

**MARYVILLE PARK COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

FEBRUARY 20, 2006

The meeting of the Maryville Park Committee was called to order by President Roger Shoup at 6:02 P.M. on February 20, 2006, at the Administration Building. Members present were Diana Hedrick, Cindy Jones, Sharon Petty, Harland Schiebal, Roger Shoup and Chris Stanley. Members David Cluphf, Al Ebert, Carol Frerker, Ron Motil and Judy Wiemann were absent. Also in attendance were Trustee Liaison Todd Bell, Ken Kroschwitz from K-10's Model Trains, Steve Steiner of the Drost Park Khoury League, and Janet Burnett from the University of Illinois Extension Master Gardeners.

President Shoup called for corrections and additions to the minutes of the January 16, 2006, meeting. Jones moved and Schiebal seconded to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

President Shoup asked Steve Steiner from the Drost Park Khoury League to present his information and requests to the Committee. The Khoury League has more than 800 children registered for this year which exceeds the Collinsville Baseball/Softball League. The league expects to exceed 1000 children in the next two to three years. Therefore, the league has several requests for improvements that will need either permission to proceed and/or assistance from the Village. The Committee chose to deal with each requested item one at one time.

The first request was for permission and use of the trencher to install electrical power and water to each field from the concession stand. This will allow the use of public address systems, pitching machines, perhaps lights and better field maintenance. Petty moved and Stanley seconded to recommend to the Village Board to give permission for the Drost Park Khoury League to install electric power and water to each field from the present concession stand with the use of the Village trencher; and Maryville will provide the water for the league's use. The motion passed unanimously.

Three new fields need to be added to the complex to accommodate tee ball, coached pitch and machine pitch games. Hedrick asked if the placement of these fields will interfere with the soccer field areas, to which she was assured would not happen. Petty moved and Schiebal seconded to recommend to the Village Board to give permission for the Drost Park Khoury League to add three ball fields for tee ball, machine pitch and coach pitch teams between fields #4 and #5. The motion passed unanimously.

More storage is needed because the present shed is too small to house all the team equipment, the tractor and implements and other equipment. A new building that will be 32' x 40' and 8'-12' high is needed to replace the present shed. It will be a smaller version of the public works building, but it will be metal for now with brick to be added over the next few years to cover one-half of the building. It will include a mini concession stand. Stanley moved and Schiebal seconded to recommend to the Village Board to give the Drost Park Khoury League permission to build a new 32' by 40' by approximately 8 1/2' high storage building that will include a mini concession area to replace the current building, with the new building to be metal until bricks can be installed over the next few years to cover 1/2 of the building. It should resemble a smaller version of the public works building. The motion unanimously passed.

Bleachers at the fields will make for better spectator control, and improve the image of the league. The league wants to add bleachers to fields #1 and #2 this year. Stanley moved and Petty seconded to recommend to the Village Board to give permission to the Drost Park Khoury League to add bleachers to fields #1 and #2 subject to the approval of the design and materials used. The motion passed unanimously.

Steiner told the Committee that the league is continuing to get pricing, etc. for lighting fields 1, 2, and 3. They realize this is an enormous expense, and hope to begin a fundraising campaign.

Steiner said there is need for two additional handicap parking spaces next to the current ones in the Senior Citizen Center lot. It is a problem because there just are not enough to accommodate the handicap cars. Petty moved and Schiebal seconded to recommend to the Village Board to add two handicap parking spaces next to the current spaces in the Senior Citizen Center lot. The motion passed unanimously.

Steiner thanked the Committee for their support of the Drost Park Khoury League.

President Shoup asked Ken Kroschwitz to address to Committee. Kroschwitz told the Committee that Mayor Gulledge spoke to him regarding the insurance requirement situation, but he cannot afford to add a rider to his policy. He could not find any other policy that was affordable. He will not be associated with the Village to organize the rocket launching or remote control boat racing. He thanked the Committee for its time and effort. Janet Burnett suggested Kroschwitz contact the 4-H Club about a possible rocket club.

