Frerker, Hedrick, Jones and Wiemann.

Wiemann reported that the Master Gardeners have started the Plant A Row (PAR) program, and have given 18 pounds of produce to the Food Pantry. She said the Master Gardeners want to place a trellis entrance to the garden area. The Committee consensus was that the trellis entrance is a good idea. Bell noted that when walking over their bridge, you step off into a garden; and people are confused as to where to go from that point. He asked if stones or something could be put in to make a walkway. Wiemann will take this suggestion to the Master Gardeners.

Hedrick distributed the Monthly Available Funds report from Village Clerk Thelma Long. There were no questions regarding the report.

There was no correspondence.

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

1. Gullede said Patrick Presson, Public Works Director, will try cutting two or three

- header rows along the Walking/Jogging Path to avoid driving across it when cutting grass in Drost Park.
2. Gulledge told the Committee that the Walking/Jogging Path has been dragged and the weeds killed. The agate screening arrived today.
  3. Gulledge spoke to the Copper Creek property owner whose fence is in disrepair and falling into Drost Park.
  4. Gulledge informed the Committee the removal of the iron stake from the tree on the east side of the walking path was completed earlier in the day.

Ebert noted that the area where the sewer and water lines were run from Copper Creek to the new pavilion along the bike trail looks disgraceful and needs to be cleaned up. It is also bad where other construction has taken place in Drost Park. Ebert moved and Petty seconded to recommend to the Village Board to rake out, seed and straw the areas where the new sewer line, water line and all other construction has been completed in Drost Park. The motion passed unanimously.

President Shoup told the Committee that available land for future development is rapidly decreasing, and the Committee should consider increasing the Green Space Fees to help offset the possible end of future fees to be collected. Gulledge said the fees are \$250.00 for lots of 16,000 square feet or more and \$500.00 for lots of 10,400 or less with a fee of \$500.00 per unit/multi family developments. Committee members agreed an increase is needed. Petty moved and Merz seconded to recommend to the Village Board to increase the Green Space fees from the current \$250.00 for 16,000 or more square and \$500.00 for 10,400 or less square feet to \$500.00 and \$1,000.00 respectively. The motion was unanimously passed.

Wiemann inquired about the trees improperly planted by the state. Gulledge said he has informed them.

Hedrick reported that about 45 people attended the CHS Jazz Band concert in May. By asking those attending, she found that people knew the concert information by the ads, articles in the various papers and the village marquee. The only complaint was the lack of shade at Drost Park.

Frerker told members the kids' fishing derby was again a huge success.

Shoup said the work evening in Drost Park was spent cutting limbs, trimming bushes and general cleaning up. Ebert, Petty, Shoup and Wiemann did the work. Petty suggested having another work evening soon to finish the job that is off to a good start. The next work evening will be July 5th at 5:30 P.M. at pavilion #1.

Petty announced the first Movie In The Park will be E.T. She asked if the Village will be able to spray for mosquitoes, and Gulledge told her they cannot do that any more. It was decided to have Petty purchase citronella lanterns to use that evening. Gulledge added that the Southern Illinois Chiropractic Center wants to donate pop corn for the movie. They will bring the popping machine and everything that is needed. All the Committee needs to provide is electric. Petty will contact them.

The restroom/pavilion in Firemen's Park is completed. Ebert asked why the Drost Park one is not opened for use. Gulledge replied that the electric has to be turned on by the power company,

and a final “walk-through” should take place by July 11<sup>th</sup>. He continued to say the facility cannot be opened or anything turned on until the walk-through is complete.

The Mod U Dock ramp has been installed. Members commented on the quality work. Gulledge said another dock is to be installed by pavilion #3.

Petty said two picnic tables were removed from the walking path area. Gulledge will check to have them put back. Jones mentioned that a table was missing from pavilion #1 on fishing derby day. Bell thinks it may be in pavilion #4, and he will check on this.

Gulledge is waiting to hear about the PEP grant.

