

**MARYVILLE PARK COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

October 20, 2003

The meeting of the Maryville Park Committee was called to order at 6:10 P.M. on October 20, 2003, 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 absent were Sharon Petty and Myron Provence. Member Sharon Petty was seated at 7:55 P.M. Also in attendance were Village Trustee Liaison Todd Bell; Khoury League President, Tim Donaho; and Adrianna Larkin and Brian Huffman representing Our Common Ground.

Chairperson Wiemann asked all members who have been in charge of any events this year to send her a report of costs to run the event.

Chairperson Wiemann called for corrections and additions to the minutes of the September 15, 2003, meeting. Shoup moved and Jones seconded the minutes be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Adrianna Larkin was asked to address the committee. She presented an overview of Our Common Ground organization. It is a non-profit charitable organization having a goal to bring art into the community. They would like to present a summer program of music one night weekly for perhaps 10 weeks. They are currently based in Greenville, IL, but need to relocate because the owner plans to use the space for something else. Brian Huffman remarked on the quality of performances provided by Our Common Ground. Ms. Larkin said the group needs the Village to provide a sum of \$1000.00 to help finance performances, with the remainder of financing derived from soliciting sponsorships from local businesses. She also stated that the only setup needed would be a pavilion, electricity and rest rooms. It was the consensus of the Committee to look into the group's former activities. Wiemann and Hedrick are to check with people from Greenville to gain information about the group, and report back at the next meeting.

Petty inquired about the possibility of putting an advertising sign in Firemen's Park the day of a concert. Hedrick mentioned that churches are allowed to have signs up a week prior to their events. Bell indicated a sign/banner the day of the events could be approved by the Board.

Hedrick distributed the Monthly Available Funds Report. Bell said another Green Space fee should be collected within a month. There were no questions concerning the report.

Tim Donaho with the Drost Park Khoury League inquired if the soccer goals will be taken down by March 22<sup>nd</sup> which is the first league practice. Bell affirmed the soccer goals will come down before Khoury League starts. Mr. Donaho informed the Committee that the league would like to

install batting cages with pitching machines between the North side of the parking lot and Field 3. He agreed to place the structure five feet from the parking lot. There would be two cages that are 16' wide x 70' long x 14' high. The league is asking permission to install this permanent structure and \$1000.00 from the Village to help build the cages. Jones said cages with the poles sliding into permanent sleeves are available, and can be removed when the sport is not in season. The Committee agreed this type structure should be used. Shoup moved and Ebert seconded a motion to recommend to the Village Board to approve the installation, by the Drost Park Khoury League, of two batting cages, and possibly partial funding, dependent on acceptance of the design specifications submitted to the Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

Hedrick told the Committee that R and R Recreation may be sending a one or more passes to the National Recreation and Park Association Expo. Ruth Lake with Howard L. White and Associates may also send passes. Wiemann said she was planning to attend the conference on Wednesday. Dill said he might be able to go on Friday. Ebert said he could go. Hedrick, Jones and Petty could go on Thursday. Ebert said if there is an extra pass, he will use it. Hedrick will contact members about attending.

Petty reported the application for 100 trees has been awarded. Bell reminded the Committee that trees are still available from the Foucheck nursery in Glen Carbon. Wiemann and Shoup are to go tag trees on Wednesday at 10:00 A.M. Hedrick is to send out publicity for the event.

Wiemann told the Committee the Master Gardeners would like to place a stone for a memorial to the lady who designed the gardens. Since there has been a previous agreement for the Master Gardeners to place a stone near the gardens, this memorial should be acceptable. Shoup was informed that the gardeners have reached the limits for space, and may want to expand. Wiemann will contact Janet Burnett, and ask the gardeners to bring a plan to the Committee.

There was no report on T.J. Trucking.

Petty will check on Frisbee Golf at the Expo this week.

Bell reported that four bids were received for the lake project. They range from \$195,000.00 to \$350,000.00; so Village Engineer Juneau may want to rebid the project.

Bell commented that the recommendation to the Board to put in a drainage pit by Field #4 will be looked into with the Khoury League. The Board is in favor of the passageway from Cedar Valley Drive to the bike trail. However, Juneau recommends it be concrete all the way, and 15 feet wide. Bell is to approach Mr. Meyer with this possibility. Bell also told the Committee that the Board is having new signs ordered to designate Drost Park access.

Bell said the soccer goals and volleyball net are installed and in use.

Shoup reminded the group that Plant A Tree Day will be November 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 A.M. Hedrick is

to send out publicity announcing this .

Jones and Frerker reminded the members that the Turkey Trot is scheduled for November 15<sup>th</sup>. Prizes are still needed, so Dill will talk to Sharkey's, Wiemann to B.S. Boogie's, and Frerker to Red's Rib Shake and The Red Apple. Hedrick is to place ads in the Troy Tribune and Collinsville Journal as well as sending articles. Frerker and Petty will get word out to the schools.

Thomas suggested putting up a sign saying "area under surveillance" might help reduce the vandalism. He also indicated it may be possible to install a wireless system for under \$2,500.00-\$3,000.00. He is to send Bell information.

Wiemann read a thank you letter from the Lucas-Cordini family for the future moving of the memorial to Vernon Lucas near the ball fields.

Hedrick told the Committee we need to accomplish event planning for 2004 at the next meeting. Wiemann reminded members to send her event cost information.

Bell informed the Committee a lighted, two-sided sign may be installed in Firemen's Park, and that approval by the Mayor is needed for day of event signs, and that Kevin Flaughter also needs to be informed permission is granted. Hedrick moved and Petty seconded to request permission for the Park Committee to place a two-sided sign announcing an upcoming event for a couple days prior to the event. The motion carried unanimously.

Bell presented the Amber Alert system that has been added to the Village web-site.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Hedrick, Secretary

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

