

Minutes of the March 12, 2020 Meeting of the Posen Park District Board of Commissioners

Call to Order

Board President Jody Chmielak called the meeting to order at 10:00am at the Posen Park District Office at Memorial Park on 143rd Street & Campbell Avenue in Posen, Illinois.

Roll Call

Jody Chmielak	Commissioner/Board President	PRESENT
Al Chmielak	Commissioner/Board Vice President	PRESENT
Karen Klotz	Commissioner/Board Secretary	PRESENT
Terrence (TJ) Whitcomb	Director of Parks & Recreation	PRESENT

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Additions or Revisions to the Agenda

None

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Al Chmielak moved to approve the February 4 2020 Meeting Minutes, seconded by Commissioner Karen Klotz. Motion carried 3 votes Aye to 0 votes Nay.

Approval of the Financial Report & Payment of Bills

Commissioner Al Chmielak moved to approve the February financial report and payment of bills, seconded by Commissioner Karen Klotz. Motion carried 3 votes Aye to 0 votes Nay.

Director's Report

Director T.J. Whitcomb gave his report (Attached) and answered questions on the items.

- a) Cook County E.A.V.
- b) Maintenance Items
- c) Potential Capital Projects & Purchasing Lists
- d) Meetings/Activities – Upon discussion, the Egg Hunt was cancelled due to COVID-19 concerns.
- e) Correspondence/Other

Unfinished Business

Long Term Planning Lists/A.D.A. Plan: There were no new matters to discuss. This item remains ongoing.

Board Vacancy: We do not have a candidate to consider for at this meeting. This item remains ongoing.

New Business

Potential Approval of New Attorney – Upon discussion, the decision was postponed pending final review and recommendation by Director Whitcomb. The attorneys being considered are Joseph Cainkar and Ancel-Glink.

Director Contract Discussion – Upon review and discussion, agreement was reached regarding editing of language in the contract. The remaining item for consideration is insurance. Further information on Health

Reimbursement Arrangements will be gathered so a determination can be made on the method of providing insurance as well as the rate of premium coverage by the District.

Public Comments

None

Executive Session

None needed

Adjournment

Commissioner Karen Klotz moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:06am, seconded by Commissioner Al Chmielak. Motion carried 3 votes Aye to 0 votes Nay.

Report of the Director of Parks & Recreation March 12th, 2020 Board Meeting

Cook County E.A.V.

- No new developments to report. I have been looking at potential attorneys to replace Narko. I will discuss at the meeting. I have information in hand from Ancel-Glink and I expect information from Joesph Cainkar early next week. Ancel-Glink represents several park districts and Joesph Cainkar was referred to me by Alsip and Worth.

Maintenance Items

- No significant developments to report.

Potential Capital Projects & Purchasing Lists

- **Zuziak Park Playground** – No new update from KaBOOM! I have sales fliers and catalogs available from conference for us to consider a possible summer or fall purchase and installation.
- **Asphalt at Memorial Park** – The remaining work will be completed in the spring. Wally's Paving has been paid for the work completed.

Meetings /Activities

- **SWSRA** – SWSRA's next meeting is on March 18th. We are in the process of reviewing the agency's financials and the new operating year budget.
- **Posen Soccer** – I have been attending a series of meetings with Yesenia at the Community Center and a gentleman by the name of Daniel Vieyra about trying to get a soccer program started. He has a background and certification in coaching and currently coaches a travel team. Ultimately, I would like Posen to have its own, independently operating soccer club much like Crestwood does. It will take a period of time to build up to that, and as such any team or program would need to operate under the park district umbrella as it is established and built up prior to becoming its own organization. Camps are currently being held indoors at the community center to gauge interest, and I have also discussed hosting outdoor camps as well as Dani's travel team in the park. Starting up this program will require purchase of equipment, the first purchase being regulation goals for each age group as we acquire the numbers. I have priced and intend to order the first set of goals after discussing and fielding any questions at our board meeting. I know we would all like to see some organized sports become established and succeed in Posen, and I feel more optimistic about making this attempt than I have at any of the others in the past.

Correspondence/Other

- It is my intention to bring the budget draft for the 2020-21 Fiscal Year to the April meeting with an eye on the hearing and approval at the May meeting. I am currently working on the draft.
- I have enclosed an edited version of my contract indicating my proposed changes. Strike throughs eliminate existing language and highlights indicate new language.