

**MARYVILLE PARK COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

April 19, 2004

The Meeting of the Maryville Park Committee was called to order at 6:05 P.M. on April 19, 2004, by Chairperson Wiemann.

Members present were Rick Dill, Al Ebert, Carol Frerker, Diana Hedrick, Cindy Jones, Sharon Petty, Roger Shoup, Chris Stanley and Judy Wiemann. Member Bill Thomas was absent. Also in attendance were liaison Trustee Todd Bell, Mayor Larry Gullede, University of Illinois Extension Director Janet Burnett and resident David Cluphf.

Chairperson Wiemann called for corrections and additions to the minutes of the March 15, 2004, meeting. Gullede noted that the name of Bryan as a bidder on the Drost Lake dredging should be O'Bryan. Jones moved and Shoup seconded the minutes be approved as corrected. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairperson Wiemann asked Janet Burnett of to address the Committee. Burnett presented a design for the sign to be placed on Vadalbene Drive near Schiber Court designating the direction to the gardeners' site. Wiemann asked if the U of I part could be in blue and gold. Gullede said he was not sure, but will check before having the sign made. Shoup moved and Frerker seconded to recommend the Village Board approve the design, and order the Master Gardener sign to be placed near Schiber Court. The motion carried unanimously.

Wiemann suggested a sign also be placed on Route 162 at Vadalabene Drive. Dill added there should be a sign from each direction on 162. Shoup moved and Stanley seconded to recommend to the Village Board to order additional signs to be placed facing eastward and westward at Route 162 and Vadalabene Drive. The motion passed unanimously.

Burnett then distributed and discussed the shed design the Master Gardeners would like to build in Drost Park by the Comfort Station. It will be 10' by 12' and made of cedar siding at a cost of about \$1,300.00. The O'Fallon High School will use it as a building project for shop classes. Materials may be donated to reduce costs to the Master Gardeners. In a previous meeting a discussion concluded a consensus of the Committee that the Village should supply electrical and water hook-ups to this shed. Gullede said this can be accomplished by the water and street departments. Shoup will meet with Ron Smith of the Master Gardeners to set and mark the placement of the shed along with the necessary water and electric locations. Hedrick moved and Petty seconded a motion to recommend to the Village Board to approve the plans for the shed as presented by Burnett with the Village installing the water and electric. The motion carried unanimously.

Gulledge reported that the Drost Park Khoury League will not be installing batting cages this year due to financial problems. Over 500 children are signed up for this year's season. The new president should be announced by the April meeting.

Petty met with David McCormack, a disc golf/frisbee designer and supplier from St. Louis. They walked around Drost Park, and Mr. McCormack showed Petty a rough draft type layout for which Petty showed slides to give the Committee an idea how a course would go through the wooded area of the park as well as the open area. Petty said Collinsville has an 18 hole course, and Mr. McCormack suggested building an 18 hole one as well. Then, Maryville could co-host or host tournaments in the future. Gulledge asked how are the discs retrieved from the lake if a player misses the basket. Petty responded they use a stick or if close enough to the bank, step in the water. This would be a concern for Gulledge. Wiemann voiced concern that people fishing might be hit and hurt by the discs. Gulledge indicated the Board would probably want to see a design before approving a course to be built. Petty said this is a problem for a designer as other municipalities have been given designs, and then not purchase his equipment or services. Jones suggested a sub-committee work with Mr. McCormack, and report back to the Committee. Wiemann asked for volunteers, and set a committee of Petty as Chairperson with member Ebert and volunteer Cluphf.

The Drost Lake dredging contract was awarded to O'Bryan of Edwardsville. Gulledge said a state permit of \$1000.00 is required which may take 60 days to receive. Work will begin at that time.

Gulledge said the Cedar Valley passageway to the bike trail on Cedar Valley Drive will go out for bids rather than the work to be done by the village workers. Village Engineer Juneau has told him the bids are due back the end of May.

Gulledge is waiting to hear from Bill Thomas' business regarding the surveillance system for the Comfort Station area in Drost Park.

In the joint committee meeting with C.A.R.D., our frustration with the lack of response to possible park land purchase was voiced. C.A.R.D. director Mark Badasch asked for a copy of the new map showing properties Maryville has charted for future possible acquisition. Gulledge will send him a copy. Badasch and Bell are to meet to develop a plan to pursue purchase. Badasch commented the district has completed their survey to be used to help develop future plans for C.A.R.D. He will give Hedrick a copy of the questionnaire. Their next meeting is set for May 13th in Maryville.

In regards to the recommendations forwarded to the Village Board, Bell reported the walking path is on the "To Do" list. The soccer goals have been taken down and stored. The soccer goals on the east side of the volleyball net will stay in place.

The volleyball net will not be put up permanently. Instead, it will be available to groups renting

pavilion #3. There will be a \$25.00 deposit refundable when the net is returned. This information will appear on the web-site.

Discussion opened on the new pavilion to be built in Firemen's Park. Gulledge indicated he is in the middle going between the Park Committee and the Fire Department. He suggested a representative from each group meet with him to discuss and come to a conclusion on the design. Petty will represent the Park Committee.

Shoup has had no response from Fred Riddle about the trees to be replaced. Gulledge will have Attorney Wiggington send Riddle a letter.

Gulledge said Maryville will be receiving some trees from the State of Illinois. Petty, Shoup and Ebert volunteered to decide on the placement of these trees.

Mr. Cluphf had voiced interest in serving on the Park Committee. He said he would like to serve. Hedrick moved and Shoup seconded to recommend to Mayor Gulledge to appoint David Cluphf to fill the term of Myron Provence. The motion passed unanimously.

Shoup presented information for a water fountain to be placed in the Parkview Drive area of the bike trail near the bike rack. The fountain has three heights that include adult, wheelchair and pet.

The three heights were well received by the members as many people walk their dogs along the path, and the middle height is good for children. Shoup is to get more bids on water fountains of this nature.

Petty announced that Maryville has received a Tree-Mendous Award from the Forest Releaf of Missouri for the outstanding planting of the 100 trees received from their grant. It will be awarded on April 30th at the Jewel Box in Forest Park. The Committee members to attend are Petty, Shoup and Wiemann. Jones suggested that village worker Jeff Henry be invited to attend as he put in a lot of time and work digging holes with the back-hole on his day off. Gulledge will check to see if he can go. Either Bell or Gulledge will represent the Village Board.

Wiemann informed the Committee that the James and Truesdell Tools of the Trade Band will play for the July 18th concert.

Petty asked if the Art Show date could be changed from January to March. The high school teachers have indicated that January is too soon after starting a new semester, with some students being new to class, to get artwork ready to enter. The consensus of the Committee is that this will be okay.

Hedrick said the man who takes care of the purple martin house has asked for the trees to be moved to at least 100 feet from the house. They are too close, and disturb the birds. There were eight pairs of martins roosting last year. Gulledge will have the trees removed.

Frerker asked if any progress has been made with the trucking company property. Gullledge is waiting for an appraisal check on the property.

Bell corrected and added information for the Web-site Calendar of Events as the meeting progressed.

Being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Hedrick, Secretary

APPROVED: _____