

**MARYVILLE PARK COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

JUNE 20, 2005

The Meeting of the Maryville Park Committee was called to order at 6:00 P.M. on June 20, 2005, at the Community Library Building by President Cluphf.

Members present were David Cluphf, Diana Hedrick, Cindy Jones, Sharon Petty, Roger Shoup, Ron Motil and Judy Wiemann. Absent members were Al Ebert, Carol Frerker, Robyn Schmitt and Chris Stanley. Also in attendance were Mayor Larry Gulledge; Janet Burnett of the Uof I Extension Master Gardeners; Curtis Bailey, President of the CHS Soccer Booster Club and CHS Soccer Coach, Chris Digirolamo. Chris Stanley was seated at 6:13, Al Ebert and Robyn Schmitt at 6:25.

President Cluphf called for corrections and additions to the minutes of the May16, 2005, meeting. Wiemann moved and Shoup seconded to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

President Cluphf asked Mr. Bailey and Mr. Digirolamo to address the Committee. The letter from the CHS Soccer Booster Club to Mayor Gulledge was given to each member. Mr. Bailey explained that the club is looking for practice facilities for the CHS boys' soccer team for summer training, and then possibly beyond that. The school's fields are in the development stage so they need to find practice facilities elsewhere for the present time. He knows there are a couple fields in Drost Park. The team is allowed 25 contact days before the actual season begins, and this would be in June and July. The area would be needed a couple nights each week and once on weekends. They "are very cognizant of leaving the park in better condition than we found it." They will made sure the boys police the area every night to pick up their water bottles and bags; and they will attempt to the best of their abilities to rotate the practice areas around so they don't stay on the same area all 25 days. They are asking the Committee to approve their request to utilize Drost Park for temporary practice facilities for the CHS soccer team for the summer. He is willing to come back to the July or August meeting to see what could be worked out for the Fall.

Hedrick asked what specific area are they interested in using? He said the fields on the east side of Drost Lake are the ones he is looking at. Jones informed him that those are not officially fields, those are practice areas. Motil inquired if these are sanctioned high school camps. Bailey answered they are sanctioned by IHSA as official practice not camps. Motil further asked if the high school insurance covers someone who might step in a hole or something like this; to which Bailey answered yes, absolutely. Jones commented that those areas are typically available to anybody who walks on and uses them; are you going to displace other groups that may appear? Wiemann added there are a number of little tots that come out. Bailey said that is why they are at this meeting because he did not know if the Committee has a formal scheduling, per say; or if it is a first come, first serve type thing. They have run into this at other places, and the coaches get together to choose areas, so this group will not come in and take over the whole area. Digirolamo said they expect about 40 to 50 boys, and are thinking Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday.

Wiemann inquired about the feasibility of this group using the fields on the west side of the lake.

Jones said it is all Khoury League fields every evening and weekends; and the Village never puts up soccer fields until Khoury League is over. Then it becomes soccer fields, but those are scheduled by the Village. Gullledge reiterated that the area on the west side of the lake is shared by Khoury League in the summer and when its season is over, and then the Village erects the soccer fields.

Gullledge said he wants to make sure of a couple things, no matter what the Committee's recommendation to the Village Board. If your use is approved, there is a terrible parking problem on Parkview Drive, and we would ask that you park in the library parking lot and walk over to the practice area.

Cluphf asked if they plan to set up full soccer fields; and Digirolamo said they do not need chalk lines and that he has cones if needed, and they will rotate the goals. Hedrick added that the goals are set on pegs to rotate them.

Gullledge also said that if your group comes out and there is a regular team practicing, they can stay there too. It is a public park.

Shoup commented there are a significant number of young trees out there that you need to watch for to prevent damage to them.

Digirolamo indicated they would like to start practice as soon as possible. Cluphf made a proposal for the Committee take time to discuss this, and contact Bailey tonight or tomorrow with the decision. Bailey said he can be reached on his cell phone anytime at 407-6549. They thanked the Committee for listening to their request and consideration.

Cluphf asked Janet Burnett, with the U of I Extension Master Gardeners to address the Committee. She said she is here to give the Committee a quick update, and to let us know how much they appreciate what the Village has done as to filling in the low area. Now with that done and the near completion of the shed, it's time to review the plan and look at some developing and planning for future gardens as there are places there for future gardens. She hopes to come back relatively soon to show some proposed plans for additional gardens. Gullledge told her the gardeners do a great job out there. She responded "we couldn't do it without all the cooperation from you folks and we appreciate that." Hedrick asked if the roof on the porch part of the shed will be shingled to match the other roof? Burnett will meet on Wednesday with the overseer of the area, and that is one of the questions she has for him because she thinks it should match. When the Committee agrees for the gardeners to do a project, her intention is to see it is completed in accordance with the agreement. Some new areas have been started like the tropical area.

Petty suggested the gardeners paint windows on the shed to add to made it look better. Wiemann said they are going to do that. She hopes to be back by the end of summer, but not in July, with plans for the future.

