

**MARYVILLE PARK COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

APRIL 18,2005

The Meeting of the Maryville Park Committee was called to order at 6:03 P.M. on April 18, 2005, by Chairperson Wiemann.

Members present were David Cluphf, Al Ebert, Carol Frerker, Diana Hedrick, Cindy Jones, Sharon Petty, Roger Shoup and Judy Wiemann. Absent members were Robyn Schmitt, Chris Stanley and Bill Thomas. Also in attendance were Village Board liaison Todd Bell, Mayor Larry Gulledge, and representing the Drost Park Khoury League were Art Atkinson, Rick Jones, Chuck Lawson and Laura Stowers.

Chairperson Wiemann called for corrections and additions to the minutes of the March 21, 2005, meeting. Being no corrections or additions, the minutes stand approved by Chairperson Wiemann.

Wiemann reported that the Master Gardeners' shed is being remodeled to the actual specifications that were originally approved. They will be submitting the plans for the memorial to the first director of the Maryville site.

The Monthly Available Funds report was distributed by Hedrick. Hedrick said Jolene Henry is trying to put the report on the Park server. Bell located it on the server. Gulledge said the \$700.00 for stocking fish will be returned when the grant money is received. Hedrick asked about the charge from Express Press for flyers. Frerker answered that it was for flyers combining the library book sale and the kite flying day. Shoup read a list of the fish purchased for stocking the lake that included 100 6"-8" channel catfish, a bag of about 250 1"-2" redear, 200 3"-5" blue gill, 100 5"-8" large mouth bass, 200 2" black cruppy, 10 grass carp. Bell asked if the Committee wants Ms. Henry to continue placing the report on the server. The response was yes.

Bell reported that the Village Board placed on the "To-Do" list the Committee's recommendation to correct the agate screening washing onto property abutting Drost Park. The installation of locks on the closets in the library to be used by the Park Committee was also added to the "To-Do" list.

There was no action from the green space fees to be reported.

Art Atkinson and Chuck Lawson of the Drost Park Khoury League presented a field configuration of what the League thinks is feasible to make more ball fields with or without lights for the fields. Atkinson said they need more fields for the increased number of players, but the slurry basin creates a problem. Gulledge commented there is another problem that needs consideration, and that is parking. Where are you going to park all the cars? The new parking lot by Drost Park was used for the recent tournament, and it worked fine. The League is also concerned that foul balls may damage the metal buildings by the parking lot. Hedrick asked if the proposed four fields are behind the Senior Citizen Center? Atkinson said yes. She commented that the present fields are positioned to allow for two regulation soccer fields. He responded that the new configuration would destroy the soccer fields; therefore, the ball field

idea is not workable. He further stated that this is why the League is considering entering in to a fund raising effort to install lights on the current fields. He thanked the Committee for its offer to use the front lawn of the Administration Building for T-ball fields, but this would not be safe for the youngsters because there would not be dugouts to get out of the hot sun. He asked if the blue fencing being used on the front field needs to be taken down each night. Mayor Gullledge and the Committee agreed the fence is not a problem as long as the League keeps the grass trimmed along the fence. Atkinson said the League will keep it mowed and trimmed. He also told the Committee they back filled the drainage ditch along the field by the Senior Center, and will sod it. There are currently 717 children signed up for this season. Gullledge suggested that as soon as their season is over, form an ad hoc committee of Khoury League members and Park Committee members to discuss the possibility of adding more fields and address the parking concerns.

Hedrick read correspondence from the Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association that is a reminder that it is time to start playground safety inspections. Hedrick is to send Mayor Gullledge a memo of reminder.

Bell reported that the Park Committee budget has been presented to the Board, and will report progress at the next meeting. He reduced the land acquisition to \$50,000.00 for 10 years, but did not reduce park improvements.

There is no report on disc golf.

Gullledge presented two drawings for parking on the East side of the fire station. He needs to find a new architect for the restroom/pavilion project.

