

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD
IN THE NORTH PARK CENTRE ROOM AT 10040 ADDISON AVENUE
IN THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, ILLINOIS
AUGUST 20, 2009**

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. CALL TO ORDER: President Pedersen called to order the Board of Trustees of the Village of Franklin Park in special session at 7:05 p.m.

III. ROLL CALL: Deputy Village Clerk Cynthia Perez called the roll: (Present) Trustees Tom Brimie, John Johnson, and Rose Rodriguez (Absent) Trustees Juan Acevedo, Paul Bellendir and Cheryl McLean. The Deputy Village Clerk declared a quorum was present
Staff Members Present: Nick Gaudi (Citizens Activities & Community Relations Coordinator), Deputy Chief Mike Witz (Police Department)

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. TAXING DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES REPORT ON

ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND FUTURE GOALS FOR FRANKLIN PARK

President Pedersen welcomed everyone and stated this meeting was called in order to talk about common issues every representative is facing and also to see what every representative's goals and inspirations are. President Pedersen stated the Village of Franklin Park's goals are to be polite and courteous with the public, code enforcement, do repairs on Village buildings and be up to date with the codes.

Park District of Franklin Park

Susan O'Connell stated she appreciated the opportunity of having this meeting in order to discuss duplications of programs and future goals. Joe Modrich gave a report on the history of Park District of Franklin Park. Also, he spoke about current projects and their renovated website.

Franklin Park School District 84

David R. Nemecek stated that school registrations are currently taking place. He reported on the accomplishments that the school district has done with the school curriculum, which exceeds state performance tests. District 84 has partnered with Leyden high schools, Triton College, Park District of Franklin Park, and Dominican University. Mr. Nemecek spoke about the No Child Left Behind Act for all the public schools in Illinois. The school district report card is listed on their website.

Franklin Park School District 83

Richard Grochowski expressed thanks for the opportunity for having this meeting, which is very beneficial. He remarked on summer renovation projects on the buildings. Their major goal is to build an Early Childhood Center in Franklin Park and to have more parental awareness for their school district.

Franklin Park Library

Jeanne Liedtka commented on their recent accomplishments for their staff, website, programs, and services. Their future goals include evaluation of energy usage, adding more public internet access stations, and expansion. A dedication to Rodger Hammill will be on August 30 at 2:00 p.m.

Veterans Park District

Donna Peluso thanked the Village of Franklin Park for inviting Veterans Park District to the meeting. They have done renovations on Gouin Pool, the facility located in Franklin Park which has some flooding issues, and working with Public Works. Veterans Park District serves five communities and has done partnerships which are very successful.

School District 81

Carol Fritz commented on their biggest accomplishment: passing two referendums: one is for education and the other is for building a new middle school. They are having more parent participation in their children's education.

Village of Franklin Park

President Pedersen stated the Village is in the process of developing a new website, which will allow for the purchase vehicle stickers and water bill payment online. Also, to avoid printing costs he would like to have the newsletter available on the Internet and emailed to residents. In order to cut costs on postage, the monthly newsletter will be sent out with the water bills.

President Pedersen stated he would like a beautification program in Franklin Park to include a major clean up of streets and weeds on properties.

President Pedersen apologized for the fact that due to a conflict schedule, Leyden High School could not participate in this meeting but are interested in attending future meetings. He mentioned due to road deterioration, Rose Street will be resurfaced this year. Additionally, auxiliary police will be on the streets especially in the nights and will be issuing more parking tickets for violations.

President Pedersen stated there will be new development on Grand Avenue and Mannheim Road that will include a Chase Bank, CVS Pharmacy, and Sonic Restaurant.

He mentioned the current Village recycling program and efforts to obtain larger recycling bins were not successful due to the low volume of recycled material.

President Pedersen stated the Village participates in Community Rating Service where there are special flood hazards areas. Franklin Park has a low rating because there are several violations. The goal is to obtain a better rating in order to lower flood insurance.

President Pedersen explained each trustees' background and what committee they serve. He welcomed newly appointed deputy clerk Cynthia Perez to the board. President Pedersen thanked each entity for hosting polling places at their locations.

2. COMBINING EFFORTS FOR A COMMUNITY CALENDAR

President Pedersen announced this is one of the goals. However, he acknowledged that printing a hard copy calendar will not be possible, but one can be produced on the website. Mr. Modrich stated the Park District does several events with the Village and they are in favor of a master calendar with more events. Mr. Nemecek stated he favors the electronic version of the calendar and suggested the possibility of having permission to the Village calendar in order to add events weekly/monthly. Mr. Grochowski suggested putting website links from the different entities on the Village website. Ms. Krieter commented that the event could be listed and when someone clicks on the event, it will link to the entity's website for more information. Ms. Peluso stated Veterans Park District is willing to participate in order to be more involved the community. Ms. Fritz suggested including Schiller Park since they are part of the chamber of commerce. President Pedersen stated these types of meetings can be beneficial in the future and another entity can host the meeting.

3. GENERAL DISCUSSION ON THE FUTURE OF FRANKLIN PARK

Trustee Brimie stated the Village will be getting involved in the 2010 Census and he would like each entity to help out in publicizing it and getting residents registered because it will be beneficial for everyone. He suggested getting the park districts involved in order to have more computers for people for job hunting and checking their credit reports. Mr. Brimie stated he would like to recommend a big Thanksgiving dinner. He suggested having the park districts open that day and have a central cooking area and have volunteers help out especially from the local churches and high schools.

Mr. Tom Zito commented on the current economic situation and how it is affecting people with their jobs.

Ms. Peluso suggested inviting Triton College for the next meeting. Triton College has partnered with other villages for community resource centers and grant programs.

Ms. Sherry Peterson commented on the air quality in Franklin Park and the concerns for the children's health with high toxic factories are near schools.

Mr. Modrich suggested each entity to do a list of important things for the next meeting. President Pedersen would like to establish an intergovernmental agreement in order to facilitate with the Open Meetings Act. He mentioned Denise Jordan is his executive assistant, he thanked Nick Gaudi for putting this event together, and thanked Deputy Chief Mike Witz for attending.

Ms. Krieter thanked the Mayor for having this meeting because it grew awareness and stimulated ideas.

Ms. Peluso would like to discuss duplication of services and community events. She suggested to partner up in order to share the costs.

Ms. Sacli suggested a joint newsletter in order to share the costs and President Pedersen suggested a joint email newsletter.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- 1. Cathy Zito, 3228 Sunset Lane- commented there are certain schools not included in Franklin Park events and would like that changed. President Pedersen mentioned that Railroad Daze would be in early June in order not to have a schedule conflict with the Park District's Ice show. President Pedersen announced February 2nd is the primary election.**
- 2. Kurt Kugelberg, 2506 Maple- congratulated the Mayor for setting up this meeting, but he would have liked more public notice.**

Discussion on when to have these meetings took place.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Brimie to adjourn at 8:40 p.m.
Voice vote carried**

ATTEST

Cynthia Perez, Deputy Village Clerk

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