

**MARYVILLE PARK COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

JANUARY 19, 2004

The Meeting of the Maryville Park Committee was called to order at 5:00 P.M. on January 19, 2004, by Chairperson Wiemann.

Members present were Rick Dill, Al Ebert, Carol Frerker, Diana Hedrick, Cindy Jones, Roger Shoup, Chris Stanley, Bill Thomas and Judy Wiemann. Members Sharon Petty and Myron Provence were absent. Also in attendance were Village Board of Trustees liaison Todd Bell, Village Board member Linda Garcia and Drost Park Khoury League President Tim Donaho. Member Sharon Petty was seated at 5:15. Mayor Larry Gulledge joined the meeting at 5:40.

Chairperson Wiemann called for corrections and additions to the minutes of the November 17, 2003, meeting. Shoup moved and Thomas seconded the minutes be approved. The motion carried unanimously. Chairperson Wiemann called for corrections and additions to the December 1, 2003, Special Meeting. Shoup moved and Thomas seconded the motion to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Hedrick reported that she presented the Committee's suggestions at the last Comprehensive Plan meeting held December 8, 2003. The only suggestion the Commission did not favor for possible future park land was the property on Borri Drive as the Village Board plans to sell that parcel. All the other plats were added to the map. Frerker commented that she now agrees the Borri Drive property is not a good choice for a park. She hopes the Village will seriously look at possible ground at the end of Bauer Lane since the children in that subdivision have no place to play other than the streets.

Board Trustee Garcia contacted two people regarding skate board parks for which she distributed information and photos. The first was in Wood River, Illinois, and they received a grant to build the park in the photo. Thomas asked what type surface was used, to which Garcia answered "concrete". She said some communities turn tennis courts into skate board parks. She said the Park Director for Wood River is Jeff Stassi, and he will be happy to answer any questions about the park, grant, etc. Garcia thought the cost was about \$80,000.00. Wiemann asked if Garcia had any idea where the Village would like to build a skate board park. Garcia said she did not know and that she thought the Mayor would be here to help answer questions. Bell mentioned that a couple years ago a young resident sent the Mayor a petition asking for a place to skate board signed by about 180 kids. Garcia said that Wood River told her if you build a fence, post the rules and a sign "skate at your own risk", it will take care of liability. She furthered that the Village Attorney did not think that was a problem. Rules include the wearing of protective gear (helmets, etc.) She said Maryville does not need an elaborate park, just someplace for the kids to skate.

She then presented information from a company named Aerial Sports which is a church-type ministry that comes in to build these. Wiemann asked if anyone will seek more information on a skate board park. Hedrick said she will contact some of the playground companies as well as talk to Jeff Stassi. Wiemann told Garcia we will look into this, and let her know what we find out after the next meeting. Bell would like to know what kind and how much grant did Wood River get, and how much they had to contribute.

Petty reported that she sent flyers out to the high schools and in some businesses advertising the Art Show. We need to know how to pay the winners. Hedrick will call Thelma Long the next day to find a way to award cash prizes the day of the Art Show. Hedrick checked with Petty that there will be 18 first place and 18 second place winners in the open division and three first and three second for the youth. Hedrick informed the group that the news article that has already gone out says artwork may be brought in from 11:30 to 1:30 on the 25th. Petty has two judges, and would like to pay them \$20.00 each. She will have coffee, tea and cookies. Petty said volunteers do not need to come until 1:00, and anyone from the Committee who would like to help will be appreciated.

The T.J. Trucking easement apparently has no agreement in effect, so the Committee should no longer pursue an easement.

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

Bell reported that the Village received the \$40,000.00 grant which gives them \$90,000.00 now. Engineer Juneau is working with one of the bidders to find a means to dredge Drost Lake. The company told Juneau the project will only take 35 to 40 days of on-site work. The system being considered is to build a slurry basin near the lake with a berm. It will not be possible to dredge the entire lake, so the north end will be first. Hopefully a second phase will take place to do the south end. They hope to get a depth of 15 feet.

Bell told the Committee that Engineer Juneau estimated the cost for the Cedar Valley passageway to the bike trail at \$10,000.00. The Board decided to see what the Village workers can do and much will be saved in cost. Bell said it looks as though this project will be completed. Wiemann asked Bell if there will be a report at the next Committee meeting on this passageway. Bell said yes.

Hedrick told the Committee the protective tubing and mulch has been put around the new trees in Drost Park as was recommended. The other recommendation will be discussed later on the agenda.

