

Minutes of The Regular Meeting
Of The Posen Park District
Held On May 6, 2010
At The Offices Of The Posen Park District
143rd & Campbell

Opening:

President Whitcomb called the regular meeting to order at 7:01PM. Upon roll call by Commissioner Whitcomb, Commissioners Whitcomb, Murphy and Chmielak were present.

Additions/Revisions to Agenda: None

Citizens To Be Heard: None

Approval of Minutes:

Commissioner Whitcomb presented the following minutes to the board for approval. All Commissioners reviewed the minutes as they were presented. Motions were made and seconded, and roll call votes were taken on each as follows.

Regular Meeting of April 6, 2010: Motion made by Commissioner Murphy, to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Commissioner Chmielak. Roll call taken with all present voting Aye, motion carried.

Special Meeting of April 21, 2010: Motion made by Commissioner Whitcomb, to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Commissioner Murphy. Roll call taken with all present voting Aye, motion carried.

Volunteer Meeting of April 15, 2010: Motion made by Commissioner Chmielak, to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Commissioner Whitcomb. Roll call taken with all present voting Aye, motion carried.

Executive Session of April 6, 2010: Motion made by Commissioner Chmielak, to approve the minutes as presented with the stipulation that they remained closed to the public at this time, seconded by Commissioner Murphy. Roll call taken with all present voting Aye, motion carried.

Executive Session of April 21, 2010: Motion made by Commissioner Chmielak, to approve the minutes as presented with the stipulation that they remained closed to the public at this time, seconded by Commissioner Murphy. Roll call taken with all present voting Aye, motion carried.

Approval of Ordinances/Agreements: None

Other Business: Officer Elections & Appointments.

Commissioner Whitcomb announced that this is the annual meeting and that elections and appointments for officers for the 2010/11 fiscal year will be made at this time.

President: Motion made by Commissioner Chmielak, to name Commissioner Whitcomb as President, seconded by Commissioner Murphy. Commissioner Whitcomb accepted. Roll call was taken with all present voting Aye, motion carried.

Vice President: Motion made by Commissioner Chmielak, to name Commissioner Murphy as Vice President, seconded by Commissioner Whitcomb. Commissioner Murphy accepted. Roll call taken with all voting Aye, motion carried.

Treasurer: Motion made by Commissioner Whitcomb, to name Commissioner Murphy as Treasurer, seconded by Commissioner Chmielak. Commissioner Murphy accepted. Roll call taken with all voting Aye, motion carried.

Secretary: Motion made by Commissioner Chmielak, to name Commissioner Whitcomb as Secretary Pro Tempore, seconded by Commissioner Murphy. Commissioner Whitcomb accepted. Roll call taken with all voting Aye, motion carried.

Superintendent: Motion by Commissioner Whitcomb to table this nomination, seconded by Commissioner Murphy. Roll call taken with all voting Aye, motion carried.

Attorney: Motion made by Commissioner Whitcomb, to name Medard Narko as Attorney, seconded by Commissioner Murphy. Roll call taken with all voting Aye, motion carried.

Finance Chairman: Motion made by Commissioner Whitcomb, to name Commissioner Murphy as Finance Chairman, seconded by Commissioner Chmielak. Commissioner Murphy accepted. Roll call taken with all voting Aye, motion carried.

Maintenance Chairman: Motion made by Commissioner Whitcomb, to name Commissioner Chmielak as Maintenance Chairman, seconded by Commissioner Murphy. Commissioner Chmielak accepted. Roll call taken with all voting Aye, motion carried.

Recreation Chairman: Motion made by Commissioner Chmielak, to name Commissioner Whitcomb as Recreation Chairman, seconded by Commissioner Murphy. Commissioner Whitcomb accepted. Roll call taken with all voting Aye, motion carried.

Policy Chairman: Motion made by Commissioner Chmielak, to name Commissioner Whitcomb as Policy Chairman, seconded by Commissioner Murphy. Commissioner Whitcomb accepted. Roll call taken with all voting Aye, motion carried.

Reports:

Finance: Commissioner Murphy

Commissioner Murphy presented the bills statement for approval. The beginning checkbook balance totaled \$36,776.49. The bills presented for the month of April totaled \$39,524.74. Transfers of \$24,220.18 were made to the General Account. Ending balance for 04/30/2010 is \$36,024.94 in the General Checking Account. The board discussed the bills further: Commissioner Chmielak motioned to approve the bills and finance report as presented, seconded by Commissioner Whitcomb. Roll call taken with all voting Aye, motion carried.

Commissioner Murphy reported on the end of year financials. Take in for the year was \$168,942.94, outgoing was \$163,118.51. This report is skewed due to the recent uncovering of fraud allegations.

The SuperFleet account was approved for \$250 in monthly limit for fuel. The Board will look into upping the limit.

Capital Improvements: Commissioner Murphy

Equipment Purchase for Therapeutic Park: Equipment is on order and delivery date is pending confirmation. We are attempting to coordinate construction to start at the same time as delivery. We will call JULIE for marking prior to digging.

Maintenance: Commissioner Chmielak

Cleanup is constantly underway at all parks by volunteer workers. An inventory of paint has been taken and brushes and rollers are needed. The John Deere lawnmower is operational. Commissioners Park sign was painted, and the entrance hole was filled with sand. All parks have been cut once by the commissioners, with some of Therapeutic Park was left uncut around the remaining poles and other areas. A fallen tree was removed by the commissioners at Zuziak Park and a resident's sidewalk area was addressed with additional sand. ComEd will be replacing a light on the pole near the garage that is out. The dumpster was moved next to the handicapped space to prevent people from coming and screwing around behind the dumpster in their cars. The volunteer day was a success and a lot of work was accomplished.

