

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Village Board Legislative Committee**  
Village of Park Forest  
Board Conference Room  
Monday, February 1, 2016

**1. Call meeting to order and Roll Call**

In the absence of Mayor John Osteburg, Manager Mick called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM

Also present included:

Trustee Robert McCray  
Trustee Theresa Settles  
Trustee JeRome Brown (6:10 PM)  
Village Manager Tom Mick

**2. Discussion Items**

In preparation for an upcoming SSMMA Legislative Breakfast on February 19<sup>th</sup> and the pending legislative lobby day on May 4<sup>th</sup>, the following items were noted/discussed:

- The Village supports the legislative agendas for the South Suburban Mayors & Managers Association, the Illinois Municipal League, the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus and the National League of Cities. These agendas were reviewed by the Committee.
- Village Officials need to stress the protection of municipal revenues which come from the State via the Local Government Distributive Fund.
- The Village supports the Marketplace Fairness initiative for on-line sales, which would level the playing field for storefront businesses and, perhaps, could generate a sizable sales tax revenue stream for Park Forest.
- Federal and State capital improvement dollars are needed public works projects such as roadways, water lines and sewer mains.
- The definition of the term “catastrophic injury” for the State of Illinois and the Public Safety Employee’s Benefit Act needs to be reviewed. Having it redefined similar to the definition as laid out by the federal insurance regulations is preferred.

**3. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 6:42 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Mick, Village Manager