

VILLAGE OF PARK FOREST

**Village Board Regular Meeting
Monday, April 18, 2016
Village Hall 7:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor John Ostenburg, Trustee Mae Brandon, Trustee JeRome Brown, Trustee Tiffani Graham, Trustee Robert McCray, and Trustee Georgia O'Neill

ABSENT: Trustee Settles

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Manager Tom Mick, Police Chief Pete Green, Fire Chief Bruce Ziegler, Village Manager/Finance Director Mary Dankowski, Director of Recreation and Parks Rob Gunther, Director of Public Relations Jason Miller, Director of Economic Development and Planning Hildy Kingma, Director of Public Health Jenise Ervin, Director of Public Works Roderick Ysaguirre, IT Manager Craig Kaufman, and Code Enforcement Officer Jerry Martin

RECORDER: Village Clerk Sheila McGann

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Roll Call

Meeting was called to order at 7:16 p.m. by Mayor Ostenburg. Roll was called by Clerk McGann.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Ostenburg led the Board and the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Reports of Village Officers

Mayor

Mayor Ostenburg read a proclamation celebrating Earth Day 2016 and encouraged all residents to support the many local earth friendly projects and facilities. Last week, Mayor Ostenburg said he attended a number of meetings with South Suburban Mayors and Managers, CMAP, and the Cook County Land Bank Committee. He reported on his trip to Washington, D. C. with Manager Mick noting that this has been fruitful in the past with grant funds coming to Park Forest. They also learned more about the potential of a grant opportunity for VISTA workers to come and volunteer in Park Forest later this year. They also participated in the COPS program with the Department of Justice to look for replacement cameras in our police cars. They also visited the White House and met with Congresswomen Kelly and Senator Durbin. He was very optimistic about the trip being very effective.

Village Attorney

None

Village Manager

Manager Mick reported on the trip with Mayor Ostenburg to Washington, D. C. where they Met with Senator Dick Durbin and discussed the HUD issue regarding housing voucher program disbursements. He also offered congratulations to Special Education teacher at Rich East, Debra Thomas, on the recognition of the Golden Apple Award. There was a meeting last week with PADS director regarding the lack of funds received from the State of Illinois. Citizens may add \$1 to their monthly water bill as a donation to PADS. The Annual Senior Fair which is co-sponsored by a number of organizations will be held on May 6. The Farmers' Market will begin May 7. The Veterans Commission is looking for Viet Nam veterans for a recognition ceremony to be held at Governors State University in November. Manager Mick asked if any veteran is interested to contact him at Village Hall.

Village Clerk

No report

Reports of Commission Liaisons and Committee Chairpersons

Trustee Brandon congratulated Rich East teacher, Mrs. Thomas, who is a 2016 Golden Apple Award recipient. Trustee Brandon attended the Diversity Dinners last Thursday and noted the diversity in race, gender, and age. It was a nice event and glad to see it continuing. Congratulations to the Youth Commission for putting together a very successful Teen Job Fair. The Plan Commission will meet April 12 and will continue reviewing their 2016 objectives. The Youth Commission did not have a quorum but will meet at the end of April to review the scholarship applications.

Trustee McCray attended Park Forest Library's "Our Village Circle" with Mayor Ostenburg filling in for State Representative Deluca. He also enjoyed attending the Park Forest Hall of Fame Induction ceremony on Sunday.

Trustee O'Neill reported that EDAG had a lively meeting on April 13 discussing their goals and accomplishments. The Housing Authority meeting will be held on April 21.

Trustee Brown spoke at the Job Readiness Fair and gave tips on interviewing to the teens. He also attended the Diversity Dinner held at Rich East. He spoke about the Nate Jones Foundation that will hold a gun turn-in event this summer.

Citizens Comments, Observations, Petitions

None

Motion: Approval of Consent

Mayor Ostenburg called for a motion to approve the consent agenda. Trustee Brandon moved, Trustee McCray seconded that the consent agenda be approved. The consent agenda included the following items:

CONSENT:

- 1. Approve the Minutes of the Saturday Rules Meeting of April 2, 2016.**

2. Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the Village of Park Forest to submit an Application for Community Development Block Grant funds to the County of Cook, Illinois

3. Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Representation Agreement between the Village of Park Forest and Frontline Real Estate Partners, LLC, Regarding the Properties Commonly Known as Downtown Park Forest Buildings 1, 6B and 7, Park Forest, Illinois

4. Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Representation Agreement between the Village of Park Forest and Frontline Real Estate Partners, LLC, Regarding Vacant Land Properties in Downtown Park Forest, Park Forest, Illinois

The consent agenda was approved with a roll call vote.

Ayes: 6

Nay: 0

Absent: 1

With six (6) ayes, no (0) nays and one (1) absent the consent agenda was approved.

DEBATABLE:

None

Adjournment

This concluded the Regular Board meeting.

There being no further business. Mayor Ostenburg called for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Brandon and passed unanimously.

Mayor Ostenburg adjourned the regular meeting at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila McGann

Village Clerk