Hedrick asked Chairperson to allow Jim Donaho to address the Committee. Donaho said the 2004 season, 154 have signed up during the first registration period. Donaho presented a plan for the batting cages. He assured the Committee that the netting and poles are removable. There will be a synthetic grass turf covering the concrete. Hedrick asked if the Village Board wants to

review these plans. Bell said the Board has a few questions such as location if the Committee is in favor of the batting cages. Donaho indicated there will be no need for electricity, but Bell suggested an electric line would be better than running extension cords. Shoup moved and Dill seconded to recommend to the Village Board to approve the plans for the Drost Park Khoury League to build the batting cages. The motion passed unanimously.

Donaho presented the Park Committee a plaque for appreciation from the Khoury League. Wiemann will give the plaque to the Village to be placed in the Administration Building.

Donaho reported that the dugouts on fields 1 and 2 are now completed. He was told the Village had agreed to pay \$6,000.00 of the total cost. Gulledge said this is included on the bills to be paid at the next meeting. Hedrick inquired about the fencing that was to be extended past the dugout that was to be finished. Donaho said he thought this has been done, but he will check on his way out tonight. Bell told Donaho to talk to Gary Mann so the Village can fix the drainage problem along the field behind the Senior Citizen Center.

Wiemann opened discussion on the 2004 Calendar of Events. The time for each event was added.

It was decided that the concerts be the third Sunday of each month if possible. The Kids Pooch Party will be an open contest for all ages this year. Committee members were assigned to the various events as organizers. Bell said the Committee should send the calendar to Mark Badasch, Director of C.A.R.D. for their review in terms of assistance. Gulledge suggested that the Committee send the calendar with the estimated costs to C.A.R.D., and ask how they would like to participate in helping put on these events. Wiemann will update the Calendar of Events and Hedrick is to send a letter with the calendar to Badasch.

Wiemann asked the members thoughts on having a teenage sock hop or dance on the July 18th date. Petty suggested a battle of the bands. Gulledge said we would have to provide parking and take other things into consideration when bringing in a large number of teenagers. Wiemann commented that perhaps a band would be better. Thomas will contact the YMCA about a possible partnership to hold a dance as an additional event. Wiemann is to contact the different bands to set dates. Hedrick needs to contact the Collinsville High School Jazz Band Director.

Petty said she had mentioned to the YMCA director the possibility of having a health fair day. It was suggested to include the hospital. Perhaps this could be done in 2005 during February or March. Stanley asked if he can get a copy of news articles that have the names of the businesses that donated to an event. Wiemann, Gulledge and Hedrick will give him some.

Gulledge asked Thomas if he can get a firm estimate of cost for the surveillance system in Drost Park. Thomas will meet with Gulledge and send the specifications to the Board.

Gulledge informed the Committee that T.J. Trucking is putting his property up for sale, and asked if Maryville would be interested in purchasing it. The asking price is \$650,000.00 for a

little over three acres. Gulledge told him the Village may be interested in buying 30-40 feet along the back line. Gulledge said he thinks it is best for us to sit tight for the time being. The Committee agreed.

Gulledge told the group that allowing the YMCA in Edwardsville to use Maryville as a bonding unit resulted in an award of a cash donation of \$25,000.00. He would like to use this money to replace the small bathroom in Firemen's Park with a new pavilion similar to the one on the opposite side of the park. It would include storage area and new wiring for the park. It would be near the southeast corner. Petty asked if it could be a bandstand type-pavilion? He will need to know if the Committee wants to have this done by the next meeting.

Gulledge distributed information for the application for a grant for \$10,000.00 from the Park Enhancement Program of the Madison County Park and Recreation Grant Commission. The application must be submitted by February 10th. It is the same as the grant we received last year for park benches and picnic tables. It was suggested this could be used to help fund a new playground in Drost Park for older children. Hedrick has received bids and design information from three companies. Ebert moved and Petty seconded to recommend to the Village Board to apply for the Park Enhancement Program grant for \$10,000.00 for a playground. The motion carried unanimously. Hedrick is to work with Gulledge to submit the application if the Board approves the recommendation.

There were no new web-site updates for Bell. Hedrick suggested that the calendar on the web-site have the past events at the bottom so the next upcoming event is the first activity viewers see. Petty said a link to the application (when one is needed) for an event from the web page to the application would be very helpful for people who use the web page to download information.

Being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 6:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Hedrick, Secretary

APPROVED: _____

