

**MARYVILLE PARK COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

November 17, 2003

The meeting of the Maryville Park Committee was called to order at 6:05 P.M. on November 17, 2003, by Chairperson Wiemann.

Members present were Rick Dill, Al Ebert, Carol Frerker, Diana Hedrick, Cindy Jones, Sharon Petty, Roger Shoup, Bill Thomas and Judy Wiemann. Members absent were Myron Provence and Chris Stanley. Also in attendance was Village Board of Trustees liaison Todd Bell. Mayor Larry Gullede joined the meeting at 6:20 P.M.

Chairperson Wiemann called for corrections and additions to the minutes of the October 20, 2003, meeting. Shoup moved and Dill seconded the motion to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Hedrick distributed the Monthly Available Funds Report. Hedrick informed the Committee that Clerk, Thelma Long, should have the fiscal year situation corrected for the next meeting. Bell said there is another Green Space fee coming in soon. Thomas asked if the income from green space fees is designated solely for park land purchase. Bell and Gullede explained it is to be used for park improvements and purchase of future park land. Hedrick mentioned that just because these funds are available, the Committee should not spend all of it quickly on improvements because future land is needed. Drost asked if that money could feasibly be reallocated to a different channel. Bell said it has to be used for parks.

Hedrick noted that C.A.R.D. Director, Mark Badasch, sent an E-mail indicating no park land has been located, so there is no need for a joint meeting. Shoup commented that he spoke with Badasch last week, and the C.A.R.D Board is working on a survey which they will share with the Park Committee. Shoup also mentioned to Badasch that there is abandoned railroad track East of Maryville by the bike trail that would make a good connector passage to Collinsville. Hedrick said she tried to contact Badasch about a possible land owned by William Schikowski on Sugar Loaf Road at Fieldstone that would be good park land. Gullede and Bell will investigate this with Badasch.

Hedrick distributed the E-mail report from Drost Park Khoury League president Tim Donaho. Hedrick told the Committee that she had previously sent an E-mail informing Donaho that the batting cages are to be set in sleeves to allow the cages and structures to be taken down at the end of the season.

Wiemann spoke to Janet Burnett of the Master Gardeners about inviting the gardeners to the Village Christmas Party. Ms. Burnett requested one invitation be sent to her, and she will forward copies to the gardeners. The gardeners have not given her plans for their desired storage

building. Burnett also mentioned to Wiemann that the Master Gardeners would like to expand their area. Wiemann told her that the Committee would want to see what the Gardeners want to do before making any decisions.

Shoup reported he has completed another draft of the Comprehensive Development Plan and Green Space Ordinance in progress. Hedrick informed the group there is a place in the current Comprehensive Plan (pages 41 through 47), that was included in the delivered packets, in which a part of the draft Shoup has worked on would replace. The Plan sub-committee will meet at 10:30 A.M. on Friday, November 21<sup>st</sup> to review and coordinate these two items. Gulledge gave copies of the current Comprehensive Plan to all members. Ebert inquired about the plan's section relating "to encourage the increased use of non-acquisition techniques...". Hedrick said that would be discussed later in the meeting's agenda.

Bell announced the next Comprehensive Plan Committee meeting will be December 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 P.M. Bell said he has a problem with the present Plan promoting 3 to 5 acre parks in subdivisions which this Committee has decided is not workable for the developers or the Village. Gulledge explained the need for five year updates to the Comprehensive Plan is for the Village to secure grants. Frecker said that Borri subdivision has no access or existing park or trails etc. Ebert mentioned that children in Copper Creek need to use Vadalabene Drive with a 45 mile per hour speed limit to reach the bike trail.

Petty reported the National Recreation and Parks Conference was very worthwhile. The members who attended had an opportunity to get information and talk to companies about such things as Frisbee golf; talk to a Conservation representative about our fishing derby who gave some new ideas; learned that the National Kite Association has registered "go fly a kite day" which we named our event, but this group would probably help us promote our Go Fly A Kite Day that we may need to rename; discovered ways to possibly enhance some of our events; view and try out playground equipment. Jones added that members should be beginning to receive information and magazines from the national organization, and thanked the Village for joining on our behalf.