President Cluphf opened discussion regarding the CHS Soccer Boosters summer training in Drost Park. He said having been a high school coach, one problem is the high school boys driving around subdivision areas to and from practice. Shoup commented that if they are

required to park in the library parking lot, they would be using the highway and the industrial park road which will avoid the subdivisions. Petty added that the boys may walk through the gardens from the parking lot, and they need to be aware of this. She thinks if the Committee and Village condone their use of the soccer practice areas, that it be on a month by month or week by week basis and one altercation and they are out of here. Gullledge agreed 100 per cent. Cluphf said he would like to keep them off the Walking/Jogging Path as part of their training. Wiemann asked if this will be a permanent situation because the original plan was for this area of the park to be for passive recreation. Cluphf responded that this is for one summer to help out. Jones said this should be on a week by week basis, and if at a given point nothing goes wrong, they may use it the next week but if we have any problems with people getting interrupted or the guys run through the gardens, then the group will have to find some other place to go practice. Hedrick asked if we need to set some rules or regulations, saying these are the guidelines for which you may use the fields. Gullledge said the Committee needs to put a list of regulations together and that is what they will have to live by. Petty added that the coaches need to stay until all the players are gone. Motil commented that he would like to have them give the Village a copy of the insurance policy as well. Petty explained the system of summer practices and insurance coverage. Shoup moved and Motil seconded to allow the CHS Soccer Booster Club use the soccer practice areas on the east side of Drost Lake on a week to week basis two to three times a week for the summer only with these stipulations:

1. Notification of dates and times to be given in advance.
2. Coaches remain on the premises until all players have departed.
3. The walking/jogging path is not to be used by the group.
4. The park area is to be cleaned up before leaving each practice day.
5. The area including restrooms, gardens etc., sustains no damage.
6. Park only in the Library parking lot.

The motion passed unanimously. Gullledge said to give him a copy of the letter to the Boosters, and he will take it to the Board members.

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

The Monthly Available Funds was not available. Hedrick said Thelma Long will catch up on the report next month.

Gullledge informed the Committee the Park fund is in the hole, but development of the Radas property will bring about \$118,500 in green space fees in the near future. Also another development is to come up on the agenda soon for about \$22,000.

Hedrick had no correspondence to present. Petty showed the group a news article about the high school girl who won in the art show used the same picture in another contest and won a \$2,000 scholarship.

Hedrick reported 76 kids came out for the successful Fishing Derby. Petty added she took some really good pictures of the derby for the Village web site. Gullledge mentioned there is a serious problem with turtles in the lake. Petty asked if the Committee should make a recommendation to contact the Department of Conservation to see what can be done. Hedrick informed the members

that Conservation Biologist Mark Yehling, who presented a demonstration at the derby, gave her Fred Cronin's name to contact about shocking the lake to determine what kinds and sizes of fish are there, advise us as to what fish we need to set the limit longer than the state requirements, assist with signs about limits regulations, and solutions for turtles. Petty recommended that Hedrick contact Mr. Cronin and report back at the next meeting.

Cluphf reiterated the Fishing Derby went well. Wiemann added she heard a lot of nice compliments, and Mr. Yehling said it was the most organized event like this he has ever seen.

Hedrick informed the Committee the Concert in the Park coming up next Sunday will be James and Truesdell With Tools of the Trade Band.

Bell was not present to give a budget report.

Petty reported the disc golf demonstration is still on hold.

Gulledge informed the Committee that architect Jamie Wilkinson will have drawings of plans for the Firemen's Park restroom/pavilion and the Comfort Station/pavilion in Drost Park for the July meeting.

Gulledge told the group the Village was awarded the OSLAD grant, have turned in the reports, and have received the okay to proceed, and are waiting for the architect's plans.

Hedrick reported the Village does have a C.A.R.D. payment of \$2646.21 which covers the events from July, '04 through March, '05. She explained that in the request to C.A.R.D., she listed the expenses and deducted any income or donations to get a final amount for each event. She said she has the April and May, '05 events to send to Mark Badasch, which he told her would be paid. However, she is uncertain if he will still help with up to \$7,000 as agreed to earlier for the '05-'06 year.

Gulledge said there is a meeting on Tuesday to discuss widening Lakeview Acres Road that will have sidewalks, so the Village Board wants to wait on any accesses to the bike trail from that area. Petty asked if the Cambridge development will back up to the bike trail; to which Gulledge replied it does not.

Gulledge commented that the Village workers are making good progress on the Drost Park drainage and the Walking/Jogging Path. They have completed the west side of the path which is really nice, and are ready to finish the east side. Wiemann added it is very nice especially what has been done with the drainage through the Master Gardeners area. However, they have changed the walking/jogging path where it cuts across from being straight to curved. Petty will check the distance with her measuring wheel. Wiemann said the path needs to be dragged and weeds killed again. She wishes there was a walking path from the library back to the Division Street area so people from town could come out to walk without walking on the streets. Ebert commented that an extension to the path closer to the lake rather than next to the building would be great for kids leaving the library for a function in the park, a walkway would help keep them off the grass. President Cluphf appointed Petty to chair a subcommittee with Motil and Ebert for options for a new path between the park and the Senior Citizens Center area. This group will

report at the next meeting.

