

**MARYVILLE PARK COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

MAY 17, 2004

The Meeting of the Maryville Park Committee was called to order at 6:00 P.M. on May 17, 2004, by Chairperson Wiemann.

Members present were Al Ebert, Carol Frerker, Diana Hedrick, Cindy Jones, Sharon Petty, Roger Shoup, Chris Stanley, Bill Thomas and Judy Wiemann. Absent members were David Cluphf and Rick Dill. Also in attendance were liaison Trustee Todd Bell and Mayor Larry Gulledge. Dr. Charles Williams from Smile For Life Dentistry joined the meeting approximately at 7:00 P.M.

Chairperson Wiemann called for corrections and additions to the minutes of the March 15, 2004, meeting. Thomas noted that on page two the word "him" is misspelled. Shoup moved and Petty seconded the minutes be approved as corrected. The motion carried unanimously.

Gulledge reported the new president of the Drost Park Khoury League is Art Atcheson, 2313 Holiday Lane, Maryville, IL 62062 (288-6398).

Shoup informed the Committee that he helped lay out the shed for the Master Gardeners that will be 20' x 12'. Gary Mann will dig the water and electrical lines for the building. Bell suggested adding three feet around the building when the pad is poured. Shoup asked if the Village will level the ground for the concrete pad. Gary Mann will take care of it.

Hedrick expressed Thelma Long's regret that the monthly available funds report could not be forwarded at this time. She will include it in next month's report. Jones said the SUIE Cross Country program has never received the check for co-hosting the Turkey Trot in November. Frerker is to check with Marvin Brussatti as to whether or not it was sent, and report at the next meeting.

Stanley told the Committee four bikes were given as attendance prizes at the Bike Safety Rodeo. Gulledge suggested it be held earlier as Saturday Khoury League games conflict with it. The Khoury League season starts between the end of April and first of May. Gulledge further stated the event was well done. It would have been better if the Maryville police officers attending would have been more involved.

Hedrick said the Concert In The Park/Dedication Day was successful with about 90-100 in attendance. Members of the families of those for whom park donations were dedicated as well as a representative from the Shell Credit Union were introduced. Gulledge commended the Collinsville High School Jazz Band for an excellent performance.

Petty distributed a rough draft plan for a Disc Golf Course that David McCormack walked her through in Drost Park. Bell sees conflict with golfers and other activities, and that the 18 holes seems too imposing. The slurry basin for the Drost Lake dredging needs to be kept in mind as

well. Gulledge will meet with Mr. McCormack to walk off a course and report back to the Committee.

Gulledge reported the Village has to wait for a permit from the State to begin the Drost Lake dredging. There is nothing we can do to expedite the process.

Bell told the Committee that the engineer for the Bike Trail did not like the way the passage matched up to the trail, and Village engineer Juneau is looking into this.

Thomas informed the Committee there will be a change in price for the proposed surveillance system to be located near the comfort station in Drost Park in order to include the Master Gardeners' shed. Various members expressed the importance of including surveillance of this shed. Petty moved and Shoup seconded to recommend to the Village Board to increase the maximum price for the proposed surveillance system in Drost Park to \$3800.00 due to the addition of the Master Gardeners' shed increasing the equipment needed. The motion passed unanimously.

Bell reported on the last Joint Committee meeting with the Collinsville Area Recreation District. The group pinpointed three or four properties for Realtor Ed Bingham to investigate for possible purchase for park land. Shoup commented that this was the most productive meeting we have had.

Regarding the recommendations forwarded to the Village Board from the last meeting, the Board approved the purchase of the signs designating the Master Gardeners' location. The Board also approved the Village to install the water and electric lines to the gardeners' shed.

Gulledge said Terry Hodapp, representing the Fire Department, and Sharon Petty, representing the Park Committee, will meet with him in June to discuss the pavilion in Firemen's Park.

Shoup has forwarded letters to Mayor Gulledge regarding the lack of Riddle Tree Farm to replace trees as promised. Gulledge will have Attorney Wiggington send Mr. Riddle a letter.

Suggestions to Ebert, Petty and Shoup for the placement of trees to be received from the State included along the T.J. Trucking fence and to replace ones in Drost Park according to Ebert and Shoup. Gulledge said the State needs a map showing the exact location for the trees to be planted. Thomas suggested putting in stakes marking the type of tree to be planted. Wiemann said some could be added at in the Post Office area, and Stanley mentioned that the elementary school can also use some.