There was no report from Motil concerning the “Historic Tree” program. Shoup distributed information from the Elm Research Institute. Since no one has had an opportunity to read the information, Shoup will report on this at the next meeting.

Hedrick is working to finalize information on the brick pavers and donations. Wiemann has met with Fire Chief Flaughter who was to send the firemen’s information on to Jolene Henry. Wiemann will check on the progress of this.

Hedrick spoke to Mark Badasch from C.A.R.D. who told her the funding has been approved, and the check should be coming soon. She further stated that she asked if any funding may be available for the 2006-2007 Calendar of Events, to which he said he would try to get approval to assist with it. He also is to contact her with the deadline dates for the next C.A.R.D. schedule to possibly add the calendar of events information. Bell suggested the Committee start working on the 2007 events at the next meeting. Hedrick is to add this to the agenda. Wiemann inquired about donations for the bike safety rodeo. Hedrick said the only donation received was from the Elementary School PTA. Wiemann will contact the other organizations.

Gulledge reported that the tree in Firemen’s Park has been removed.

Bell displayed, for the members to view, the new pavilion reservation information that Motil wrote along with the photos from Shoup that is on the village web site.

There has been no response from the party asking to rent Drost Park for a September wedding.

Gulledge has informed C.A.R.D. about the property on West Main Street for possible park land.

Discussion opened regarding the four acre lot known as the lift station at the end of Duke Drive. Some members voiced objection to entering an inter-municipal agreement to create a park. The concerns of the Bantel family were discussed. Wiemann moved and Ebert seconded to recommend to the Village Board to refrain from entering into any inter-municipal agreement to develop the four acre lot (old lift station) at the end of Duke Drive into a park, but rather develop this area as funding becomes available to Maryville. The motion passed unanimously.

Hedrick reminded the group that Fred Cronin, the IDNR biologist who conducted the electro

shocking of Drost Lake, suggested an ordinance be established regarding fish size and limitations to maintain a good fishing environment in the lake. Gullledge added that the Village Board was in favor of an ordinance. Hedrick is to send Gullledge the information from Cronin so the Village attorney can start the ordinance process. Hedrick also added that Mr. Cronin will help with the wording for signs to be posted once the ordinance is in effect.

Wiemann asked about the memorial which includes Vernon Lucas and Mike Semanisin that was supposed to be established behind the Administration Building. Gullledge said written permission really is needed from Our Mother of Perpetual Help Church to move the Vernon Lucas memorial to the new location. Wiemann is to get this written permission as well as talk to Joe Semanisin regarding his small memorial.

Petty suggested information and direction signs for annual events such as kite flying day, fishing derby, dog show, etc. Bell said there are rules against putting up signs. Gullledge said someone should check with Code Enforcer, Eric Jones, about regulations and getting permission to put up these signs for events. Hedrick will do this. Petty moved and Ebert seconded to recommend to the Village Board to purchase portable signs for annual events (Go Fly A Kite Day, Kids' Fishing Derby, Pooch Party, etc.), as designated by the Park Committee, to be placed at various locations to direct people to and give information (rules for event, registration, etc.) about each event.

Gullledge said the Village should be receiving trash cans and park/picnic equipment from the recycle grant soon, and the group needs to determine where the items should be placed. President Shoup assigned the parking committee the task of investigating and reporting on the needs for locating trash cans, picnic equipment, etc. for the next meeting.

Petty mentioned another tree has fallen in Drost Lake. Gullledge said there are a few trees in the lake that will be removed when time allows.

Wiemann noted that the lines on the comfort station parking lot need to be repainted. It was noted that this cannot be done by the county sheriff's SWAP program. Wiemann moved and Ebert seconded to recommend to the Village Board to repaint the parking lines on the parking lot by pavilion #1 off Myron Provence Parkway. The motion unanimously passed.

Being no other business, the meeting was adjourned by President Shoup at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Hedrick, Secretary

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