Cluphf moved and Hedrick seconded a motion to recommend to the Village Board to purchase signs to indicate available parking one block East of Firemen's Park. The motion passed unanimously.

Gullledge related the Fire Department's concern that parking on the North side of the fire station may be dangerous for people walking to the park. Petty moved and Shoup seconded the motion to recommend to the Village Board to investigate installing a sidewalk from Firemen's Park eastward to the Mother of Perpetual Help Church parking lot. The motion carried unanimously.

According to Gullledge, the OSLAD grant is still on the governor's desk.

Hedrick informed the Committee she is to meet with C.A.R.D. Director Mark Badasch this week to discuss the contribution toward park events for 2004-05.

There are no new possible accesses to the Schoolhouse Trail at this time.

Ebert told the Committee a man has volunteered to do a depth charge of Drost Lake, and then ether Mike Vallino or Frerker's brother can also do one as a comparison.

Gullledge commented that the Village workers are making good progress on the Drost Park

drainage and the Walking/Jogging Path.

Gulledge said the Village is investigating the C.A.R.D. withdrawal, but cannot discuss legal matters.

Petty presented new information regarding movies in the park. Cluphf said that SIUE has a projector and will check with Rich Walker about loaning it to the Village. He will report at the next meeting.

Jones added that the Village needs a portable sound system to use for outdoor events. She said SIUE Athletics bought one for about \$2,800.00. Various members agreed it would certainly make events easier to conduct. Jones moved and Ebert seconded to suggest to the Village Board to purchase a portable sound system to be used by all Village departments. The motion passed unanimously.

Shoup reminded the group the “Go Fly A Kite Day” will be April 23rd. Petty and Wiemann will bring leftover refreshments from previous events.

Bell said an inquiry has been made about the use of electronic powered model boats on Drost Lake. The consensus of the Committee is that it should be permissible as long as it does not interfere with the people fishing.

The Bike Safety Rodeo is scheduled for May 7th. Hedrick asked if anyone has pursued any donations as in past years? Hedrick is to contact the PTA, Bell the Fire Department, Wiemann the Goshen Rotary, and Shoup and Gulledge the American Legion.

It was announced that the Village Board approved \$600.00 for landscaping at the Cedar Valley Bike Trail Entrance.

Shoup and Gulledge reported that the PEP grant was awarded, and they will start ordering the fishing docks and parking blocks.

Petty presented information on Edwardsville’s “Green Thumb Award”. The residents nominate others for the award. She thought it is something for the Committee to think about. Shoup added that Collinsville does a similar thing. Gulledge agreed it is a great idea. He said he has thought of having a separate committee to give awards or something to people who make improvements to their yards, businesses or buildings; and that wouldn’t be too far fetched to include for this committee or do something separate. Gulledge commented that the next newspaper will not come out until July, so that would allow time to put information together. Perhaps a trophy could be awarded. Wiemann said Edwardsville put little signs in the yards. Hedrick suggested having a plaque that we could add names each year. Gulledge asked the members to gather information from other towns, and discuss it at the next meeting.

Gulledge announced that at the May Board meeting, he will appoint all his committees. He asked if anyone wants to not be reappointed to the Park Committee, and no one indicted wanting to do so. He will speak to one of the members, and probably make a new appointment. He also

stated that each committee will need to have an election of officers at its May meeting, and the committee may keep the current officers or conduct an election. Hedrick said that in the past, the officers have been Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Secretary. Gulledge indicated that the officers are whatever it is by ordinance.

Bell said he received an E-mail that does not really apply directly to this group, but a lady who is blind lives in town and uses a computer program called jaws to learn about the web sites. She says that the Maryville site is very good except for the calendar of events. Bell plans to call her to see if he can improve the site. She is interested in finding a walking buddy or a board or something to become involved in. Gulledge wondered if something could be put in the newsletter without mentioning her name, etc. Bell was just wondering if anyone had any ideas for her. He will call her.

Being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Hedrick, Secretary

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