

**Minutes of the July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015 Meeting of the Posen Park District Board of Commissioners**

**Call to Order** Pres. Chmielak called the meeting to order at 7:00pm at the Park Office on 143<sup>rd</sup> & Campbell.

**Roll Call Present:** Natasha Nutall, Ashley Gulli, Jody Chmielak, Karen Klotz, Al Chmielak **Absent:** None

**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 June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015 as presented, seconded by Comm. Nutall. All voted Aye, motion carried.

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

**Director's Report** Director Whitcomb gave his report (Attached) and answered questions on the items.

- a) Tollway Authority
- b) Cook County E.A.V.
- c) Office Project –Robinson Engineering informed the Director that MWRD had asked follow up questions to which they responded. They anticipate a response and approval of the permit request within 30 days.
- d) Meetings/Activities
- e) Maintenance Items
- f) Benefits Plans – Upon discussion, the board agreed that an alternative to proceeding with IMRF is the most desirable course due to the choice to join IMRF being irreversible.
- g) Meeting Schedule Change Time/Dates – Upon discussion, the board agreed to moving meetings to the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday except for the September meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday due to the circus on September 1<sup>st</sup>.
- h) Nationals Softball Organization
- i) Correspondence/Other – The Department of Revenue granted a tax exemption on the Com Ed land.

**Unfinished Business**

**Grant Writer Report:** Kevin Whitney stated that our position is favorable with state legislators and the governor's office to receive capital development funds, but that we are in a waiting pattern on that front due to the budget standstill. He does not anticipate this lasting too much beyond the start of the school year. He also discussed pursuit of solar panels from the Department of Energy, and his upcoming meeting with the Tollway about reparations from the interchange project. He outlined a capital development pursuit with General Motors as an alternative for the building that looks favorable, but we would definitely need to be open to them putting the GM name (via a plaque and/or naming rights) on the building. The board responded favorably to that idea.

**Long Term Planning Lists/A.D.A. Plan:** Nothing at this time.

**Approval to Seek Bids for Office Renovation/Sewer Project:** Pres. Chmielak inquired if the cost of the MWRD permit had been figured in the project costs, to which the Director responded it had not.

**New Business**

**Approval of Changes to Regular Meetings:** Comm. Chmielak moved to change meetings to 6:30pm on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month, except where otherwise noted, seconded by Comm. Gulli. All voted Aye, motion carried.

**Public Comments** None.

**Executive Session** None needed.

**Adjournment** With no further business to discuss, Comm. Nutall moved to adjourn at 7:39pm, seconded by Comm. Gulli. All voted Aye, motion carried.

*Natasha Nutall* 8/4/2015

## Report of the Director of Parks & Recreation July 21, 2015 Board Meeting

**ITHA/Therapeutic Park** – I am awaiting further communication with Joanne Fehn on the expense estimate on our end for the title commitment issue.

**Cook County Equalized Assessed Value Discrepancy** – No new updates on this item.

**Memorial Park Office Renovation Project** – We are still awaiting word on the permit from M.W.R.D. as well as word on possible state funding before we proceed with the bidding process. I hope to have an update Monday or Tuesday before the meeting as we have reached the time estimate that Robinson gave for MWRD approval.

### **Meetings & Activities Schedule**

- **SWSRA** – I attended the meeting on July 15<sup>th</sup>. I have invited SWSRA to our Movie in the Park event to meet some of our residents and run an activity. I hope to have a SWSRA booth at a few of our events each year going forward. I also have an introduction to SWSRA folder for each board member.
- **Resale in the Park** – I rescheduled this for Saturday August 15<sup>th</sup> due to low registration and wanting to avoid cancelling outright if possible. The sale will run from 9:30-1 on this date.
- **Movie in the Park** – Frozen is scheduled for July 24<sup>th</sup>. The rainout date is the following Monday July 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Maintenance Updates** – Working on securing several replacement playground items through Reese Recreation.

**Garage** – I have priced a replacement to the Halsey Taylor water fountain mounted on the garage and I am recommending proceeding with the replacement. Our Kubota lawnmower is having starting issues and I am in contact with Martin Implement about this after having gone through with a needed battery replacement and filter change and having the issue persist.

**Memorial** – There have been no new developments or issues in this park.

**Commissioners** – There have been no new developments or issues in this park. I have ordered the soccer goal that will be assembled and placed in this park.

**Therapeutic** – There have been no new developments or issues in this park.

**Zuziak** – There have been no developments or issues of note in this park.

**Park Site 5** – There have been no new developments or issues in this park.

**Benefits Plans** – I am currently researching alternative options to IMRF to provide the board with a full picture of what is available. Pres. Chmielak has spoken with the IMRF field representative Paul Parise since the last meeting as well. More information will be forthcoming as I reach out to other contacts and gather information.

**Meeting Schedule Change** – I have enclosed a draft of a proposed change to the meeting schedule. While the board has decided to change the time to 6:30pm and formalize it with a vote at the meeting, I am also asking for the meeting dates to be changed from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month to the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month as we currently conflict with the Bremen High School District 228 board meetings. I would like to attend these meetings on a regular basis and am unable to do so under the current meeting structure. There are a number of networking opportunities available through attending board meetings.

**Nationals Softball Organization** – I invited a representative from the Nationals Softball Organization tonight to meet the board and discuss their organization using our fields. They are a travel organization with teams in multiple age divisions that are looking for a home field.

### **Correspondence/Other**

- A resident who has been a long time participant in our resale events has approached me about planting a memorial tree in one of our parks for her son who died earlier this year. I am inclined to grant her request but wanted to bring it to your attention first. She spoke about an organization donating the tree, but I am unclear on the details. She merely needs a location to place it which I would work out.