

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Posen Park District Board of Commissioners on
Thursday October 6th, 2011 at 7:00 pm At the Park District Office on 143rd & Campbell**

Call to Order

President Whitcomb called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Roll Call was taken as follows:

Present: T. Whitcomb, M. Murphy, R. Lopez, J. Haran(arrived at 7:04pm) Absent: A. Chmielak

Additions or Revisions to the Agenda

President Whitcomb added a presentation by representatives from the Chicagoland Suburban Youth Athletic Association to commence before proceeding with the rest of the meeting.

Presentation

Dr. White, Mr. Myers, Mrs. Vazquez, and two other representatives from the Chicagoland Suburban Youth Athletic Association, a newly formed not for profit, discussed the possibility of partnering with the District and using its facilities to start soccer and baseball programs next season, as they want to use Posen as a home base and two of their Board members are from Posen. After discussion between the representatives and the board, President Whitcomb informed them that he would need to be provided with incorporation and other information before any talks could continue, and that there would have to be a follow up meeting. The Board made brief commentary on the presentation

Reports & Discussion

Finance & Capital Improvements – M. Murphy

Audit Completion Report – Commissioner Murphy reported that it appears that 2009 W-2s were never filed with the Social Security Administration. Bob Brown is also needing about a dozen other items. Commissioner Murphy stated he should get these items to Bob Brown this week if he can find them.

IDOT Contact – Commissioner Murphy reported that Greg Busey has not responded to his emails. President Whitcomb asked Commissioner Murphy to provide him with the email contact so that he may attempt.

Commissioner Murphy inquired about the bill for cutting the trees at Zuziak from Smitty's, and that he wanted to clarify procedure. Commissioner Haran commented that the procedure was improper but that we need to do what we can for the community. A brief discussion ensued on the method by which the job was done. Commissioner Haran stated yes this was illegal, but he will let this go because he does not want to harp on it without Commissioner Chmielak present.

Buildings & Grounds – A. Chmielak (Absent)

In the absence of Commissioner Chmielak, President Whitcomb read his report. A copy will be filed.

Recreation & Community Outreach – R. Lopez

Commissioner Lopez had a meeting with people from Markham along with Commissioner Haran regarding baseball leagues. They will be holding a camp in November. There will need to be questions collected from the board to ask the people from Markham. This would be a Markham/Posen interleague. There was discussion over potential numbers of children for this league and the details of what insurance writers will have to cover.

Commissioner Lopez commented that as a Board we need to decide what to do about the stand. President Whitcomb asked all Commissioners to send their ideas about operations to Commissioner Lopez so he can tabulate the options for a plan, since we have repeatedly approached this idea backwards and Commissioner Chmielak keeps asking people for input before he modifies anymore.

Commissioner Lopez and Commissioner Murphy met with the woman from Money University. Commissioner Murphy stated he feels she is reputable but we need a clear plan in place. The board discussed the answers provided to the questions each Commissioner submitted.

Personnel & Policy – T. Whitcomb

Discussions/Negotiations with Neighbor Districts – President Whitcomb reported that there has been no further contact with Midlothian Park District since his last communication with Director Gleason. He has been unable to talk with Blue Island's Director Mantei. Given the discussions with Markham taking shape, the next priority on this front will be a meeting with Director Miggins to draft an agreement for consideration.

Report on Community Cleanout – President Whitcomb submitted a written report on the Community Cleanout. There

were 20 spaces sold and traffic in excess of 600 people. A copy of the written report will be placed on file. Revenue from the event has been deposited.

2012 Tax Levy – President Whitcomb stated that the levy rate calculations from last year have been finalized, and that he would be providing the proposed numbers for next year's levy for board discussion and approval in the near future. The levy for the 2011 taxes collected in 2012 must be passed by the last Tuesday in December.

Planning & Development – J. Haran

Baseball Tournaments – Nothing to report.

Dance – Commissioner Haran announced that he is independently planning a community Halloween dance at the community center. The space and DJ have been donated and businesses will be solicited as vendors and for donations. There will be a canned good entry fee which will be donated to the St. Stanislaus food pantry. President Whitcomb stated his willingness to help, although this was not a Posen Park District event, and made suggestions about entry conditions and supervision needs.

2012 Carnival – J. Haran/T. Whitcomb

Commissioner Haran stated he has spoken with representatives from Big H and negotiated additional terms. He highlighted a few of the details and stated that he is awaiting return of the signed contract. President Whitcomb asked if any additional companies contacted Commissioner Haran, to which he responded none.

Attorney Report

Attorney Narko is nearing completion of reviewing the Employee Manual, but that it looks fairly standard. This should be in force shortly. There is no update on the tax suit, and work on the land transfer is ongoing.

Correspondence

President Whitcomb asked to register himself and Commissioner Chmielak for the upcoming Legal Symposium.

Commissioner Haran moved to approve the requested registration, seconded by Commissioner Haran. Roll Call indicated all Commissioners voting Aye, motion carried.

Other Action, Announcements & Open to the Public

President Whitcomb drafted a list and timeline of projects that were discussed at the Long Term Planning Committee Meeting. After brief discussion and removal of the Reserve Fund from the list by agreement, Commissioner Whitcomb moved to accept and implement the recommendations of the Long Term Planning Committee as presented, seconded by Commissioner Murphy. Roll Call indicated all Commissioners present voted Aye, motion carried.

Commissioner Haran provided the Board with a revised copy of the Posen Park Fest 2011 Final Report. With no further questions, Commissioner Haran moved to approve the Posen Park Fest 2011 Final Report as presented, seconded by Commissioner Lopez. Roll Call indicated Commissioners Murphy, Lopez, & Haran voted Aye, and President Whitcomb abstained, motion carried.

Open to the Public - Karen Gilbert inquired about operating expenditures and when the Treasurers' Report is delivered. She also inquired about the missing receipts. She was told the Treasurers Report is on the 2nd meeting of the month. Commissioner Murphy stated that Don Jacobs never sent W-2s to the Social Security Administration and that several receipts missing were from the 2009 Carnival. She inquired about why there was not a number available on operating expenditures now. She also questioned Commissioner Haran about several of his comments regarding items presented at the meetings. She commented that the whole board needs to be careful on how they conduct business and how they speak regarding matters as part of a public entity spending taxpayer money. Commissioner Haran asked for her name and a discussion ensued between himself, Commissioner Lopez, and Mrs. Gilbert regarding the carnival report and other commentary.

Executive Session None needed.

Adjournment

Commissioner Haran moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Murphy. All Commissioners present voted Aye, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:24pm.