

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Posen Park District**  
**Board of Commissioners on Thursday February 3, 2011 at 7:00PM**  
**At the Offices of the Park District on 143<sup>rd</sup> & Campbell**

**Opening:**

President Whitcomb called the regular meeting to order at 7:10pm. The change of meeting location to the residence of Commissioner Chmielak was noted for the record. Upon roll call, the following Commissioners were present: Whitcomb, Murphy, Chmielak, Lopez, & Haran. President Whitcomb led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Additions/Revisions to the Agenda:** None.

**Citizens to Be Heard:** None.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Approval of minutes postponed until the next business meeting due to the blizzard rendering the office inaccessible.

**Approval of Ordinances/Agreements:** None.

**Commissioner Reports:**

**Finance & Capital Improvements:** Commissioner Mark Murphy

**Approval of Treasurer's Report & Payment of Unpaid Bills Statement:** No report due to inaccessibility of the office.

**Bond Recovery Update:** President Whitcomb informed the board that Travelers has finished the processing of our information and decided that our claim will be approved. The authorized payment is \$286,148.75. President Whitcomb stated that he needs approval to execute the Release & Assignment Agreement, in which we agree that Travelers' obligation to this claim has ended and that they have the right to go after Don to recoup their losses. Commissioner Haran moved to authorize the execution of the agreement, seconded by Commissioner Murphy. Roll Call indicated Commissioners Whitcomb, Murphy, Chmielak, Lopez, and Haran voting Aye, with no votes Nay. Motion carried. Commissioner Chmielak pointed out the need to accept the settlement amount as well, and made an amendatory motion to include an acceptance of the settlement in the amount of \$286,148.75. Commissioner Haran seconded the motion. Roll Call indicated Commissioners Whitcomb, Murphy, Chmielak, Lopez, and Haran voting Aye, with no votes Nay. Motion carried.

**Audit:** A copy of the QuickBooks information for the 2009/2010 fiscal year needs to be forwarded to Knutte & Associates so they can quote us for an audit.

**Buildings & Grounds:** Commissioner Al Chmielak

**Tasks Completed (Upcoming):** The workers are completing the signs for the parks and have dismantled all of the picnic tables. Additional wood was purchased to complete the signs. The fire extinguishers were tested and five were returned to us in working order. They did not come in Wednesday due to the conditions and will begin the process of snow removal tomorrow.

**Recreation & Community Outreach:** Commissioner Rey Lopez

**Easter Egg Hunt:** Commissioner Lopez will order 4,000 candy filled eggs for the hunt. Time will be advertised for 9:15am on the Saturday before Easter, with the Community Center breakfast scheduled for 10:00am. Commissioner Lopez will correspond with Sue on the flyers to ensure that the events are correctly distinguished this year.

**Planning & Development:** Commissioner Jerry Haran

Commissioner Haran indicated that he is pursuing alternate revenue sources and has filled out the data form for T-Mobile to be considered for a cell tower.

**Personnel & Policy:** Commissioner TJ Whitcomb

There was nothing to report.

**Attorney Report:** None.

**Superintendent Report:** None.

**Old Business:**

**IAPD/IPRA Conference Wrap Up:** The board discussed the classes they attended at conference. There was a general consensus that the classes could have been offered more than once, and the exhibit hall could have been open more often when there were not classes to attend so everyone could see it. Commissioner Chmielak commented that the programming was not ideally geared towards smaller park districts. Commissioner Haran stated that he had gained a number of ideas on programs and events to bring into the district to up our revenue. The commissioners submitted copies of their receipts to Commissioner Murphy to tally the reimbursements.

**Carnival (Set Planning Meeting & Deadline Date for Approval):** The Board agreed to set a Carnival only committee meeting for the next Thursday February 10th to select. President Whitcomb distributed copies of the contract proposal from Windy City Amusements, which will be gone over line by line at the committee meeting.

**Archery Program:** Commissioner Murphy presented information on a company that would operate an archery camp in the park district. They would train our staff to run the camp, provide the equipment, and we would eventually own the equipment at no cost to us. The program would be affordable to residents and would require only 15 participants to go forward. The Board agreed to consider this as a viable option for the future, as we need a series of low and no cost programs to advertise a legitimate program book.

**New Business:** None.

**Correspondence:** We got a notification from Travelers on the amount paid out for Jim's worker compensation case last year. We have a request from Laborer's Local 25 to provide a copy of our responsible bidder ordinance.

**Open To Public:** Jody Chmielak commented that we need to contact University of Illinois Extension to take advantage of free programs and 4-H. They have several programs that could be valuable and no cost to us.

**Executive Session (if needed):** None.

**Adjournment:**

Commissioner Murphy moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Haran. All Commissioners voted Aye. Meeting adjourned at 8:42pm.