

**MARYVILLE PARK COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

FEBRUARY 21, 2005

The Meeting of the Maryville Park Committee was called to order at 6:03 P.M. on February 21, 2005, by Chairperson Wiemann.

Roger Shoup recorded the minutes until Diana Hedrick arrived.

Members present were David Cluphf, Carol Frerker, Cindy Jones, Sharon Petty, Roger Shoup and Judy Wiemann. Absent members were Al Ebert, Diana Hedrick, Robyn Schmitt, Chris Stanley and Bill Thomas. Also in attendance were Village Board liaison Todd Bell, Mayor Larry Gullede and Art Atkinson of the Drost Park Khoury League. The following were seated: Al Ebert at 6:04, Diana Hedrick at 6:05 and Robyn Schmitt at 6:07.

Chairperson Wiemann called for corrections and additions to the minutes of the January 17, 2005, meeting. Being no corrections or additions the minutes stand approved by Chairperson Wiemann.

Art Atkinson, the Drost Park Khoury League President, addressed the Committee. The League has over 700 players are signed up for this year's season, and they are expecting more to join. With this many participating, there is a need to find ways to play more games. He said the league would like to put together fundraising efforts for lighting the ball fields which would make night games possible. In answer to questions and discussion from the Committee, Atkinson responded that fields one, two and three would be the first to be lighted and then others. The league will do all the fundraising to pay for the lights and installation. Shoup moved and Petty seconded to recommend to the Village Board to give the Drost Park Khoury League permission to pursue fundraising efforts to install lighting for the ball fields. The motion passed unanimously.

Atkinson then asked for permission for the league to host a select softball tournament on April 9, 10, 11, 2005. Committee members voiced approval of a tournament. Shoup moved and Petty seconded to recommend to the Village Board to grant the Drost Park Khoury League permission to hold a select team softball tournament on April 9, 10 and 11, 2005. The motion was unanimously passed.

Atkinson then discussed the need to add more ball fields to be able to play more ball games. He mentioned that there is room for two fields behind the Senior Center by changing the layout of fields four, five and six. Hedrick reminded the group that the outfields of the current fields behind the center are designed to be used soccer fields, and the Committee and Village agreed to provide space for soccer. Atkinson commented that the area behind the Senior Center designated for a field is unavailable because of the slurry basin which will delay the building of the new fields. It was noted by Mayor Gullede that the basin may remain in place for a few years yet. The lawn area in front of the Administration Building was suggested for temporary use.

Atkinson said that would be workable for three T-ball fields. Shoup moved and Petty seconded to recommend to the Village Board to allow the use of the lawn in front of the Administration Building, on the North side of the driveway, by the Drost Park Khoury League for three temporary T-ball fields. The motion passed with a vote of seven yes and one no. Bell informed Atkinson that the Khoury League will need to bring a plan of the fields that shows the soccer fields and changing the fields to add two new fields behind the center.

Atkinson informed the Committee the league needs more storage space for equipment. They would like to build a shed closer to the fields behind the Senior Center. Wiemann suggested he bring plans for the shed and its placement to the next meeting. He said he can do this.

Wiemann reported that the Master Gardeners are looking into the memorial for the first director of the Maryville site.

Hedrick presented the Monthly Available Funds report. Members were pleased with the ledger history report starting with the 2005 fiscal year. After reviewing the information they asked Hedrick to request Thelma Long to also provide the income and expense reports as previously included as well. She will ask Ms. Long to do so. Bell told Hedrick to also ask Long to have Jolene put the monthly summary on the Park server.

In response to the recommendation to the Village Board, Bell noted that Trustee Rod Schmidt will inform the Committee about green space fees in the future. Bell distributed Schmitt's report for Remington Place which states there will not be any fees as this is part of the larger development previously approved before the Green Space Ordinance. The report also stated the next possible improvement for fees may be in April, 2005.

Bell reported that Village Engineer Juneau will look at the green space areas on the new master map to attempt to locate possible park land.

Petty told the Committee the disc golf demonstration is still on hold.

Bell said there will be a meeting on Wednesday, March 23, 2005 for the landscaping at Cedar Valley entrance to the bike trail.

Gulledge reported that the AZLOT grant has passed all the steps, and has made it to the governor's desk, but may be in jeopardy.

Bell informed the Committee that it has been too wet for the Village workers to dig out the dirt to install the new system in the old Drost Park playground.

Gulledge noted that the designer for the restroom in Firemen's Park has been out of the country, but hopes to meet this week. Also, the parking proposal of the Committee is on the back burner with Gulledge and Juneau.