Wiemann opened discussion regarding about 25 trees that are dead and several that are really stressed from lack of water. Also some tree trimming needs to be done. Gulledge said he will talk to the Public Works director, Pat Presson, about watering trees better. He also said the Village is limited to what they can do because the trucks can damage the path and grass as well as cause ruts. Wiemann offered the use of her water tank to do the job. She is call Gulledge on Tuesday to set a time to use her tank. Wiemann will also ask the Master Gardeners to trim a few trees each week.

Gulledge distributed copies of pictures of the land C.A.R.D. is proposing to purchase for park land in Maryville. The 39.7 acres off Route 162 at the end of Log Cabin Lane, but is only accessible from Glen Carbon. People on Log Cabin Lane which is a private road are saying they will not allow it to be used as an entrance to a park. He asked the members to go look at the proposed site to see what a mess it is. He has asked where will C.A.R.D. get necessary infra structure aspects like water, sewer, fire protection, etc. Supposedly C.A.R.D. will pay \$23,000 per acre for the land which totals about \$850,000. Village representatives will attend the C.A.R.D. meeting tomorrow night to ask about the progress of Maryville's withdrawal. If C.A.R.D. responds they are working on it, some action will need to be taken because this land purchase is supposed to close the end of August or first part of September. If this purchase goes through, Maryville's chances of ever getting out are almost impossible. If Maryville must move forward, they will need help from the Committee with petitions.

Wiemann asked if it is possible to freeze the purchase of the land. Gulledge answered it takes two things to be proven to a judge: a) the debt they already incurred when we were part of the taxing district which will be hard to prove, and b) they have taken our money and spent very little in return. He just wants the Committee to know they are working on the situation. Cluphf offered the Board the best of luck tomorrow.

Cluphf informed the group that SIUE will not loan their projector for movies in the park. SIUE said it is too costly to be loaned out. So, in order to do this Maryville will have to get its own projector. Petty suggested this be put on a wish list of a future grant project. Cluphf asked if the Committee could keep a tabled agenda item list so that if a grant comes up where we can get some money, we would have it on the tabled items list. Petty will contact Edwardsville to see what they are doing with their movies in the park event.

Shoup reported a 10' by 100' roll of Visqueen for \$31 for 4 mil and \$40 for 6 mil. He further stated that Trustee Bell told him to tell Ms. Long that Bell okayed the purchase. Shoup will make the purchase.

Shoup told the group that he, Ebert and Frerker met at the library regarding the parking blocks plan. Gulledge said to send to the Board a plan of what the committee wants to do. Ebert moved and Hedrick seconded a motion to recommend to the Village Board to move forward with the presented parking plan for the Library lot. The motion passed unanimously.

Jones distributed and explained copies of Drost Lake marked by #1 and #2 for the placement of the Mod U Docks and the boat pier. Petty moved and Wiemann seconded to recommend to the

Village Board to accept the proposed placement of the Mod U Docks and boat pier according to the presented plan. The motion passed unanimously.

Ebert informed the group he will not be able to serve on the new path committee, and Shoup volunteered to take his place.

Wiemann suggested having the Madison County Sheriff's Department SWAP group clean along the lake banks and clear the brush on the west side of the lake. Gullledge said he will try to schedule them to work. He asked for suggestions of work projects to be E-mailed to Cluphf or Hedrick by June 30th. Gullledge said perhaps a fall clean-up day would be good for the lake bank work, and he could get a couple boats to clean along the banks.

Gullledge requested input from the Committee regarding a request from the developer of Trotter's Run on West Main Street who wants to allow designated green space to be added to the abutting lot owner's property, which he says will remain green space, to develop about a 1 ½ acre, 3 hole golf practice course. Gullledge said he discussed the things that would have to be done to make this legal to which the owner said he and the developer would pay all the expenses involved. Gullledge also explained possible problems with allowing this request. Problems that could result from this include it would set a precedent for future changes in plats after approval, if the land is sold and the new owner puts up a shed, or the course becomes a teaching area which could become a business. Motil moved and Wiemann seconded to recommend to the Village Board that Green Space area not be allowed for any other use in regards to the request to allow the developer of Trotters Run Subdivision to give approximately 1 ½ acres of designated Green Space land to a property owner to develop into a small practice golf course. The motion passed unanimously.

Wiemann announced the Zydeco Crawdaddy's Band will play at pavilion #1 for the September concert.

President Cluphf requested the members send agenda information to either Hedrick or himself by Thursday before each meeting. He also asked Hedrick to place Mayor Gullledge and Trustee Bell on the agenda for comments. She is also to maintain a "tabled items list" from which members can request an item to be added to the agenda.

Being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Hedrick, Secretary

APPROVED: _____

