

**MARYVILLE PARK COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

JULY 18, 2005

The Meeting of the Maryville Park Committee was called to order at 6:00 P.M. on July 18, 2005, at the Administration building by President Cluphf.

Members present were David Cluphf, Diana Hedrick, Cindy Jones, Sharon Petty, Roger Shoup and Judy Wiemann. Absent members were Al Ebert, Carol Frerker, Ron Motil, Robyn Schmitt and Chris Stanley. Also in attendance was Mayor Larry Gullede. Chris Stanley was seated at 6:05 P.M.

President Cluphf called for corrections and additions to the minutes of the June 20, 2005, meeting. Wiemann advised the minutes should be corrected in that she was to contact Pat Presson, not Gullede as stated on page 5. Shoup moved and Jones seconded to approve the minutes as corrected. The motion passed unanimously.

Gullede commented that the Drost Park Khoury League is winding down for the season.

Wiemann announced that the State Master Gardeners Conference is to be held September 22 through 24; and Maryville is one of the selected gardens for this conference. It was suggested that Maryville place a welcome message on the marquees. Gullede said that can be done. Wiemann was asked to present more information before the conference.

The Monthly Available Funds was not available. Hedrick said Thelma Long hopes to have the report next month.

Gullede reported that the Village Board needs the parking plan for the library so City Engineer Juneau can complete the plan for the installation of the parking blocks. Shoup will send the plan to Gullede. Gullede also informed the Committee that the Mod U Docks boat pier has been installed. However, when the Village workers started to install the fishing docks, they discovered these have to be set on piers as they are not floating docks like the boat pier. Shoup is to check with Mod U Docks about docks not being floatable. Gullede said the Board agrees with the Committee that the request regarding a change in the designated green space in Trotters Run development not be allowed, and is very adamant not to allow changes after a development has been plotted.

In regard to green space fees, Gullede told the Committee a preliminary plot should be approved for the Villas of Amber Lake which should bring in about \$118,000.00 in green space fees in August or September. Another \$22,000.00 should be received in two to three months as well.

Hedrick distributed an E-mail about the good concert by the James and Truesdell band.

Petty told the Committee that about 50 people attended the Coral Courts Concert. Hedrick commented that in surveying those in attendance, the reason most often given for lack of attendance is the weather being too hot. Cluphf suggested the Committee should consider changing dates to Spring and Fall rather than July, August and September; or perhaps having them in evenings. Hedrick said lighting in Firemen's Park is not good, and Drost Park would be

worse.

Bell was not present for comments.

Gulledge informed the Committee there is a possible grant for scenic lighting to be placed around Firemen's Park, from Division Street to the north end of the Village property, along the drive to the Administration Building, along Provence Parkway, down East Main Street from Route 159 to Lange Street, and perhaps a lighted sign for Drost Park. Hedrick suggested also placing lights in Drost Park around the grassy area from pavilion #1 to the lake. On the consent of the Committee, Gulledge will pursue the grant.

Gulledge commented that he does not think the Village budget will be completed this year. Jones moved and Petty seconded to table the budget. The motion passed unanimously.

Gulledge informed the Committee that architect Jamie Wilkinson has not finished the plans for the Firemen's Park restroom/pavilion and the Comfort Station/pavilion in Drost Park. Hedrick asked about the \$15,000.00 fee for Firemen's Park and the \$24,000.00 Fee for Drost Park. Gulledge responded that the \$24,000.000 is included in the OSLAD grant, and that both require extensive work.

Gulledge does not think any more work has been done on the drainage and Walking/Jogging Path project.

Regarding the C.A.R.D. withdrawal/park land purchase, Gulledge said the Village is still trying to work with the district, and representatives will attend its meeting again on Tuesday. But if no satisfaction is reached, a massive petition drive must take place.

Petty reported that Edwardsville is planning to try a "Movies In The Park" program in the Fall. She was told they will use a projector from Edwardsville High School. She will contact Brad Lewis at the high school about a possible test run for the Park Committee, and will report at the next meeting.

Hedrick informed the Committee she talked with Mr. Fred Cronin about Drost Lake. He told her that Fall and Spring are the best times to shock a lake since hot weather does not give an accurate tabulation of fish habitat. He has added Maryville to his list for shocking which may not take place until Spring; but if time allows, he will do it this Fall. He will contact Hedrick in advance. After the shocking is complete he will give a report of the results with recommendations for fish size and number limitations as well as future stocking. He suggested the Village then draw up an ordinance which will allow for better management of the limitations by the police. He will also give advice for signs to be posted at the lake. He was at the lake during the dredging, and said the number of turtles is not a danger, and that the turtles will not deplete the fish habitat. A suggestion to trap the turtles requires a special permit, and they have to be relocated. This is really more trouble than leaving the turtles in the lake as other turtles will move in if the present population is reduced.

Hedrick told the group that Bell planned to discuss a "Fun Day in the Park" whereby the Village could rent some inflated play equipment for kids to enjoy, but she did not know any particulars.

The question of what will be in place for adults to do? Perhaps Bell will be at the next meeting to explain his idea.

Bell was not present to discuss what assistance he needs with updating the web site.

Gulledge said he has not received any suggestions for work projects for the Madison County Sheriff's Department SWAP group, and made arrangements for the group to come in September. Members are to have suggestions for him at the next meeting.

Gulledge said the widening project for Lakeview Acres Road looks promising, but may take two years to develop.

Petty distributed a plan for adding a walking trail from the Senior Center to the library. It calls for a new connector between the east and west sides of the current path, along the rock drive behind the Senior Center, crossing the dam embankments, a trail next to the lake leading to the entrance drive, and extend the path from the end of the rock drive behind the Senior Center to Myron Provence Parkway. She suggested the Committee meet at the library next month to walk the proposed new path. It was so agreed.

Wiemann opened discussion of the need for tree watering in Drost Park. Gulledge said the Village now has a huge water tank, and workers watered the trees the day after the Committee's June meeting. Pat Presson told the Mayor he will do his best to keep the trees watered. Wiemann said the Master Gardeners are helping with the trimming as well.

Cluphf suggested changing the Turkey Trot to a Fall one mile run in October. Jones commented that the previous November date was used to allow high school and college students to participate since their seasons would have concluded. There was no dissent to changing the event to a one mile run.

Cluphf reminded the group that "every day in the park is a fun day".

Being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 7:23 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Hedrick, Secretary

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