

**MARYVILLE PARK COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

SEPTEMBER 19, 2005

The meeting of the Maryville Park Committee was called to order at 6:00 P.M. on September 19, 2005, at the Maryville Community Library by President Cluphf.

Members present were David Cluphf, Al Ebert, Carol Frerker, Diana Hedrick, Cindy Jones, Ron Motil, Chris Stanley and Judy Wiemann. Members Sharon Petty and Roger Shoup were absent. Also in attendance were Trustee Liaison Todd Bell, Mayor Larry Gullede, Ken Kroschwitz from K-10's Model Trains, and Board of Trustees member Linda Garcia. Sharon Petty was seated at 6:30 P.M.

President Cluphf called for corrections and additions to the minutes of the August 8, 2005, meeting. Being no corrections or additions to the minutes, President Cluphf declared the minutes stand approved as presented.

President Cluphf asked Ken Kroschwitz to address to Committee. Kroschwitz told the Committee he would like to organize two activities for Drost Park on an organized time and day each month. One is for rocket launching, perhaps 1:00 to 3:00 the second Sunday of each month. He noted there is lots of room in Drost Park without a problem with high wires. The launching would take inside the Walking/Jogging Path. Motil asked if there is a legal distance for spectators to be from the launch area. Kroschwitz responded that he can research this and set up possible regulations. Hedrick is to send him a reminder of the October meeting.

The other activity is remote control boat races that could be held the fourth Sunday of each month. This may impact the fishermen during the races. The best launch site for the races is east of the gardens. Possible problems include people walking around the lake, activity at the pier and boat dock and the rocks by the gardens. Bell asked how much space would be used? Kroschwitz said an area not past the power lines and back toward the gardens. Each race takes five to eight minutes. Bell suggested launching by the dam near the new fishing dock. Frerker asked what age group could participate? Kroschwitz replied boys and girls 11-12 years old. He would like to start these activities in May, 2006. He will return to the October meeting with more particulars to present.

President Cluphf asked Trustee Garcia to address the Committee. She would like the Village to build a large pavilion for large groups like a church picnic. Her church would like to use Drost Park for its annual picnic, but the pavilions are too small. Bell suggested rather than one large pavilion, have three smaller ones in a cluster. Gullede commented that this has a lot of merit: a pavilion large enough for an organization to use. This needs to be discussed more by the committee.

Petty led the Committee on a walk through of her proposed extended walking/jogging path that would run in the grassway from the Myron Provence Parkway, behind the Community Library parking lot, across the slurry basin area, past the trees on the west side of the lake, and connect with the rocked drive behind the Senior Citizen Center. This extension would be approximately 1005 feet that would require grading, drainage culvert, and rock. Gullede mentioned following the lake edge would be nice. Hedrick said perhaps a trail through the wooded area could be

included.

Upon returning to the library, Petty opened discussion regarding the fishing dock by the gardens as not being level. Jones added that it also needs an access ramp because now that the lake's water level is back up, everyone has to walk through the water to get on the dock. It was noted that the boat pier also needs an access ramp. Petty moved and Jones seconded a motion to recommend to the Village Board to raise and level the fishing dock by the gardens, and place appropriate ramps to the fishing dock and the boat pier. The motion passed unanimously.

Jones mentioned the need for a table to be added between the existing tables on each side in Pavilion #1. Gulledge said he will follow through on this.

Hedrick moved and Petty seconded the motion to recommend to the Village Board to pursue extending the path through the west side of Drost Lake to connect to the drive from the Senior Citizen Center and Myron Provence Parkway. The motion passed unanimously.

Hedrick has had no response from the Drost Park Khoury League.

The Master Gardeners have finished the shed. Members commented on the attractiveness since the windows have been painted. The state convention is this weekend, and the Maryville gardens are included in the tours. Hedrick has sent an E-mail to Kevin Flaughter to place a sign that reads Welcome Master Gardeners on the marquee.

The Monthly Available Funds report was distributed by Hedrick. There were no questions from members about the report.

Hedrick read a thank you letter from Melissa Gustafson-Hinds who is the CHS Jazz Band Director. Ms. Gustafson-Hinds said "if you ever need some music at an event, please do not hesitate to contact us."

