

March 31, 1975

A meeting of the Birch Run Park Board held on March 31, 1975 at 7:30 pm opened with Chairman Ken Savage asking for a reading of the meeting at Spicer Eng. where we were to hear the bids for two tennis courts for the park. Minutes were approved as read.

Present were Fran Cuthberson, Kevin Courtney, Jackie Tanner, Don Bailer, Art Smock, James Frank, Ken Savage, and Delores Gibson of the Birch Run Banner.

Kevin Courtney presented the board with a donation of \$225.00 from monies raised by the Birch Run Tennis Club.

Art Smock gave a report on a meeting on applying for a Federal Grant. He informed us of his finding that no. 1 the Village owns the property where the park exists, so therefore the Village must sign all forms and they must be the ones who actually apply for the grant, also the application is very complicated and must be properly filled out to recieve any assistance from the government. Art Smock suggested we contact Gary Neithammer our engineer from Spicer Eng. to see if he would be responsible for filling out the application. Jackie Tanner contacted Mr. Neithammer and he said the would not fill out the application but would provide any needed information. He also gave us the name of Leonard Boores who works with grants. Fran Cuthberson is to contact him and Mr. Smock will work with him.

James Frank gave us estimates recieved from Glen Krisler that he had obtained from three sports centers on equipment for soft ball diamonds. The estimates were for the purchase of three bases, 3 delux tie downs, pitchers plate, home plate and a limer.

After reviewing the estimates, Art Smock made a motion to purchase equipment from Marley Bros. Second by Don Bailer all were in favor.

Ken Savage informed us of property adjoining the park was for sale, and was to check on the price and get back with the board.

Don Bailer gave a financial report we have on hand. \$4,798.88. This figure does not include \$937.30 because that money has been designated for ball diamond only. We have an outstanding debt to Spicer Eng. of \$2,065.18. This money held back by the board because of work that must be completed. Actual money that can be used is \$2,733.34.

The board reviewed the two lowest bids turned into Spicer Eng. They were Wayne Wellman of Birch Run a bid of \$14,383.00 and Charles Zeilinger and Son Trucking of Frankenmuth a bid of \$13,489.84. The bid for two tennis courts to be constructed at the park.

Ken Savage made a motion to take the bid from Charles Zeilinger and Son for \$13,489.84, second by Kevin Courtney. All the board was in favor.

Ken Savage made a proposal to the board for a ten foot fence all around the tennis courts, the cost \$933.34 (which would be additional to the bid of Charles Zeilinger of \$13,489.84). A shelter constructed over the existing cement slab cost \$1,800.70, \$500.00 working capital, total cost \$16,723.88. Much discussion was held on this. Fran Cutberson felt that doubling the size of the shelter would be more beneficial than a ten foot fence, Kevin Courtney informed us a ten foot fence would be the best for our location. Mr. Savage felt that because of the ditches that a ten foot fence was very necessary.

Fran Cuthberson was to check with the Village Council on a possible donation of \$1,500.00.

Mr. Savage checked into the possibility of getting a loan from Frankenmuth Bank and Trust to complete the project as we see fit. Mr. Cuthberson and Mr. Savage possibilities will be taken up at our next meeting.

Mr. Savage informed us of the organizations who will be sending names to the joint meeting of the Townships Board and Village Council to be held in April to elect board for 1975-76.

There was some controversy on whether the terms started in 1974 or were to all begin in 1975. This matter is being checked upon.

Mr. Savage made a motion the meeting be adjourned, second by Don Bailer.

Secretary

Jackie Tanner