



ST. CHARLES PARISH

PAUL J. HOGAN, PE

COUNCILMAN, DISTRICT IV

MEMORANDUM

DATE: MARCH 28, 2008

TO: PARISH COUNCIL

MR. V.J. ST. PIERRE, JR.
PARISH PRESIDENT

MR. DUANE FORET
PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR

MS. LORRIE TOUPS
FINANCE DIRECTOR

FROM: PAUL J. HOGAN, PE
COUNCILMAN, DISTRICT IV

RE: PROPOSED ORDINANCE, FILE NO. 2008-0170

This proposed ordinance will be taken up for consideration at the April 7, 2008, Parish Council Meeting. This is a recap of the important information regarding this proposed purchase which I ask that you consider and take into account prior to casting your vote:

1. Lot 9 is currently available for increasing the usefulness of the site but will no longer be once it is sold for residential use.
2. The existing site has limited depth for a ball field. The property deepens toward the north and the purchase of Lot 9 would provide additional depth for the field (see the attached sketch).
3. A 100' wide portion of the southern end of the site can be eliminated with the purchase of the additional 100' wide Lot 9 on the northern end. This can be broken into two residential lots and sold in order to offset the purchase price for Lot 9.

The Parks and Recreation Department has stated that it does not feel that purchasing the property would enhance the park in such a way to warrant the \$72,667.00 expense. It is also the opinion of the Department that increasing the size of the site will not enhance the usefulness of the park and that the purchase to increase the depth of the site would not make it better suited for a ballpark. The Department does agree that the elimination of the southern 100' of the site would not hurt the park area in any way, shape, or form.

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I take exception to the Recreation Department's position for the following reasons which I ask that **you** consider prior to making your decision:

1. The \$72,667.00 **expense** can be offset by the sale of the southern 100' of the site (**sold** as 2- 50' wide residential lots) for a total cost of approximately **\$52,000.00** (\$26,000.00 each). The purchase of Lot 9 would end **up** having a net cost of only \$20,667.00. The Recreation Department did not take this into account in its opinion.
2. Increasing the **depth** of the park can do nothing but help to increase the **usefulness** of the site as a ball field. The Department's **opinion** is based upon the field being used by 12 year olds and **younger**. This field will be used by 12 year olds and younger and **those** up to the age of a young adult which requires a deeper **field**.

In conclusion, I ask that **you** take this information into consideration when making your decision. **The** bottom line in that the net cost for the added property of \$20,667.00 is **not** much to ask for and I ask for your support in authorizing its purchase **with** funds taken out of the General Fund.

Thanks.

PJH/BJT8:ag

attachment

cc: Mr. John "Rusty" Walker, Chief Operations Officer

2008-0170

**INTRODUCED BY: PAUL J. HOGAN, PE, COUNCILMAN, DISTRICT IV
ORDINANCE NO. _____**

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of an Act of Sale by Lloyd J. Frickey for a Public Playground in Des Allemands.

WHEREAS, St. Charles Parish is interested in expanding the site purchased for establishment of a community park on J. B. Green Road in Des Allemands; and,

WHEREAS, the Parish has identified a certain parcel of property identified as Lot 9 adjacent to the existing park site on J. B. Green Road owned by Lloyd J. Frickey on which the Parish desires to purchase; and,

WHEREAS, Lloyd J. Frickey has agreed to sell said property to the Parish.

THE ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION I. That the Act of Sale by and between Lloyd J. Frickey and St. Charles Parish in the amount of \$72,667.00, is hereby approved.

SECTION II. That the Parish President is hereby authorized to execute said Act of Sale on behalf of St. Charles Parish subject to vendor delivering clear insurable title, free of any defects and incumbrances.

The foregoing ordinance having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

And the ordinance was declared adopted this _____ day of _____, 2008, to become effective five (5) days after publication in the Official Journal.

Act of Sale- J.B. Green Property

CHAIRMAN: _____

SECRETARY: _____

DLVD/PARISH PRESIDENT: _____

APPROVED: _____ DISAPPROVED: _____

PARISH PRESIDENT: _____

RETD/SECRETARY: _____

AT: _____ RECD BY: _____

