

**Village/Township Park Co-op Meeting Minutes  
February 27, 2008 – Township Hall**

**Present:**

**Steve Smouse  
Steve Turner  
Linda Pedersen  
John Edgell**

**Jim Keim  
Bob McCarty  
Dennis Crosby  
Shawn Roby**

**Laurie Stahl  
Tom Kessell  
Viking Football Reps  
Dan Dalziel – 3D Design**

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. at Township Hall.

Maintenance of the Sports Complex was discussed. Steve Smouse suggested that the Village of Antioch be responsible for mowing. He has snow plowed the park all winter. Jim Keim was concerned about manpower and equipment needed. The Village has about 40 acres of new land to mow with Neumann Homes and Trevor Creek and with the Tim Osmond Sports Complex. There was discussion on checking with school district 34 to see if a tractor and staff could be borrowed to do the Sports Complex. Steve Turner will contact Kevin Hauser at Dist. 34. If not, the Village would probably have to hire another person and purchase a large mower, just for mowing purposes.

Status of Park and grant money was discussed. As of November, the park only needs to have the goal posts installed and the Fibar put down in the playground area. Rotary said they will do the actual work of putting down the Fibar. Frisbee Golf equipment needs to be installed. Will be ready this Spring. The Frisbee Golf Course is being highly anticipated by those involved in the sport, the President of the DPGA says our course will be a state of the art course. This organization has also said they would like to raise money for additional tees to make it 24 holes instead of just 18. It was suggested doing park program on instructions. Contact Round Lake Park District to see if they know of instructor. When these items are completed, an audit will take place and the Grant money will be sent. Completion should be done by March or April with reimbursement within the month. The Baseball field should be ready this season. Laurie will let them know. Bob McCarty asked about temporary storage. Viking Football is looking into having a building put up with in-kind donations and also looking into Electric hook-up. Football fields should be ready this fall. Viking will need to have the bleachers moved over to the park when they are ready to install them. Viking said they cannot really use the fields without scoreboards or concessions available at the games because it is their main fund-raiser. Discussion on Porta Pottie and dumpster usage for organizations using the Complex. Laurie said they already pay a portion of the other parks that are used. They all sign Facility Usage contracts with the Village and this field will have to be added to the contract. A 50/50 split was suggested for fees. It was also suggested to put up-keep of fields in the Facility Usage Contract. Slit seeding after the season and maintaining the fields. Laurie will have Distinctive Signs give her a plan and quote for an entrance sign in the same design as other Village signs, such as Metra Station. She will have them look at the site and have a plan for the next meeting. Picnic tables will be needed by the shelter. Laurie will see if Scouts need a project this year. She will talk to Tom Dvorak.

Future Funding was discussed. Bob McCarty is working on a grant through Hamburger Helper for \$15,000 that the Lions Club will match that amount. Neither the Village or Township is planning on going for the grant for 2008. They do not have those funds in the budget. It was discussed to go for the grant for July 2009. Dan Dalziel from 3D Design said that the OSLAD grant information should be submitted in 2008 to have that phase complete by 2010. Jim Keim will come up with operating costs and budget of running this park. He would also ask that Kathy Smith and Joy McCarthy meet to figure out the budget and expenses so far on this project. \$68,000 has been donated from State Bank of the Lakes so far for the running track. This money has been made from the 5K races at 4<sup>th</sup> of July each year and has been held in an account for this purpose. Viking also contacted Menards for grant money or donating the Concession Stand/Bathroom/Storage building. A Fund Raising committee needs to be assembled again to come up with other fund raising ideas. Centennial Playground type of mailer could be mailed to the community for donations on particular pieces of the park or just large donations. Corporate sponsoring can also be looked at. Put article in Village Newsletter looking for interested community members. The Co-op Committee should have a power point presentation and brochures available to present to area organizations. Trees can be donated to the park for anyone looking for memorials for family members. Jim Keim will see if Public Works can put a street light in on Depot St. near the entrance of the park. The Jr. Woman's Club will donate a portion of this year's Comedy Night to the Sports Complex again this year.

A Grand Opening was discussed. Dates were looked at. Linda Pedersen will check with JoAnn Osmond to see which date is good for them. Shawn Roby, Village Special Events Supervisor will make plans for the ceremony. Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. or Saturday May 3<sup>rd</sup> were dates suggested. AYLL should be contacted to be involved in the ceremony with an opening game. Laurie will contact them. Shawn asked for participation numbers from each organization using the Complex.

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at Village Hall before the regular Park Board Meeting.

**Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.**