

**TOWN HALL MEETING MINUTES
VILLAGE OF MORTON GROVE
AUSTIN PARK FIELD HOUSE
8336 MARMORA, MORTON GROVE, ILLINOIS
OCTOBER 29, 2007**

Pursuant to proper notice as required by the Illinois Open Meetings Act, Village President Richard Krier called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. Corporation Counsel Teresa Hoffman Liston called the roll. In attendance were:

- Elected Officials: President Richard Krier, Trustees Georgianne Brunner, Rita Minx, Daniel Staackmann, John Thill and Clerk Carol A. Fritzshall (arrived at 7:10 pm)
- Absent: Trustee Roy Kogstad, Trustee Shel Marcus
- Village Staff: Village Administrator Joseph F. Wade, and Corporation Counsel Teresa Hoffman Liston
- Guests: Members of the Community Relations Commission and three Village residents

Village President Krier stated there was no specific topic for this Town Hall meeting. He asked for comments about the preference of continuing Town Hall meetings due to the lack of attendance. Trustee Staackmann suggested the Village conduct only one Town Hall meeting a year which would be devoted to giving residents information on ordinances that had recently been passed. Trustee Thill stated the same information could be provided in the Village's newsletter. Trustee Brunner noted she would like the Village to pursue a special meeting where the chairpersons of the Village's Commissions and Boards could give a report on their activities.

Resident Bill Jacobson stated he liked Town Hall meetings because they were less structured than Village Board meetings. He thanked the Village, especially Village Administrator Joseph F. Wade for addressing a situation in the 8700 block of Austin Avenue. He also congratulated the Board on the success of the Family Fun Fest and advised the Board to ignore the negative comments in the newspaper by a few malcontents. Mr. Jacobson also stated he was disappointed with Trustee Kogstad.

Trustee Thill asked for clarification on resident concerns about early morning noise on the Chick Evans Golf Course and a possible water leak near the bike path. President Krier stated the noise complaints have been ongoing and usually increase during the fall. He further noted Billy Kasper is responsible for the water leak on the golf course property.

Terry Cousar asked for clarification as to Village regulations of charity solicitors at busy intersections. Corporation Counsel gave a summary of the Supreme Court Watch Tower case and noted noncommercial solicitation is protected by the first amendment and the Village's regulations would need to focus on safety concerns. A discussion then took place.

Mayor Krier reported Cook County was recently designated as a disaster area and Village staff was working on getting federal funds to reimburse its costs for the August 2007 storms. Mr. Caplan noted his neighborhood lost almost all of their parkway trees. A discussion then ensued about whether the trees could be replaced pursuant to the Village's 50/50 program.

There being no further business, Trustee Staackmann moved to adjourn the Town Hall meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Thill and approved unanimously pursuant to a voice vote at 7:38 pm.

Minutes by: Carol A. Fritzshall
Carol A. Fritzshall, Village Clerk

PASSED THIS 12th day of November 2007.

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| Trustee Brunner | <u>aye</u> |
| Trustee Kogstad | <u>absent</u> |
| Trustee Marcus | <u>abstain</u> |
| Trustee Minx | <u>aye</u> |
| Trustee Staackmann | <u>aye</u> |
| Trustee Thill | <u>aye</u> |

APPROVED BY ME THIS 12th day of November 2007.

Richard Krier
Richard Krier, Village President
Village of Morton Grove
Cook County, Illinois

ATTESTED and FILED in my office
This 13th day of November 2007.

Susan Lattanzi
Susan Lattanzi, Deputy Village Clerk
Village of Morton Grove
Cook County, Illinois