

**Minutes Of The Regular Meeting
Of The Posen Park District
Held On September 10, 2009
At The Offices Of The Posen Park District
143rd & Campbell**

Opening:

President Myers called the meeting to order at 7:29PM

Upon roll call by Secretary Ochoa, Commissioners Myers, Lemke, Murphy, and Whitcomb were present, and Commissioner Nichols was absent. Other staff and personnel present included Superintendent Jim Jozwiak, Board Secretary Joy Ochoa, Treasurer Don Jacobs, and Attorney Medard Narko

Additions/Revisions to Agenda:

None

Approval of Minutes:

Commissioners read the minutes of the August 4, 2009 meeting. Minor corrections were made regarding spelling. Commissioner Whitcomb stated that the record needed to be changed to reflect his voting nay on the approval of the minutes and finance report at the July meeting. President Myers motioned to approve the minutes as corrected. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted Aye, motion carried.

Approval of Ordinances/Agreements:

A motion was made by President Myers to approve Ordinance # 9-10-09, the 2009/10 Combined Budget and Appropriation Ordinance. Commissioner Lemke seconded the motion. Roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: Myers, Lemke, Whitcomb, Murphy

Nays: None

Motion carried

Commissioner Whitcomb presented an Intergovernmental Agreement with Blue Island Park District for Board consideration. The agreement makes all parks, programs, and facilities available to residents of Posen at the Blue Island resident rate. Posen Park District would agree to host programs on our won fields if Blue Island encounters an overflow situation at their facilities. It has already been approved by the Board of Commissioners in Blue Island and is now in our hands to approve, as fall program sessions start September 15th. The agreement is for 1 year with a mutual renewal option 30 days prior to expiration. Commissioner Murphy went with Commissioner Whitcomb to the Blue Island meeting to observe and spoke with the Little League President about other opportunities. President Myers inquired if program information had been obtained and Commissioner Whitcomb presented brochures and indicated he could get more. Commissioner Whitcomb made a motion to approve the agreement as presented. Commissioner Murphy seconded. Roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: Myers, Lemke, Whitcomb, Murphy

Nays: None

Motion carried. Commissioner Whitcomb will acquire the original for signatures and a copy for our records.

Reports:

Finance:

Commissioner Lemke presented bills for approval in the amount of \$7,340.18. Commissioner Whitcomb questioned the entry to Pernal, which Superintendent Jozwiak stated was for a new radiator in the truck. Commissioner Whitcomb inquired if the \$925.00 charge from Service Sanitation was for the carnival outhouses, which was confirmed by Treasurer Jacobs. Commissioner Whitcomb inquired when the part timers would be dismissed, which President Myers responded would be in the Superintendent's Report. President Myers motioned to approve the bills, seconded by Commissioner Murphy. All commissioners voted Aye, motion carried.

Capital Improvements:

Nothing to Report

Maintenance:

Nothing to Report

S.W.S.R.A:

Commissioner Whitcomb reported on the August meeting, which took place in Justice. The reports of financial difficulties are universal among the S.W.S.R.A. member districts, and that money from a maturing CD was used to offset payroll expenses. The afterschool agreement with Nathan Hale in Crestwood fell through as Crestwood's mayor declined monetary participation. The next meeting will take place in Midlothian.

Commissioner At Large:

Commissioner Whitcomb reported that he would be having a meeting with David Klotz regarding the website and that preliminary setup information has been delivered to begin construction. Commissioner pictures and biographies will need to be completed. The domain name and hosting will need to be purchased before David can upload the designs and help setup the email accounts.

Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Jozwiak stated that the last day for the summer help would be in mid-October. Also, a phone call will be made to Mike Peck about repairing the gate at Commissioner's Park. He also stated that he would go and make new office and garage keys for Commissioners Whitcomb and Murphy tomorrow.

Attorney Report:

Attorney Narko stated that there was a need to go into executive session to discuss litigation. Motion was made by President Myers to go into executive session. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. Board entered into executive session at 7:51PM.

At 8:16PM, Commissioner Whitcomb made a motion to return to the regular meeting. President Myers seconded. All Commissioners voted Aye.

Attorney Narko advised the Board to look into the amendments made to the Freedom of Information Act and to become familiar with them.

Old Business:

Commissioner Lemke asked if the carnival company had sent a check for the gate damages, to which President Myers responded they had not.

Commissioner Whitcomb asked if they had responded to the official cancellation of contract notices the Board had sent, to which President Myers again responded that they had not. However, she confirmed that since the Board had met their obligations with regards to proper notification, the matter is deemed closed even though the company is refusing to take delivery of the letters.

New Business:

Commissioner Murphy stated that he had spoken with the Illinois Association of Park Districts and that it is mandated for us to become a member, as we are part of I-Parks. They sent information but it has not been received. IAPD offers many positive programs for Park Districts and will work hand in hand with us to help organize and acquire funding for projects.

Commissioner Whitcomb brought up the need for an officer election and reappointments to staff positions as is yearly mandated by the Illinois State Statutes. It will need to be done at this meeting or the next. After discussion, it was agreed that elections would be placed on the agenda for the October meeting.

Treasurer Jacobs stated that discussion on the Tax Levy will need to take place at the October meeting and should be placed on the agenda.

Correspondence:

Secretary Joy Ochoa submitted her letter of resignation and it was read aloud by President Myers.

Open to Public:

The Board opened the floor to public commentary:

Resident Juanita Goodwin inquired about the payment to GE Capital, which was stated to be the payment for the lawnmower.

Resident Donald Schnering Jr. inquired about his correspondence to the Board about parking the library Book Mobile on Park District property on Tuesday or Thursday from 10am-3pm and every other Saturday. Commissioner Whitcomb motioned to approve this request, seconded by President Myers. All commissioners voted Aye, motion carried.

Resident Jody Chmielak inquired about the status of her Freedom of Information Act request since she has received none of the required responses since submitting it at the last meeting. She also asked who opens the mail on a daily basis and where does it go after reading. President Myers asked her to resubmit the FOIA request since she cannot find the document, and responded that herself, the Superintendent, or the Treasurer usually handle the mail and dispose of the junk mail.

Resident Donald Schnering Jr. asked if the Park District had pursued or will be pursuing agreements with any other Park Districts besides Blue Island Park District. Commissioner Whitcomb stated that he and other commissioners are continuing to make inquiries and it is hopeful that the agreement approved today is the first of many with neighboring Park Districts.

Commissioner Whitcomb stated that the resignation of Secretary Ochoa necessitated the interim appointment of a commissioner to the position. President Myers appointed Commissioner Whitcomb as Acting Secretary.

Adjournment:

Commissioner Whitcomb motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by President Myers. All commissioners voted Aye. The meeting adjourned at 8:35PM