

**Minutes of the Regular Business Meeting of the Posen Park District
Board of Commissioners on Thursday September 15th, 2011 at 7:00pm
At the Park District Office on 143rd & Campbell**

Call to Order

President Whitcomb called the meeting to order at 7:06pm. Roll Call was taken as follows:

Present: T. Whitcomb, M. Murphy, A. Chmielak, R. Lopez, J. Haran

Absent: None

Additions or Revisions to the Agenda

Correspondence on a potential Carnival Contract and discussion about trees added under New Business.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Lopez moved to approve the minutes of the August 18th, 2011 Regular Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Haran. Roll Call indicated all Commissioners present voted Aye, except Commissioner Murphy who abstained, motion carried.

Commissioner Lopez moved to approve the minutes of the August 25th, 2011 2012 Carnival Committee Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Haran. Roll Call indicated all Commissioners present voted Aye, except Commissioner Murphy who abstained, motion carried.

President Whitcomb stated a few corrections for the record, namely under Buildings & Grounds to clarify that he was talking about keeping the seasonal workers as regular part time and bringing them back in the spring rather than hiring seasonal again. Also, under Recreation he clarified the timeframe to send questions to Commissioner Lopez to ask Money University & the timeframe under Personnel & Policy for questions on the manual. Under Planning & Development there was an additional bill to be added to the final draft of the Carnival Report before an approval vote. Commissioner Murphy moved to approve the minutes of the September 1st, 2011 Regular Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Haran. Roll Call indicated all Commissioners present voted Aye, except Commissioner Chmielak who abstained, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

After Commissioner questions on line items in the Ledger regarding rental refunds, the phone bill, and the printing bill for signs, Commissioner Chmielak moved to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented, seconded by Commissioner Murphy. Roll Call indicated all Commissioners present voted Aye, motion carried.

Commissioner Murphy moved to approve payment of the Unpaid Bills Statement, seconded by Commissioner Lopez. Roll Call indicated all Commissioners present voted Aye, motion carried.

Commissioner Murphy stated he would provide budget and payroll information for the Long Term Planning Meeting and proceeded to briefly highlight payroll numbers for this year.

Old Business

President Whitcomb asked if there were questions about the employee manual. Following a discussion about disciplinary procedures, the definition of supervisor, and a request from Commissioner Murphy to have it reviewed by the attorney prior to distribution, President Whitcomb moved to approve the Employee Manual pending review by the attorney, and an annual review of the manual by the board, seconded by Commissioner Murphy. All Commissioners present voted Aye, motion carried.

Commissioner Chmielak presented quotes for repainting the equipment at Zuziak Park. CF Painting quoted \$4,600. LPM quoted \$2,560. Commissioner Haran moved to accept the quote from LPM to paint the Zuziak Park equipment, seconded by Commissioner Murphy. Roll Call indicated all Commissioners present voted Aye, motion carried.

Posen Park Fest 2011 Final Report - Commissioner Haran did not have the final revision prepared, so this item

was held to the next meeting. Commissioner Chmielak asked for an interpretation of the numbers provided on the sheets from Windy City Amusements.

New Business

President Whitcomb made the 3rd Reading of Ordinance 2011-3 (An Ordinance Amending the Posen Park District Bylaws Regarding Graffiti Prohibition, Police Enforcement of Ordinances, & Restitution for Violations of Ordinances). Commissioner Haran moved to approve 2011-3, seconded by President Whitcomb. Roll Call indicated all Commissioners present voted Aye, motion carried.

(Addition) Carnival Contract - Commissioner Haran presented a potential carnival company and early contract drafts, both his and the company's, for perusal. He briefly outlined key aspects on percentage revenues .

(Addition) Trees - Karl Ericksen has presented an offer to treat our ash trees for borers at a discounted rate. He is looking for a near immediate answer. President Whitcomb commented that there is a need to pursue a second quote prior to accepting this offer. President Whitcomb moved to approve seeking quotes to treat the ash trees through next Thursday, and accepting the lowest obtained quote at that time, seconded by Commissioner Murphy. Roll call indicated all Commissioners voting Aye, motion carried.

Presentations/Citizens to be Heard: None

Announcements

President Whitcomb made the following announcements:

There will be a Community Cleanout Sale on Saturday September 17th from 10:00am until 3:00pm. Registration is still open.

There will be a Long Term Planning Committee Meeting on Thursday September 29th at 6:30pm. The meeting is open to the public.

Open to the Public

Jody Chmielak asked about the high cost of the Service Sanitation bill. Commissioner Murphy will look into the statements to see if we double paid. She also commented that people were turned away at the last Blood Drive, and events advertised for a certain time it should remain open the entire time. She asked if the Village has remitted the Memorial Day funds, to which President Whitcomb stated not as of yet. She also inquired about the change of the decision on Co-Chairs at the Carnival Committee Meeting, and inquired why the decision made at that meeting was not the one brought to the Board for approval. A debate ensued regarding State Statutes and term definitions. She also commented that her name was brought up in discussions in a derogatory manner when she was not present and that she found it offensive. Commissioner Haran asked her to direct her commentary. An additional debate ensued between Commissioner Haran and Resident Chmielak about her status as a member of the public. She also inquired about the status of her FOIA request.

Commissioner Murphy will contact her to set up a time for review.

There was general complimentary commentary regarding the circus. President Whitcomb mentioned a possible opportunity for a continued and expanded relationship.

Mary Ericksen commented about certain trees that she feels are a hazard. The Board will investigate.

President Whitcomb commented that he will be instructing the attorney to file an appearance on a tax rate objection suit for 2005 & 2006 against nearly every governmental body in Cook County. This is a routine matter.

Executive Session

None needed.

Adjournment

Commissioner Haran moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by President Whitcomb. All Commissioners present voted Aye, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:41pm.