S.W.S.R.A: Commissioner Whitcomb

Commissioner Whitcomb reported on the April SWSRA meeting, which was held at the Justice Park District. Our payment has been made to SWSRA and we are current through the next tax bill disbursement. Commissioner Whitcomb is now the SWSRA secretary.

Commissioner At Large: None.

Superintendent's Report: None. Jim is off duty.

Attorney Report: None.

Old Business:

Bylaws Manual: The manual was presented and changes in language and spelling along with some technical changes were made. The revisions will be made and revised copies will be distributed via email to the commissioners.

Contracted Payments Ordinance: Commissioner Whitcomb gave the 2nd reading of the Contracted Payments Ordinance. The ordinance was outlined and the 3rd and Final Reading will take place at the May 20th meeting.

Park District Literature: Purchase was tabled. The items up for consideration are the Park District Code and the Law Handbook for the office.

Portajohn Order: One each has been ordered for Memorial and Commissioners Park. Commissioner Murphy will check into their servicing schedule, and we will coordinate with the garage unit.

SuperFleet: Covered Earlier.

Office Equipment: The computer is on hold. A new all in one machine is under consideration to consolidate ink purchases since all three machines run off of different ink cartridges.

Summer Help Hiring: The review was conducted and a candidate has been properly vetted. Motion made by Commissioner Chmielak to hire Mike Christakos pending background check and contingent on a medical release. Rate is \$8.25 per hour. Motion seconded by Commissioner Whitcomb. Roll call taken with all voting Aye, motion carried. The first week schedule was briefly discussed.

New Business:

Approval of Permit Applications: Three permits were discussed. Commissioner Whitcomb motioned to approve the permits for the presented applications, seconded by Commissioner Murphy. Roll call taken with all Commissioners voting Aye, motion carried. Permits will be issued to the residents.

Volunteer Thanks: Volunteers that have been working with us were recognized.

IPARKS: There is a swing modification program available. Commissioner Whitcomb motioned to approve purchase of swing parts and reimburse through IPARKS, seconded by Commissioner Murphy. Roll call taken with all voting Aye, motion carried.

Long Range Planning: Commissioner Chmielak commented on planning for replacing equipment at all parks, and constructing an office at Commissioners Park in the future. We need to explore the options available and create a long-term replacement plan.

Other Business:

Commissioner Chmielak demonstrated how to construct a box for the audience in the correct manner, as all of our old boxes were put together wrong by the previous board. Commissioner Chmielak commented that we have people dumping in our dumpster and it needs to stop. Commissioner Whitcomb read a statement from the Posen Park District regarding the recent events involving a former employee and the financial state of the District.

Correspondence:

Rey Lopez submitted a letter of interest to be a Commissioner. The Board will review the application and speak with Mr. Lopez then bring this up for review.

Open to Public:

The floor was opened.

Jody Chmielak advised checking with the Village on potential permits needed for installation. She presented grant opportunities, and presented Illinois State Police background check order information.

Mary Ericksen talked about how school districts give away their equipment, furniture and the like, and gave information to the board. She also inquired about the noise ordinance in the Village and the date of the next cleanup day. She also talked about the SWAP program and asked whether a steel building would be ideal for Commissioners Park. She asked whether we would get recycling bins back at the park, as they were here before prior to the village removing them. She also asked to be informed if ComEd does replace the light.

Mary Ericksen asked what the rental fees were for the parks. The rules were outlined for the parks and how each applicant receives the rules. She asked if Jim removed his car, which he did.

Juanita Goodwin asked what the original amount of the Sullivan earnest money was.

Mary Ericksen asked whether the amounts taken by Mr. Jacobs were numbered and how it worked. The Board responded that we couldn't go into detail about the circumstances of the money being taken. She asked if we have a bond on him, and that process is being explored.

Juanita Goodwin asked about the lawn service that was discussed, to which the Board responded we couldn't afford this at this time because the money we have must last until the next tax installments.

Jody Chmielak asked about the circumstances surrounding why the three Commissioners who left are no longer here. Commissioner Whitcomb explained that Commissioner Myers resigned in February citing that she was tired of the job responsibilities.

Commissioner Lemke and Nichols resigned in lieu of a court action to remove them by the States Attorney, as they did not file nominating petitions in the 2007 election where they ran. She then asked who was aware of the two Commissioners not filing petitions. The Board responded with the names of the people who were present at that meeting and the legal circumstances surrounding this matter.

Mary Ericksen asked about Jim being off duty and whether we have the right to have him see our own doctor. The Board stated it couldn't discuss a medical issue legally.

Executive Session (If Needed):

Commissioner Chmielak motioned to enter executive session to discuss litigation and review executive session minutes, seconded by Commissioner Murphy. Roll call taken with all voting Aye, motion carried. The board entered executive session at 8:37PM.

Commissioner Chmielak motioned to reenter regular session at 8:53PM, seconded by Commissioner Murphy. All voted Aye, motion carried.

Commissioner Chmielak motioned to release executive session minutes of April 18, 2007, September 10, 2009, October 6, 2009, and January 14, 2010 in their entirety, seconded by Commissioner Whitcomb. Roll call was taken with all voting Aye, motion carried.

Commissioner Murphy motioned seconded by Commissioner Chmielak to keep the executive session minutes of February 18, 2010, February 26, 2010, March 2, 2010, April 6, 2010, and April 21, 2010 sealed. Roll call was taken with all voting Aye, motion carried.

Commissioner Chmielak motioned to release the executive session minutes in redacted form for February 3 2010, and March 11, 2010, seconded by Commissioner Whitcomb. Roll call was taken with all voting Aye, motion carried.

Adjournment:

Commissioner Chmielak made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted Aye. The meeting adjourned at 8:56PM.