

**MARYVILLE PARK COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

**August 18, 2003**

The meeting of the Maryville Park Committee was held on August 18, 2003, at Pavilion #1 in Drost Park; and was called to order at 6:10 P.M. by Chairperson Judy Wiemann.

Members present were Rick Dill, Carol Frerker, Diana Hedrick, Cindy Jones, Roger Shoup, Chris Stanley and Judy Wiemann. Absent members were Myron Provence and Bill Thomas. Also in attendance were Village Trustee Todd Bell and Ron Smith of the Master Gardeners. Mayor Larry Gulledge joined the meeting at 6:13 P.M. Member Al Ebert was seated at 6:21; and Sharon Petty at 6:27 P.M.

Chairperson Wiemann called for corrections and additions to the minutes of the July 21, 2003, meeting. Jones moved and Shoup seconded the minutes be approved. The motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Ron Smith of the Master Gardeners was asked to address the Committee first. He thanked the Committee for its support over the last few years. Various Park Committee members complimented Smith and the Gardeners for their excellent work; and commented on the beauty the gardens have added to the park. He met with Petty and Shoup to discuss building a shed and other needs that included a need for dirt and expanding the compost pile. The dirt has been delivered and put to use. Shoup discussed the possibility of putting a tree nursery at the North end of the park near the Schiber Court entrance. Smith indicated the Gardeners may be able to assist with this project.

The Gardeners would like to build a shed similar to the one he presented which was a colonial style with a porch. Bell suggested running electric to the shed. The Committee liked the sketch. Smith said the cost would probably be in a range of \$5000.00 with a concrete slab. Smith did not know how the shed would be financed. Hedrick is to contact Janet Burnett with the University of Illinois Extension about the financing of the shed. Shoup commented that it would be a benefit to the park if the Village would, at least, help with the funding. Smith said the shed would eliminate the need for a cabinet in the Comfort Station.

Other concerns of the Gardeners include the need for two more loads of dirt. Bell will talk to Trustee Kostyshock about getting more dirt. Smith said his group would like to expand the compost pile and to put up a Master Gardeners logo. Hedrick commented that a sign had been discussed previously, but the Gardeners have not returned with revised ideas. At that time the two groups were talking about using a boulder with a plaque. Smith will work on a sign concept to bring to the Park Committee. Bell informed Smith and the Committee that Gary Mann will add more trash cans to the area.

Smith explained an upcoming seminar on composting that will be open to the public. It will be September 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M. at Drost Park. Hedrick suggested that Bell add this to the Village web site calendar. Hedrick is to ask Janet Burnett to inform her of a schedule of seminars to be put on the web-site.

The Monthly Available Funds Report was distributed and reviewed. Hedrick informed the Committee that Village Clerk Thelma Long did not have time to complete a yearly income and expense report due to year end report work with the auditor. She will have it as soon as possible. There were no questions regarding this month's report.

Bell reported that he gave the Khoury League permission to place a plaque honoring Jeff Detton in the Concession Stand. Wiemann is to call Detton about finishing the dug-outs and the end of year clean-up.

Gulledge told the committee there is no record of an easement with T. J. Trucking ever being recorded. He further stated he would have no problem discussing the possibility with the owner. The consensus of the Committee was for him to proceed with this.

Bell and Stanley reported that a paved passageway previously discussed for Rolling Meadows subdivision is not possible. A "Turfstone", at a cost of \$160.00 per pallet (33 square feet), and a plastic type, estimated at about \$3000.00, systems were presented that would not require paving the area. Bell and Stanley are to take these proposals to the two Rolling Meadows' property owners, and report back at the next meeting.

Ebert said that the Copper Creek passageway is no longer viable. Bell told the Committee there are other lots in this subdivision adjacent to the bike trail. Ebert is to look into this.

Gulledge informed the Committee that Village Engineer Juneau is about to put the lake project out for bids. He further stated the biggest problem is where all the dirt will be dumped. Dill said that Germantown offered the dirt to residents, and the residents had to haul the dirt themselves.

Bell said that Gary Mann and the Village workers have really worked hard to redo the Walking/Jogging Path, and that Trustee Kostyshock came out to oversee the work. Committee members agreed the path is in excellent condition. Hedrick is to send a letter of thanks to Kostyshock and the employees for the fine work. She is also to send a thank you letter to the Master Gardeners.

Gulledge commented that he sent a registered letter to Fred Riddle about the trees needing replaced and replanted. Riddle responded that he will be back this fall to take care of the problems.

Petty presented and opened discussion on two tree planting programs for which Maryville would qualify. The trees are free, but do not include planting. Shoup suggested having a "Plant A Tree" day to allow residents, scout troops, etc. an opportunity to help plant the trees. The

Committee was in favor of this idea. Bell suggested selling brick pavers to be placed by the tree individuals plant. A steering committee consisting of Petty, Ebert, Frerker, Shoup and Stanley will oversee this project. Ebert moved and Stanley seconded a motion to recommend to the Village Board to apply for these tree grants. The motion passed unanimously.

Bell reported that he and C.A.R.D. Director Mark Badasch have looked at a couple sites for park land, but they were too far South of Maryville. Some Committee members voiced concern that we have not heard from C.A.R.D. about meeting again, and the need to pursue continued meetings. Hedrick is to contact Badasch to set a possible meeting on September 2<sup>nd</sup> at Maryville with the joint committees.

Wiemann informed the Committee that Joe Semanisin will attend a future meeting to discuss the Semanisin memorial to be placed behind the Administration Building. She told him where the Committee would like it placed. She also stated that Millie Belobraydic had indicated that Father Jeff Holtman and the Catholic Church had no objection to moving the Vernon Lucas plaque from their grounds to the area with the Semanisin memorial. She is to get letters of approval from the church and the Lucas family.

Bell requested assistance from members for the placement of the soccer practice goals and fields as well as the volleyball standards. Hedrick relayed that two soccer fields are included in the park master plan. They are located in the outfields of the ball diamonds behind the Senior Citizen Center. The Committee reconvened in the park area to discuss placement of the goals for practice areas. The two junior goals should be placed near the crossover of the walking path and two full size goals near the South end. The volleyball standards should be set at the Southwest end toward the barbeque grill inside the walking path.

Frerker relayed information concerning grant writing. She has contacted Bill Kleffman from Glen Carbon. He told her writers usually charge an hourly rate or a percentage of the grant amount. Kleffman uses Walt Blotevogel engineers. Gullidge said Maryville is not locked into Juneau and Associates for all engineering. Frerker conveyed Kleffman's request to meet with our committee to discuss the use of a grant writer on Monday, August 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M. in the Conference Room. Gullidge indicated it would be good to meet with them. Hedrick is send Park Committee members a reminder of this meeting.

Petty asked that Frisby Golf be placed on the September 15<sup>th</sup> agenda. Playground equipment should also be added.

Being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 8:37 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Hedrick, Secretary

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