The recommendations to the Village Board from the August meeting are as follows:

1. The cross country meet by the Good Shepherd Lutheran School has been cancelled for this year, but will Coach Phil Winters will try next year.
2. The CHS boys soccer team was okayed to continue to use the practice areas in Drost Park.
3. The restroom/pavilion plans for Firemen's and Drost parks are in the works and should go out for bids within the next week or so.

Ebert asked when the pavilion/restrooms are expected to be finished. Gulledge answered they are scheduled for completion in May, 2006.

Gulledge informed the Committee that two plats will come before the Board this week; one with green space fees and one without. He is anticipating \$75,000 to \$80,000 in the next couple months.

Wiemann reported that about 60 people attended the Zydeco Crawdaddy's Band concert. Petty

asked if the concerts can be placed on 2 sides of the marquees so passers-by can see it from both directions. Gulledge said that is not always possible. It was suggested the information be on for two weeks prior to the event.

Trustee Bell had no comments at this time.

Mayor Gulledge informed the Committee that work on the Walking/Jogging Path drainage is still in progress. He also reported that the SWAP work crew will be back on Monday to work around Drost Lake.

Shoup was not present to report on the parking blocks plan for the library parking lot.

Motil told the Committee the golf pro at Stonebridge Golf Course was not interested in a \$2.00 discount program for Maryville residents.

Petty presented information for the Communi-tree grant program. This is the same grant that the Village received 100 trees from last year. Wiemann commented that the trees were a nice size, to which other members agreed. Petty added that about 25 trees died since they were planted. Hedrick said we really have no need for 100 trees this year, but would be good to replace the ones that died. Jones moved and Wiemann seconded a motion to recommend to the Village Board to apply for the grant for 30 trees. The motion carried unanimously. Petty will complete the application.

Frerker opened discussion regarding the problem of the playgrounds in Drost Park having poor visibility from Pavilion #1. She suggested building a narrow pavilion between the two playgrounds funded by a grant. Gulledge will have Engineer Juneau check for possible grants. The consensus of the Committee was to place this on the "Tabled Items" list.

There were no website updates for Bell.

Motil gave Committee members information regarding the "Historic Tree" nursery. This may be a good way to get more trees donated through the Park Donation Program. Motil will put together information for an action plan for the next meeting.

Jones requested to return to the active agenda the dredging of the remainder of Drost Lake. Hedrick commented that Fred Cronin, IDNR Biologist, who did the fish shocking survey was pleased with the results of the first dredging, and the rest of the lake needs to be done to provide a more suitable habitat for the fish. Jones moved and Ebert seconded to recommend to the Village Board to seek means to finance and complete the dredging of Drost Lake, as we are in good stead on the first section and the remainder is a priority. The motion passed unanimously.

Gulledge announced the resignation of Robyn Schmitt because she is moving out of state. He would like any recommendations for a new member by the end of this month.

Wiemann informed the Committee that last year the Village donated \$1,000.00 to the Master Gardeners for the purchase of plants as a result of a recommendation from the Committee. This, she said, was to become an annual donation. Wiemann moved and Ebert seconded a motion to

recommend to the Village Board to donate \$1,000.00 to the Master Gardeners to purchase plants.

Petty reported she has compiled the necessary information for the possible "Movies in the Park" event. Film rental is \$125.00 and \$50.00 for the boys to run the player. She would like to schedule a trial run for members to decide the validity of this as an event. It will be October 10th at 8:00 P.M. in the library parking lot with the maintenance building to serve as a screen. Bell will bring the sound system. Hedrick is E-mail a reminder to Committee members.

Hedrick reminded the Committee that it is time to start working on the Calendar of Events for next year. Members are to bring ideas to the next meeting.

Jones announced the Pooch Party is October 9th at 11:30 for registration. The following members volunteered to help: Bell, Ebert and wife Kathy, Frerker, Petty (photography) and Wiemann.

Wiemann told the Committee she thinks the Concert in the Park events need to be changed because Sunday is in conflict with Collinsville Area Recreation District. She and others noted that other towns have concerts such as Monday is Troy, Tuesday is O'Fallon and Thursday is Edwardsville. Wiemann is to report at the next meeting about concert times. Frerker suggested having the Collinsville school band camp perform its camp finale as a Concert in the Park.

Being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 8:14 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Hedrick, Secretary

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