Discussion opened regarding the Village and Collinsville Area Recreation District. The members do not feel the district is showing any interest in locating park land in the Maryville

area or contributing a fair share of Village tax money received back to the residents. Gulledge said it may be costly, but possible to withdraw from the C.A.R.D. district. He noted that a withdrawal would only include the properties within the current corporate limits. Any new property annexed into the Village would remain under the C.A.R.D. jurisdiction and taxation. Cluphf moved and Ebert seconded to recommend to the Village Board to pursue all legal opportunities to withdraw all properties within the corporate limits of Maryville from the Collinsville Area Recreation District post haste. The motion passed unanimously.

Bell reported that the work on the walking/jogging path, gazebo improvements and standing water situation in Drost Park are on the "To Do List". Petty said the path needs agate screening added at once. The members agreed because there will be more people wanting to use the path as the warmer weather arrives. Petty moved and Shoup seconded to recommend to the Village Board to properly add sufficient agate screening to the Walking/Jogging Path at once so it is quickly ready for use. The motion passed unanimously.

The standing water near the gazebo has delayed progress on its improvements as well. Shoup and Bell added that the Bobcat could be used to clear up problems in both areas. Ebert said the problem areas along the path can be easily identified. And so can the standing water whenever it rains. Hedrick commented that installing drainage to move the water away from the path where spots are seen will at least begin to improve the path, and to add drainage as it becomes necessary. That is the method used by Troy which has eliminated the problem with its trail. Ebert moved and Schmitt seconded to recommend to the Village Board to look into getting a lasting solution to the drainage problems along the Walking/Jogging Path, as marked by Park Committee members, and the area near the Merz gazebo that will be quickly remedied with the use of the Bobcat. The motion unanimously passed. Committee members Petty and Shoup will mark the spots along the path that need drainage pipe, etc., to be placed to drain the water away from the path.

Shoup informed the group that his wife acquired information about the Anheuser-Busch mulch materials. The wood from the barrels is given to St. Louis, but St. Louis has to shred the material and mix it with other materials to make compost before using it. Since Maryville does not have the capability to do this, there is no need to investigate this idea any further.

Gulledge announced that the Village will receive the PEP grant money.

Hedrick explained that the E-mail sent regarding the payment from C.A.R.D. for events did not go through. She will send another memo to Mark Badasch.

The parking lot layout is not completed.

Hedrick asked if the Committee thinks a room in the library building for office space to store equipment and supplies used for events in the park as well as catalogs, etc. is needed. She further stated that a file cabinet, book case, desk and/or work table and a couple chairs would make a good work area. She added that the Park Committee receives catalogs and magazines that would be useful to all members if located in an accessible place. Frerker said there is not a room available in the building. Wiemann commented that since \$100,000.00 of the money to pay for

the building and property will be funded through the green space fees, the Park Committee should be allowed space in the building. Frerker responded that she hoped the library and Park Committee would work together in future events, and that the library might be used as a source for park users to check out equipment when using the park for activities. Frerker further stated there may be a closet for the Park Committee to store equipment, supplies, etc. She invited anyone who would like to look at this possibility to call her, or maybe the Committee can hold its next meeting at the library. The members agreed to hold the March meeting at the library. Hedrick will notify members of this in the March meeting memo.

Petty told the Committee a scheduling conflict arose when Hedrick scheduled the Calendar of Events dates with Comptroller Brussatti. Hedrick said the Senior Citizen Center had been reserved last November or December for day of the art show. Petty said the calendar dates need to be scheduled earlier. Hedrick responded that she talked with Brussatti, and in the future will reserve the dates as soon as a temporary Calendar of Events is established rather than waiting until it is approved by the Village Board. She can then schedule the dates on a permanent basis.

Bell distributed the Drost Lake depth charts prepared by the dredging firm. Ebert said if this were posted for fishing information, the boaters probably would not understand it. Bell and Gulledge agreed to measure the lake depth, and create an easily readable chart.

Bell mentioned a phone call from the St. Jude Hospital requesting sponsoring a Bike-A-Thon. Hedrick said this was presented last year, but since the Fire Department collects for St. Jude's and sends about \$2000.00 each year, the Park Committee decided not to become involved. Bell said he may run this project on his own.

Petty reminded the members the Art Show will be from 1:00 to 3:00 on March 6th, and anyone wanting to help can come at 12:00.

The remainder of the meeting was devoted to establishing a Park budget requested by Mayor Gulledge. Bell will present the budget to the proper offices.

At the completion of the budget planning and being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 P.M..

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Hedrick, Secretary

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

