

**MARYVILLE PARK COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

SEPTEMBER 20, 2004

The Meeting of the Maryville Park Committee was called to order at 6:02 P.M. on September 20, 2004, by Chairperson Wiemann.

Members present were David Cluphf, Al Ebert, Carol Frerker, Diana Hedrick, Cindy Jones, Roger Shoup and Judy Wiemann. Absent members were Sharon Petty, Robyn Schmitt, Chris Stanley and Bill Thomas. Also in attendance were Village Board liaison Todd Bell and Drost Park Khoury League Treasurer Scott Young. Stanley and Schmitt were seated at 6:08 P.M.

Chairperson Wiemann called for corrections and additions to the minutes of the meeting on August 16, 2004. Being no corrections or additions, the minutes stand approved per Chairperson Wiemann.

Chair Wiemann introduced new member Robyn Schmitt and Scott Young to the Committee.

Drost Park Khoury League Treasurer, Scott Young addressed the Committee regarding concerns for the playing fields. There were 655 boys and girls registered for this year, and the league is about to outgrow the current fields. The league would like to add one or two fields for next year. The committee advised him to have the Khoury League present a proposal for field placement, while keeping in mind that the outfields of two fields behind the Senior Citizen Center are spaced to allow for two soccer fields. He was given a copy of the Master Plan to help the league prepare a proposal to bring back to the Park Committee.

Young also mentioned the field behind the Senior Center does not drain as well as is needed. He advised that the field and bearm by the drain by raised. Bell will talk to Trustee Ed Kostyshock about fixing this problem.

Wiemann reported that the Master Gardeners' shed is in place, but the porch still needs to be completed. She said the gardeners are in need of more plants to be used in Drost Park and in landscaping along the Myron Provence Parkway when it is completed and to create new plantings to be used in the parks in the future. She added that the check needs to be made payable to the University of Illinois Extension Master Gardeners. Shoup commented that the state Master Gardeners has asked Maryville to be on the state tour again next year as a result of the beauty and fine work done in Drost Park. Shoup moved and Ebert seconded to recommend the Village Board to fund the Master Gardeners \$1000.00 to purchase plants for Drost Park. The motion passed unanimously.

Hedrick distributed the Monthly Available Funds Report. In answer to a question concerning the expenses on the report, Bell said this was for engineering for Drost Lake dredging.

Bell reported that Walt Blotevogel of Blotevogel and Associates in Glen Carbon attended the last

caucus meeting and answered many of the Board members questions concerning grant writing for park land acquisition. The Board asked Mr. Blotevogel to put together an agreement and a list of references.

Bell told the Committee the Drost Lake dredging will cost \$116,000.00 with grants funding the majority of the expense. Shoup informed the group that the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency is taking notes as they are interested in how we are doing this project and the results. Ebert added that the lake water is clearer now. Residents from Dunlap Lake in Edwardsville want to come see the process also.

Bell reported that the Cedar Valley Drive passageway to the bike trail is complete. Stanley added that one resident abutting the passageway is still concerned that she lost her wild flowers. Bell said the Village will spend up to \$500.00 for landscaping.

The surveillance system for the Drost Park Comfort Station area is on hold, according to Bell. He said the Village needs to run the electric up the pole for the cameras. The computer and monitor are in at the police station. Bell thinks the installer should be able to work on the police station side of the system while waiting for the electric installation. Hedrick is to send Bill Thomas an E-mail asking if this is possible.

Hedrick informed the Committee she sent Mark Badasch of C.A.R.D. an E-mail asking for a joint committee meeting again. Badasch sent back a message which she forwarded to committee members. In essence, Badasch said there is no need for a meeting because the real estate agent has been unsuccessful in finding any possible park land. Also, Badasch has met with the YMCA Executive Director, Steve Ira, the CMT-YMCA director and some of their board members; and they are now working on details with Dale Keller to construct a connector pathway to the Schoolhouse Bike Trail. As soon as this is complete, Badasch will look into developing the 4+ acres that Maryville owns along the trail.