Bell mentioned that Mark Badasch of C.A.R.D has requested the Committee provide him with information on the upcoming programs in order to review any funding and/or assistance.

Chair Wiemann asked for a report on T.J. Trucking. Gulledge reported there is no recorded agreement with them about an easement. Gulledge did say there is room for a walking path along the South fence, but not room for a road. Thomas asked about the wooden fence along the entrance to Drost Park. Gulledge said that particular fence is on Village property. Ebert inquired if it would be possible to ask Mr. Johnson if he recalls the agreement to allow him to drain runoff water into Drost Lake in exchange for an easement. Gulledge said he is not sure what this Committee wants him to work out with Mr. Johnson. The Committee is interested in installing a walking path that would connect the West side of Drost Lake to the parking lot on the East side. Gulledge said Mr. Johnson's fence would need to be moved in order to put in a 5 feet wide

walkway. Gulledge is to discuss the possibility of putting in a walkway and see what Mr. Johnson would be willing to do, and report back at the next meeting.

Petty asked to hold discussion of Frisbee golf for the next meeting.

Bell informed the Committee that the Village has talked to the second lowest bidder about dredging the lake, and it will require about one acre of land to put this milkshake consistency slurry from the lake bottom. After meeting with the Village engineer, it was decided the better idea would be to cut a channel down two fingers and the center of the lake. Juneau is to report back to Gulledge and Bell concerning the plan. Gulledge said he does not favor the dredging concept now that they know what damage it will do to all the work this committee and the Village has done over the years to develop the park.

Petty and Frerker reported that the Turkey Trot had 18 5K runners and the Walk/Jog/Run a Mile for Accuracy had 10 participants. Jones said that was a very good turn out for the first year and the weather conditions. Hedrick added that the five restaurants in Maryville were most generous in donating 14 prizes ranging from \$10.00 to \$20.00 each. Frerker said that Shop N Save also donated food for the morning, and McDonalds gave coupons for free combos as door prizes. Chair Wiemann and Mayor Gulledge thanked those members who worked to create this successful event. Chair Wiemann said the SIUE Cross Country Teams co-hosted the event, and our agreement was that the proceeds would go to them as payment for their services. Jones added that they brought out all their timing and course set-up equipment; and marked and set up the course as well as running the 5K event. Hedrick said \$220.00 was received for entry fees. Jones informed the members that we budgeted \$200.00 to run the event. She further added that when this event grows to higher income from entry fees, the Committee can divide the proceeds after expenses with the SIUE Cross Country program, but since they did all the work for the 5K run, they should receive the \$220.00. Shoup moved and Ebert seconded the motion to pay the SIUE Cross Country Program \$220.00 for services for running the 5K race at the Turkey Trot. The motion carried unanimously. Jones suggested that next year's date be the same weekend as it is free for the Cross Country runners, and it seemed a good time for those who entered. Members complimented Petty for the accuracy event in that it was a fun activity. Frerker said it was really great to see the accuracy competitors take off after the 5K had started.

Chair Wiemann commented that she spoke to a friend in Greenville about the Common Ground group, but her friend had not heard of them. Dill said he received the same response when he inquired. Hedrick spoke with a business owner in Greenville who said the Common Ground was allowed to use the third floor of the theatre rent free. She said the group painted the walls, hung art, and fixed up the area, and this became their home base. The building owner has had an offer to rent the third floor, and informed Common Ground that he will need to start charging rent. Common Ground's name is still on the door, and the owner has not been informed the group is leaving. Common Group had wonderful performances when they had musicians, but they never ran a 10 week series or weekly concerts. Most of their activities in Greenville were basically art shows. They applied for several grants including a \$1000.00 grant from Southwestern Illinois

Tourism for their part in the “Off the Road” event. Sometimes they would have a musical group come in to play during the art shows. The Park Committee relies on the businesses in town to help support park events as do other entities such as the fire and police departments for various activities. To give the Common Ground \$1000.00 for a 10 week concert series and allow them to solicit the businesses for sponsorships may cause the Park Committee to reduce its own funding sources. The consensus of the Committee is not to establish an agreement with the Common Ground at this time, and be willing to review the matter next year if the Common Ground is still interested.

