

**MARYVILLE PARK COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

OCTOBER 18, 2004

The Meeting of the Maryville Park Committee was called to order at 6:05 P.M. on October 18, 2004, by Chairperson Wiemann.

Members present were Al Ebert, Carol Frerker, Diana Hedrick, Cindy Jones, Sharon Petty, Roger Shoup and Judy Wiemann. Absent members were David Cluphf, Robyn Schmitt, Chris Stanley and Bill Thomas. Also in attendance were Village Board liaison Todd Bell and Drost Park Khoury League representative Laura Stowers. Member Robyn Schmitt was seated at 6:08 P.M., with Mayor Larry Gulledge joining at 6:10 P.M.

Chairperson Wiemann called for corrections and additions to the minutes of the meeting of September 20, 2004. Being no corrections or additions, the minutes stand approved per Chairperson Wiemann.

Bell reported that Josie Steiner who is in charge of the Drost Park Khoury League concessions has indicated the need for new windows in the concession stand. He said that he told her to investigate a better type window with a protection that comes over the windows for security when no one is there. Ms. Stowers was asked if she wished to address the Committee, and she said she will wait for other League members who are to attend this meeting.

Bell informed the Committee that Randy Limberg, who installed the Master Gardeners' shed, told him the plans he received did not include a porch. Wiemann added that a couple Master Gardeners will add the porch. The general consensus of the Committee is to review the Mater Gardeners plans to build the porch. Wiemann commented that the gardeners will do this. Bell recommended fake windows to add to the appearance as well. Jones suggested that Wiemann urge the gardeners along by telling them the Committee is not happy with the "just shed" appearance.

Hedrick distributed the Monthly Available Funds Report. Wiemann questioned \$557.00 to Juneau Associates to which Bell said was for the Drost Lake dredging project. Petty inquired about the \$35690.00, and Gulledge explained that the Dredging company had to be paid upfront, and the Village will turn in the bills to receive the grant monies. Bell commented he has not seen any payments from C.A.R.D. for the Committee's events. Hedrick has sent him event cost information on the Spring events. However, the Collinsville Journal does not a send bill for advertising until the month after it appears in the issue which delays sending information to Director Mark Badash. Hedrick is to contact Badash regarding the event cost information previously sent.

Jones reported the Pooch Party event was a great day. Nineteen dogs were entered with eight in youth division and eleven in open division which was a new division for ages 13 and up. Other members commented on the success of the event. Jones said a third division, intermediate, will

possibly be added next year. Hedrick added that the one mile fitness walk may be eliminated.

Bell informed the Committee the grant writer proposal forwarded to the Village Board was discussed at the caucus. The majority of board members is more comfortable using Juneau Associates rather than Walt Blotevogel and Associates. Petty reminded everyone that land is still needed for future parks. Shoup agreed saying that land is being purchased by developers quickly. Petty moved and Shoup seconded to recommend to the Village Board to enter into an agreement with Juneau Associates to search for possible grants to purchase park land. The motion passed unanimously.

Petty is attempting to have a disc golf course demonstration set for November 3, 2004. She will inform members with a definite date and time.

Gulledge announced the dredging company that worked on Drost Lake pulled out on Friday, October 15th. They removed 10,000 to 11,000 cubic yards of slurry from the lake, making the lake up 12 feet deep in areas. Now the slurry needs to dry before being hauled away. It may be possible to have another area of the lake dredged at a future date.

Bell reported the landscaping for the Cedar Valley Drive passageway is on hold, but is on the "To Do" list.

Bell said the surveillance system is all installed, but not working. Gulledge mentioned the company has been here twice in the last couple weeks. Hedrick is to ask Thomas to send an update report to the Committee including whether or not the company plans to train personnel in the use of the system.

According to Bell, the Park Committee recommendation for the Village to donate \$1000.00 to the Master Gardeners to purchase plants and the recommendation to repair the cross-over on the Walking/Jogging Path were both approved at the caucus and will be approved formally at the next Village Board Meeting.

Gulledge met with architect Jim Gillis regarding the present restroom facility in Firemen's Park. Gillis will present drawings showing how the restroom/pavilion may be revamped into an aesthetic structure.

Shoup told the Committee the State has not returned his calls regarding the trees they are to donate. They have approved 119 trees to be planted. Petty suggested planting trees along the Emeron fence by the ball fields. Shoup said he would have trees rather than evergreens planted here. He added that Gary Mann told him trees need to stay 10 feet away from the fence because Emeron sprays to kill grass along the fence.

Wiemann announced that all the members have their polo shirts.

Gulledge informed the group that the new playground is now completed, but the old playground is on the "To Do" list.

Bell reported the path to the Merz gazebo is also on the "To Do" list. The improvements suggested by Angel Merz have been approved by the Board. Ms. Merz has been told she has \$450.00 to spend on the improvements.

Hedrick mentioned it is time for the Village to renew the National Recreation and Park Association membership. Gulledge told Hedrick to complete the membership form and give it to him for payment.

Hedrick asked if the Remington 2nd Addition plat was filed before or after the establishment of the green space ordinance, and if fees will be received from this plat? Gulledge is to meet with the developer on Thursday, and will cover this.

Bell has no report on new accesses to the Schoolhouse Trail.

Shoup informed the Committee a tree on the North side of Firemen's Park needs to be removed. Gulledge will look into the situation.

Wiemann presented the 2005 Calendar of Events. Suggestions were made from various members. Wiemann will revise the calendar for approval at the next meeting.

Petty introduced material about air filled movie screens to be used outdoors. The Committee liked the idea of having a Movie In The Park next year. Petty said the rental could cost \$2500.00 to \$3000.00. She is to check for accurate prices and additional information.

Gulledge asked the Committee to look at the IDNR grant for restrooms on the East side of the Walking/Jogging path in the Parkview Drive area. It was suggested to him to add the following park enhancements to the grant:

- 10 Bird Nesting Houses estimated at \$300.00
- 1 Wildlife interpretive sign estimated at \$400.00
- 1 Fishing Dock estimated at \$4000.00

Ebert moved and Shoup seconded to recommend to the Village Board to add the above park enhancements to the IDNR grant.

Discussion opened regarding needed parking for concerts at Firemen's Park. Everyone agreed the parking is definitely inadequate. Suggestions mentioned included making a parking lot on the East side of the fire station, making parking available along the outer edge of the South side of the park, placing signs marking more parking at Mother of Perpetual Help church, and the beauty salon across from the park on the North side. Gulledge reminded the group that each parking spot needs to be 10' x 20'. Chair Wiemann appointed a committee of Ebert, Hedrick, Jones, Petty, Schmitt and Shoup to investigate the situation and report at the next meeting with a possible plan. This committee will meet at 9:00 A.M. on October 23, 2004 at Firemen's Park.

Gulledge announced the Library Committee will be given use of the office building at the T.J. Trucking site after January 1st. Hedrick said it would be nice if the Park Committee had one room to store event equipment, etc. Frerker said there will be lots of room.

Being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Hedrick, Secretary

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