Hedrick relayed a message from Petty that the disc golf course demonstration is still on hold.

Bell told the Committee that the pavilion light guards cannot not be found, but this and light replacements are still on the "to-do list".

Hedrick is to make the recommended changes from the last meeting on the event checklist, and E-mail a copy to Bell.

Shoup is working with Mayor Gulledge on the placement of the trees from the State. Hedrick relayed a concern from Eric Hartlein that some of the trees in Drost Park need pruning, and he will volunteer to do the work. Wiemann said she trusts his ability to do a good job. The consensus of the Committee was to accept his offer. Hedrick is to send him a letter of the Committee's decision to accept his offer to prune the trees in Drost Park by the first of November.

Ebert informed the Committee that he spoke with a representative from the Bowling Springs Quarry about the washout problem on the Walking/Jogging Path. They suggested putting in cold

patch covered with agate screenings, and then rolled. This should be raised above the dirt grade to prevent future washouts. Hedrick mentioned that this was in agreement with one of the suggestions at the last meeting. Ebert moved and Shoup seconded to recommend to the Village Board to repair the washout on the Walking/Jogging Path cross-over using cold patch covered with agate screening and rolled making sure this is above the dirt grade; and to replace the “foot traffic only” sign near the Comfort Station. The motion passed unanimously.

There was no report for the Firemen’s Park pavilion.

Wiemann announced that the polo shirts for members are on order.

Bell reported the new playground is getting close to completion.

Wiemann suggested the Committee start working on the Calendar of Events for 2005 by the next meeting. Hedrick added that C.A.R.D. will need this information in January if we want it included in the next publication guide. Chair Wiemann called for a committee of Cluphf, Hedrick, Jones, Petty, Schmitt and herself to meet on October 17, 2004, at 2:00 P.M. at the Administration Building to devise a calendar to be presented at the next meeting. Any other members wanting to attend are welcome.

Wiemann informed the Committee that the grant application committee has completed and forwarded the application for a restroom to be built inside the Walking/Jogging Path by Parkview Drive. She acknowledged the fine work Cluphf and the others did to put together the grant application.

Bell commented that the gazebo donated by the Merz family has a problem with one of the brick steps and a burned area on a bench. Angel Merz would like to add more rock, fix the step and bench and replace some plants. The bench can be repaired rather than replaced. Shoup moved and Frerker seconded to allocate up to \$450.00 for Angel Merz to add rock, fix the step, and replace plants at the gazebo. She will give the bills to the Village. The motion unanimously carried.

Frerker suggested building a pavilion between the playgrounds and the crossover on the Walking/Jogging Path. She said the entire playground area is no longer visible from the present pavilion by the Comfort Station since the construction of the gardeners shed. Wiemann said after the current grant for the restroom, the Committee should consider the next grant to be for the pavilion.

Hedrick mentioned that the Village’s membership renewal for NRPA is due. She is to get information to Mayor Gullledge, and ask for the renewal to be sent in.

Bell was asked if the 2nd Addition to Remington subdivision was processed before the bike trail ordinance? He will check to be certain that it was.

Stanley questioned where the next access to the Schoolhouse Bike Trail should be to work on. Keebler Oaks or Copper Creek were mentioned. Ebert suggested that when the Cedar Valley

passageway is all landscaped and finished, photos should be taken to show other land owners how nice the improvement is.

Bell displayed the new comprehensive plan for the Committee to review the designated future park lands. The consensus of the Committee was that it is accurate.

Jones asked for volunteers for the Pooch Party fun dog show to be held on October 10, 2004 from Noon to 3:00 P.M. Stanley suggested that if there are not more participants than last year, it be dropped as an event. Volunteers are Ebert and his wife, Frerker, Schmitt (to take pictures), Bell, and Wiemann.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Hedrick, Secretary

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