Hedrick is to ask Ms. Larkin for a schedule of the concerts so members can see what they are like.

Bell reported that the Village Board approved the Drost Park Khoury League’s request to install batting cages between the Senior Center parking lot and field #3. The cages are to be pole and sleeve type so the netting and framework can be removed when the league is not in season. The cages should be open for use by individuals when the league is not using them. However, the Board will need to see a drawing and specifications before construction begins.

Bell further remarked that the Park Committee may place a sign or banner in the Firemen’s Park to announce upcoming events with the mayor’s approval and notification sent to Zoning Code Administrator, Kevin Flaughner. Bell said the Village is going to place a lighted marquee in Firemen’s Park which the Committee may use upon completion. He said he did stress that on park event days, both sides of this sign should be dedicated to what is going on in the park.

Bell said he spoke to Village Engineer Juneau about the passageway from Cedar Valley to the bike trail. Juneau will get it staked out and move forward on the project.

Thomas has priced a wireless surveillance system for the Comfort Station area that would have the camera mounted on the light pole and a capture card with a monitor, etc., to be placed in the police station for about \$2500.00 to \$3000.00. He received this information from Brewster Alexander, LLC. Petty moved and Dill seconded a motion to recommend to the Village Board to purchase a wireless surveillance system for the Comfort Station area in Drost Park not to exceed \$3500.00. The motion was approved unanimously.

Petty presented a possible Certificate of Achievement to give the 26 volunteers who came to Plant A Tree Day. Petty and Shoup were commended for the great job with securing and co-chairing the event. Gullledge said he will be happy to sign the certificates and either mail them to the workers or give them out at a meeting.

Bell opened discussion on the proposed areas for future parks to be placed on the updated Comprehensive Plan Map. He pointed out on the map, hanging on the wall, some areas marked in green, but the question to the Committee is if there are any changes to these, and where, if any, should more be added. Gullledge explained that all this does in the Comprehensive Plan is guarantee to the Village that it can hold up any development on those parcels for up to one year

from the time a person walks in and says that he/she wants to develop a designated parcel. The Committee needs to keep in mind that it should have a reason for choosing any parcel. The Committee decided to add a portion of ground North of Stonebridge subdivision, at least 10 acres of the property at the end of Bauer Lane (the Addamick property), and to leave the property on Borri Drive that is currently for a lift station. Bell indicated that the Village is getting ready to sell the lift station property. Frerker said that even green space, even a field, would be helpful for children in Borri subdivision because they have to play in the street.

Frerker moved and Hedrick seconded to recommend to the Village Board to retain the designated park in Bauer Subdivision for possible park development. The motion carried unanimously.

Shoup distributed a draft of the Holiday Lighting Contest information sheet. He said that Collinsville allows people to nominate a neighbor's home for the contest. It was agreed to add this option this year. Judges will be Dill, Ebert, Hedrick, Shoup, and Wiemann. Bell will add the information to the Website when the final draft is completed. Hedrick will send the ad and article to the newspapers.

Chair Wiemann handed out information showing the park events for 2003 with approximate cost for each event. It was decided to add a Concert In The Park for July and to have each concert the third Sunday of the month to establish a schedule that is consistent. Members volunteered for the various events for 2004. Further discussion on the Calendar of Events will continue at the next meeting. Members are to bring any suggestions for changes or new events to the next meeting.

The Committee agreed to have a meeting on Monday, December 1<sup>st</sup> to complete the unfinished business.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Hedrick, Secretary

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