President Shoup gave the floor to Janet Burnett from the University of Illinois Extension Master Gardeners. Burnett presented the proposed future plan for the Master Gardeners. She also requested permission to institute an education program at the Maryville site with three classes that will include day lilies to take place in June or September, herbs during late summer or early fall, and grapes in the fall. The programs would be held on a Saturday from perhaps 10:00 to 11:00 in the morning. Petty moved and Stanley seconded to recommend the Village Board approve the Master Gardeners' new master plan and three educational programs about day lilies, herbs and grapes to be held on Saturday mornings from 10:00 to 11:00 either in spring, late summer or fall. The motion passed unanimously.

Burnett asked how to have information posted on the message board at the comfort station in Drost Park. Bell told her flyers should be given to Thelma Long who will give them to Gary Mann to put up.

The Monthly Available Funds report was distributed by Hedrick. Bell reported that the engineering fees questioned at the last meeting are for the restrooms/pavilions in Drost and Firemen's parks.

Petty asked about the need to remove the tree closest to the gas meter in Firemen's Park that was placed on the "To Do" list. Bell said the Committee needs to send the Village Board a reminder.

Hedrick had no correspondence to present.

The recommendations to the Village Board from the January meeting were all approved; and they were to purchase channel catfish to stock Drost Lake, raise the height of the Walking/Jogging path on the east side, and approval of the 2006 Calendar of Events. Bell told the group that work is in progress on the path.

Bell noted that two green space fees have been received that takes the park fund out of debt.

There were no comments from liaison Bell.

There were no comments from the Mayor.

Bell informed the Committee that construction has begun on the restroom/pavilion in Firemen's Park and the one in Drost Park is staked out. Shoup told the members that Pat Presson suggested using patterned concrete in the pavilions, and that the colors for the restrooms were selected by Bell and Shoup. Petty asked if the old pavilions could be painted as they all need to be done. Shoup added that mahogany would look much better than barn red which has been used in the past. It was mentioned that the comfort station needs painting also. Petty moved and Hedrick seconded to recommend to the Village Board to paint the exterior of the current comfort station and all pavilions in colors to be determined by the Park Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

Shoup reported that some of the parking blocks have been put in place in the library parking lot.

Bell told the Committee that Pat Presson has ordered the necessary extensions to fix the Mod U dock at the north end of Drost Lake.

Shoup informed the group the PEP grant application has been sent in for two pavilions with one to be by the playgrounds in Drost Park and the other possibly on the west side of the lake in the cleared wooded area.

Shoup said no one was able to attend the successful tree program workshop.

Hedrick is working on information to send to Jolene Henry about the brick pavers.

There was no report on the historic tree donation program.

There was no report on the tables in pavilion #1.

Bell told the Committee the grant for \$40,000.00 should be available again this year, and maybe it can be used for the Drost Lake erosion and dredging that is needed.

There was no information for web site.

Petty reminded the members that the Art/Photo Contest will be March 5th from 1:00 to 3:00 at the Senior Citizen Center.

Stanley asked if he should purchase four bikes as prizes for the Bike Rodeo this year. Jones suggested buying two 20" and two 24" bikes. Stanley said the 20" could be given in a drawing for kids nine and under, and the 24" ones for kids 10 and older. If the winners need different size bikes, they can exchange these for the right size, but not for a refund.

Petty presented information about the Forest Relief of Missouri tree grant program. Hedrick questioned whether we really need a lot of trees and if we can get a small amount. Petty said we have about 25 that need to be replaced. Schiebal moved and Petty seconded to recommend to the Village Board to apply for a Forest Relief of Missouri program grant for 25 free trees to be ordered by Petty and to plant for replacement trees.

Bell presented a request from Collinsville High School Athletic Director, Bob Hollingshead, to allow the girls soccer team to use the Drost Park soccer area for spring season practices as the boys' team was allowed. Bell reminded the Committee there were no problems with the boys' team practicing in Drost Park. Petty moved and Stanley seconded to recommend to the Village Board to give the Collinsville High School girls' soccer team permission to practice in the Drost Park soccer practice area with the same requirements, stipulations, and with the coach reporting to and providing information to Mayor Gullede as was agreed with the boys' soccer team in 2005. The motion unanimously passed.

Being no other business, Petty moved and Schiebal seconded to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:28 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Hedrick, Secretary

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