

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING AUGUST 11, 2008**

Mayor Calderone led all assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Hoskins, Curry, Hosty, Tellalian and Mayor Calderone answered the Roll Call.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

It was moved by Commissioner Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Tellalian that the minutes from the Regular Council meeting on July 28, 2008 be approved without reading as each member has received a copy thereof and found same to be correct. .

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Hoskins, Curry, Hosty, Tellalian
and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Chris Wessels of 1800 Desplaines spoke in opposition of imposing a public improvement fee as a condition of the variation petition applied for by Weinstein Meats and asked the Village Council to reconsider that action.

Mr. Scott Weinstein of 7501 Industrial Drive stated that 2 years ago he expressed his plans for his property and the Village supported his plans. He further stated that he was not informed that he would have to fund public improvements as a condition of these improvements and asked for an explanation as to why the Village is requesting all this money now even after he has provided jobs for 100 employees. Mayor Calderone explained that other developments have triggered public improvement funding in the Village and that his project is not unique to this practice.

Mr. Tom Pacyga of 620 Thomas suggested that the Village capitalize on our location in proximity to the Prairie Path and include that in our public relations materials as the gateway to a new biking adventure. Mr. Pacyga further stated that, according to an article in the Wednesday Journal, Forest Park home values have surpassed those in Oak Park, River Forest and Berwyn.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Mr. John Judge of the Knights of Columbus Father Setter Council 1278 requested permission to hold their fundraising drive on September 19 and 20, 2008 in the village. There being no objections from the Council, the Clerk was instructed to notify Mr. Judge of the approval.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

The Finance Department submitted their July report.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

It was moved by Commissioner Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Hoskins that the Resolution for the payment of bills be adopted. The Commissioner of Accounts and Finance has reviewed the bills as applicable to each department and found the aggregate amounts to be correct and recommends payment when funds are available. The bills totaled \$261,957.63.

**R-52-08
RESOLUTION FOR THE
PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$261,957.63
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Hoskins, Curry, Hosty, Tellalian and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Tellalian and seconded by Commissioner Hosty that the Resolution honoring the Forest Park 2008 Junior Little League Team be adopted.

**R-53-08
RESOLUTION HONORING
THE 2008 JUNIOR LITTLE
LEAGUE
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Hoskins, Curry, Hosty, Tellalian and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

The Mayor and Commissioners expressed their pride and congratulations to the ballplayers, parents and coaches on their outstanding achievement of placing third in the State of Illinois.

It was moved by Commissioner Hoskins and seconded by Commissioner Curry to appoint Ms. Mary Claire Matthews to the Forest Park Library Board.

**MS. MARY CLAIRE
MATTHEWS APPOINTED
TO THE FOREST PARK
LIBRARY BOARD**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Hoskins, Curry, Hosty, Tellalian and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Curry and seconded by Commissioner Hoskins to direct the Village Attorney to prepare an ordinance regarding ZBA 2008-12/PC 2008-05

**MOTION DIRECTING
VILLAGE ATTORNEY TO
PREPARE ORDINANCE**

authorizing approval of variations from Section 9-7-5E2 in order to reduce the amount of shade trees required; from Section 9-7-5E3b(1) in order to eliminate the perimeter parking lot landscape area along the west property line; from Section 9-7-5Ec in order to reduce the landscape screening requirement below the 50 percent required as shown on the Landscape Plan; and to grant approval of the Site Plan and Preliminary and Final Plats of Resubdivision in order to allow the construction of a building addition, truck parking lot and an expanded automobile parking lot for the property located at 7501 Industrial Drive in a I-2 Industrial District. It was discussed that the condition to provide \$427,000 for public improvements may be addressed separately from this zoning action.

MOTION RE: ZBA 2008-12/PC2008-05 : 7501 INDUSTRIAL DRIVE APPROVED AS AMENDED

It was moved by Commissioner Curry and seconded by Commissioner Hosty to direct the Village Attorney to prepare an ordinance regarding ZBA 2008-12/PC 2008-05 authorizing approval of variations from Section 9-7-5E2 in order to reduce the amount of shade trees required; from Section 9-7-5E3b(1) in order to eliminate the perimeter parking lot landscape area along the west property line; from Section 9-7-5Ec in order to reduce the landscape screening requirement below the 50 percent required as shown on the Landscape Plan; and to grant approval of the Site Plan and Preliminary and Final Plats of Resubdivision in order to allow the construction of a building addition, truck parking lot and an expanded automobile parking lot for the property located at 7501 Industrial Drive in a I-2 Industrial District as recommended by Staff with the exception of removing the requirement for a \$427,300.00 financial contribution for public improvements.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Hoskins, Curry, Hosty, Tellalian and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT - No Report

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:

Mayor Calderone requested input from the Commissioners as to their opinion on whether the Village of Forest Park should partner with S.T.A.R.T. and support the purchase of the EJ&E Railway by Consolidated National Railway. It was discussed that this merger would decrease the amount of railroad traffic moving through Forest Park. There were no objections and Mayor Calderone announced that Forest Park will be co-hosting a Transportation Rally in North Riverside on Thursday, August 21, 2008.

Mayor Calderone stated that he agrees with Mr. Pacyga with regard to the real estate trends in Forest Park and commented that the increase was in property values from 2007 to 2008.

Mayor Calderone reported that the Youth Commission is hosting an "End of Summer" pool party on August 15 from 8:15 to 10:15 p.m. This party is being sponsored by the Village of Forest Park and the Forest Park Review. There will be a movie in the Park on August 14th at the South Park at 16th and Circle. The movies being shown are Shrek in 3D and Sister Act. The last Groovin' in the Grove for this summer is being held on August 19th and the band is called One Foot in the Groove. Finally, our Third Annual Rib Fest is being held on Saturday September 13th in the Forest Park Grove.

Commissioner Curry stated that he supports the railroad merger to reduce rail traffic and pollution in Forest Park. Commissioner Curry further expressed this appreciation to Ms. Matthews for volunteering to serve on the Library Board. Last, Commissioner Curry reminded all in attendance that the moratorium on garage permit fees is still in effect.

Commissioner Hoskins congratulated the Little League team and added that the Soccer program in Forest Park is growing. They held a very successful registration and are hosting Soccer Night at Toyota Park where they will be playing a scrimmage game on September 21, 2008.

Commissioner Tellalian expressed his appreciation to Jennifer Wolfe and the Friends of the Dog Park for their efforts in cleaning and maintaining the Dog Park this past weekend.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Commissioner Hoskins and seconded by Commissioner Curry to adjourn into closed session concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of municipal employees and to consider the sale or lease of property owned by the public body and to consider the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Hoskins, Curry, Hosty, Tellalian
and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to be addressed, Commissioner Hosty motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Hoskins seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mayor Calderone declared the meeting adjourned at 8:02 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Moritz
Village Clerk