

**MARYVILLE PARK COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

FEBRUARY 16, 2004

The Meeting of the Maryville Park Committee was called to order at 6:05 P.M. on February 16, 2004, by Chairperson Wiemann.

Members present were Rick Dill, Diana Hedrick, Cindy Jones, Sharon Petty, Chris Stanley and Judy Wiemann. Absent members were Al Ebert, Carol Frerker, Myron Provence, Roger Shoup and Bill Thomas. Also in attendance were Village Board of Trustees liaison Todd Bell, Mayor Larry Gulledge, Drost Park Khoury League President Jim Donaho and Janet Burnett from the University of Illinois Extension Service for the Master Gardeners. Member Roger Shoup was seated at 6:15 P.M.

Chairperson Wiemann called for corrections and additions to the minutes of the January 19, 2004 meeting. Dill moved and Jones seconded to approve the minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.

Jim Donaho reported that 428 children have enrolled for the 2004 Khoury League season at this point. All the fencing on all baselines is now installed, and a work day is planned to get the fields ready for the March 22nd practice starting date. Opening Day is scheduled for May 1st. Bell told Donaho the Village Board needs to see the final plans and specifications for the batting cages before the Khoury League begins construction. The consensus of the Park Committee is to place the batting cages by the parking lot. Donaho is to take the plans to the next caucus. Gulledge and Bell said the Village should be able to run power to the batting cages to eliminate the need for extension cords. Bell also informed Donaho that the Village will install a drop box and a drain to the culvert by East Division Street. Donaho said that would be helpful.

Janet Burnett presented information about the storage shed design for the Master Gardeners in Drost Park for the Committee's review. Bell suggested not using glass in doors and windows to prevent vandalism. Options that would still allow light through were discussed. When asked how the shed would be funded, Burnett said she will be talking to the carpenters union about using this as a training project. Burnett said the shed will be handicap accessible, and will have one wide door for easy access for large equipment. Gulledge suggested this door be put on the surveillance side of the building to eliminate any blind doors. Jones asked if the Village is planning to run electric and water to the shed. Bell said that had not been discussed. Jones suggested if it can be done reasonably, the Village should provide this for the Gardeners. Gulledge it would take about one day to run the services and not a problem. The consensus of the Committee is for the Village to provided water and electric services if the Gardeners are putting up the building. Burnett is looking for funding outside the Village. Gulledge complimented the Master Gardeners for their excellent work. Burnett informed the Committee that the Maryville site will be included in the state garden tour to be held in June on Father's Day weekend. Burnett suggested that two directional signs be put up signifying the U of I Extension Master Gardeners' Garden. One needs to be on Vadalabene Drive near Schiber Court and the other near the intersection of Route 159 and Vadalabene Drive. Hedrick moved and Shoup

seconded a motion to recommend to the Village to place directional signs signifying the U of I Extension Master Gardeners Gardens on Vadalbene Drive near Schiber Court and near the intersection of Route 159 and Vadalabene Drive, as well as a Drost Park sign at Route 159 and Vadalabene Drive. The motion passed unanimously.

Bell showed the Monthly Available Funds report from Thelma Long to the Committee. All members like the new format.

Petty announced the date for the Art Show cancelled in January due to the weather will be February 22nd at the Senior Citizen Center. She asked Bell and Gulledge if all the tables can be replace in time for the show. To date, there were 11 participants with 23 pieces of artwork registered. Anyone wanting to help should be at the Center from 12:00 to 1:00.

Hedrick presented information on skate board parks. She displayed photos of some parks and park mockups with various pricing. She said that the final size concrete (preferred over asphalt) pad should be installed at one time rather than in pieces, with the apparatus purchase and installation being a two or three phase program. Also, the apparatus companies suggest asking a few of the local skate boarders to come in to help design a park. The companies have small foam replicas of the various equipment that can be moved around to create different setups. Then, the Committee can choose which design and/or equipment will fit the budget for the skate board park. Shoup moved and Dill seconded a motion to recommend to the Village Board to use a skate board park as an anchor for new park ground, with the skate board park project cost ranging from \$70,000 to \$100,000. The motion passed with unanimous agreement. Hedrick is to present the report to the Village Board at the next caucus.

Bell announced that the Village is putting the new Drost Lake project concept out for bid.

Bell told the Committee the Village workers will build the passageway from Cedar Valley Drive to the bike trail.

Shoup asked about the status of the Committee's proposed bike path ordinance. Gulledge said it was discussed during a caucus, but no action was taken. He suggested the proposed ordinance be presented again. Shoup moved and Stanley seconded the motion to recommend to the Village Board to take action of the proposed bike path ordinance. The motion was unanimously passed.

Gulledge informed the Committee that the Madison County Park District PEP grant application has been filed. He had to testify before the grant committee that not all of Maryville is in the C.A.R.D. district. He was told that Maryville qualifies for grants.

Gulledge reported he is waiting to hear from Bill Thomas regarding the surveillance system for Drost Park.

Chair Wiemann opened discussion on the 2004 Calendar of Events. She said the July concert needs to be changed to June 27th featuring the Coral Courts Band. Hedrick is to contact the Collinsville High School Jazz Band director about the May concert, and report to Wiemann. All the other dates and events were reviewed with changes and corrections made. Bell will update

the Web site.

Gulledge reported the 2004 Calendar of Events with a budget of \$7,800.00 is on the agenda for the February 18 Board Meeting, and he expects the Board's approval.

Hedrick told the Committee there has not been any response from the C.A.R.D. director regarding the budget for the park events. The Committee was in agreement that Maryville should request a joint committee meeting with C.A.R.D. to discuss park land, the skate board park idea, and the calendar of events. Hedrick is to contact Director Mark Badasch.

Gulledge asked the Committee to give him a recommendation for the pavilion in Firemen's Park in which the \$25,000.00 from the Edwardsville YMCA as soon as possible. Discussion of ideas was begun. Petty drew a rough sketch of a pavilion with a bandstand. Dill moved and Petty seconded to recommend to Mayor Gulledge to build a pavilion, near the southeast corner, that has three sections with one for the park electrical service and two for storage areas, and a portion of the floor raised 18" to 24" for a bandstand area. The motion passed unanimously.

Hedrick presented the recommendation of the Playground Sub-committee for the new playground to be placed in Drost Park. Jones moved and Stanley seconded a motion to recommend to the Village Board to purchase the KB2 design including the optional 3" pea gravel and Duraliner from R & R Recreation in O'Fallon, Mo; and to upgrade the current Drost Park playground with the gravel, Duraliner and woodchip system. The motion passed unanimously.

Shoup asked the members for thoughts on the Village helping fund the Master Gardeners shed if Janet Burnett cannot find the needed funding. Jones commented that the shed would remain in the park if the gardeners should decide to move. Shoup added that the Village helped the Khoury League build the dugouts since they became part of the park with \$12,000.00, to which several members voiced agreement. There was a total agreement of consensus of the Committee that the Village should help fund the building of the Master Gardeners' shed if Janet Burnett cannot find the necessary funding for this building project.

Petty is to report at the next meeting regarding Frisbee (Disc) Golf in Drost Park.

Being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 8:43 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Hedrick, Secretary

APPROVED: _____