Mayor Gulledge announced that David Cluphf has been appointed to the Park Committee to complete the term of Myron Provence. Hedrick told the Committee that Cluphf sent an E-mail that he was sorry he could not attend his first meeting of the Committee.

Bell indicated that Mayor Gulledge has received an application for a grant from Illinois Power Bright Ideas campaign. The Mayor would like to apply for a water fountain with a light by it to be installed by the bike trail near Parkview Drive. The fountain would be similar to the one

Shoup showed the Committee last month. The general consensus of the Committee was this is a good choice.

Wiemann told the Committee that lights in the pavilions have been broken. Committee members agreed that simply replacing the light bulbs will not solve the problem. Ebert moved and Petty seconded a notion to recommend to the Village Board to repair all the broken lights and install heavy duty guards on all pavilion lights. The motion was unanimously passed.

In response to the progress on the Walking/Jogging Path improvements, Bell said that Gary Mann had put down weed killer; but will redo the weed killer, rake the path, make necessary repairs and add agate screening which will be rolled afterward.

Petty asked about the progress on the marquee in Firemen's Park. Gullledge said the constant rains have delayed its completion.

Dr. David Williams from Smile For Life Dentistry distributed information and addressed the Committee in promotion of a toothprint Dental ID program for children in Maryville. This is a method of identification to be kept in the child's home in case the child is lost or abducted, etc. The charge is normally \$15.00 per toothprint and one-half to all the proceeds would go to the park fund or other designation of the Committee. Members cited a problem with an appropriate event to sponsor this program, lack of parents to attend events with their children, and reluctance of parents to buy into this offer. Since the only remaining event that draws a large group of children is the Fishing Derby in June which Dr. Williams agreed is not a good setting to perform the toothprints, the Committee decided to wait until perhaps next year to consider this promotion.

Hedrick related that she had been contacted by Amiyanah Imani representing the St. Jude's Hospital Bike-a-thon to ask the help of the Park Committee or a member to run a bike-a-thon to make money for the St. Jude's Hospital. This would include coordinating the event to be held on a Saturday or Sunday by the end of November, recruiting riders, setting up a minimum two mile bike trail, collecting and mailing proceeds and distributing prizes. Riders who bring in \$35.00 receive a t-shirt, \$75.00 a sport bag and \$125.00 a CD Boom Box. Hedrick informed the Committee that the fire department collects \$2000.00 to \$3000.00 or some years more for St. Jude's Hospital. The Committee felt the fire department's work is sufficient for Maryville at this time.

Hedrick mentioned that a village resident has noticed evergreen trees that were planted last Fall in Drost Park are in need of straightening. Shoup said this is common for the young evergreens, but they will straighten themselves in time.

Wiemann said she believes a checklist would be helpful to members chairing events since there are little things that are easily overlooked or even unknown to members. Hedrick mentioned that Thelma Long indicated members purchasing prizes and other items for events need to sign out the charge card for Wal-Mart from Marvin Brussatti rather than purchasing everything and then submitting all the receipts for a check to be cut for that particular person. Long said the Village paying individuals sums of money sometimes causes a problem for the auditors. Frerker asked if members should pay more for things they can get cheaper elsewhere just to purchase on the credit

card? Hedrick suggested that members ask Thelma Long if they have any questions or are unsure of the procedure. Wiemann said she will work on a check list for the next meeting. Hedrick said the Committee needs to add rain dates for events. It was decided June 27th would be the rain date for the Fishing Derby to be held on June 19th.

Discussion opened regarding the Committee members having matching shirts to wear at Park Committee events that would identify them. This would allow people attending an event to find assistance or answers to questions. Petty moved and Shoup seconded to recommend to the Village Board to purchase polo shirts for the Park Committee members that would have the Village logo with Park Committee below placed on the left chest. The motion passed unanimously.

Hedrick reminded Bell and Gulledge that it is time to start the monthly playground maintenance checks by the Village employees.

There were no updates for the Web-site.

Hedrick gave the Committee information from Jean Spickler (618-259-1312) who is the contact person for the Melody Lane Band that is a group of retired musicians who perform for concerts, etc. St. Boniface Church in Edwardsville books them for events.

Hedrick said the new playground from R & R Recreation should be ready for shipment about June 20th.

Bell asked the members for any changes, etc., to the Bike Trail Access Ordinance. The ordinance was sent to members via E-mail previously. Bell noted on his copy of the Ordinance a recommended change of a statement on page 2. Shoup moved and Ebert seconded to forward to the Village Board the ordinance as amended on page 2. The motion carried unanimously.

Being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 8:52 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Hedrick, Secretary

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