

Minutes of the December 16, 2014 Meeting of the Posen Park District Board of Commissioners

Call to Order Pres. Chmielak called the meeting to order at 7:00pm at the Memorial Park Office 143rd Street & Campbell Avenue in Posen.

Roll Call Present: Ashley Gulli, Jody Chmielak, Al Chmielak **Absent:** Mark Murphy (arrived at 7:07pm)

Pledge of Allegiance The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Additions or Revisions to the Agenda None.

Approval of Minutes Comm. Chmielak moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 18, 2014, seconded by Comm. Gulli. All present voted Aye, motion carried.

Approve Financial Report & Bills Comm. Chmielak moved to approve the November financial report and payment of bills, seconded by Comm. Gulli. All present voted Aye, motion carried.

Director's Report Director Whitcomb gave his report (Attached) and answered questions on the items. (Comm. Murphy arrived at 7:07pm during the report.)

Progress Report/Presentation from Grant Writer Kevin Whitney discussed the process of obtaining grants through both the state and the private sector. He also discussed the funds available through the state to compensate taxing districts for the permanent loss of revenue from the lands taken for the interchange project and thus removed from the tax rolls. *{Upon discussion, Kevin Whitney also confirmed that the inability to hold the Posen Park Fest Carnival the last two years was also a qualifying loss of revenue that the District could seek remuneration for.}* He will be working on obtaining those funds for the district as well.

Unfinished Business

Long Term Planning Lists/A.D.A. Plan: No new discussion.

Approval of Schematic Design & Project Advancement: Comm. Chmielak moved, seconded by Comm. Gulli to approve the schematic design and advancement to the next phase of the office renovation project with Cody/Braun & Robinson Engineering. All voted Aye, motion carried.

New Business None.

Public Comments None.

Executive Session Pres. Chmielak moved to enter Executive Session at 7:43pm to discuss litigation, seconded by Comm. Chmielak. All voted Aye, motion carried.

President Chmielak advised the board that court was continued by the judge until April 1st, and that the judge stated that this would be the final continuation.

Adjournment Pres. Chmielak moved to adjourn at 7:45pm, seconded by Comm. Murphy. All voted Aye.

*Jody Chmielak
11/20/15*

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Com Ed Property – No new update from the Board of Review at this time.

ITHA/Therapeutic Park – Attorney Narko has obtained the title information on our parcel and has advised that the title company is having issues determining or locating the legal description to the Tollway parcel. I am in the process of seeing if the Tollway can assist with whatever records they have managed to locate. There has been no activity on this parcel since the early 1960s from what anyone can tell.

Sewers/Building Project – I have enclosed the modified schematic from Jeffrey Braun for review. It contains all the items discussed at the last meeting. I am looking for approval from the board to notify Cody/Braun and Robinson Engineering to proceed to project phase 2.

Meetings/Workshops

- I attended the SWSRA meeting on 11/19. The next meeting is tomorrow 12/17. SWSRA is currently doing a raffle as a fundraiser and I have tickets to sell if anyone is interested.
- I have registered myself for the IAPD/IPRA Conference downtown at the Hyatt Regency from January 24th-26th. I attend this conference every year and it has always been informative and has led directly or indirectly to the vendors for several of our capital projects.

Activities

- The Jump Rope class is on hiatus until January due to the holidays.
- The Holiday House Decorating judging will take place on December 18th & 19th. I have had signs made for the prize winners and will be picking up small gift cards later in the week to serve as prizes.
- Winter brochures for most area park districts are either already out or coming out this week. I will be collecting several in order to audit programming for our future use.

Park Site 5 – Attorney Narko has informed myself and the village on December 9th that our title commitment has been obtained and has forwarded us a copy of the same. The village will receive the deed to our parcel once recording is finished. We await receipt of the same items from the village on their parcel which should be forthcoming.

Grant Writer Update – Kevin Whitney contacted me on Thursday and stated that he would be at this meeting to meet the board and give an update in person. I have placed him on the agenda after my report.

Correspondence/Other –

- I received the yearly notice from the Cook County Assessor to confirm our property exemptions in January. This will be completed as always.
- I received correspondence from Attorney Narko via the County Clerk that the levy was filed.