

**Village of Pawnee
Board of Trustees
Minutes of July 24, 2006**

Call to Order

- Clerk called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Roll Call

- Village Clerk, Cynthia Kramer, called roll
- Trustees in attendance: Steven Gudgel, Tom Bowen, Phillip Thompson, Joette Manning, Jeff Thomas and Bill Miller
- Absent: Village President Kenton Manning
- Also in attendance: Treasurer Glenn Smith, Pawnee Water Commissioner Garry Whitson, Pawnee ESDA Coordinator Cecil Mathews, Playground Consultant Dale Schaffenacker, Village resident Joe Comerford

Motion made by Trustee Steven Thompson to appoint Trustee Bill Miller as mayor pro tem.

Second by Trustee Miller

Roll Call Vote Taken: Gudgel-yes, Bowen-yes, Thompson-yes, Manning-yes, Thomas-yes and Miller-yes

Motion Carried (6-0)

Recognition/Comment/s of Visitor/s

- Pawnee Water Commissioner Garry Whitson, Otter Lake Water Commission. Commissioner Whitson gave a brief report stating that construction will begin next week on the sedimentation dam, with completion due December of this year. He noted the structure will catch a lot of wash-off at the north end of the lake, which is now being filtered with chemicals.
- Pawnee resident Joe Comerford asked for clarification on several points regarding the new yard waste disposal/burning rules. Plastic garbage/leaf bags may still be used but only for transport of yard waste to the disposal pile; once at the disposal pile, the bags must be emptied and taken from the site as plastic garbage/leaf bags will no longer be burned. Village employees only will move yard waste from the disposal pile to the burn pile and only village employees will burn yard waste. The gates will be locked Monday and Tuesday to permit employees to burn yard waste to control burning and its residue of smoke and odor and to ensure that non-yard waste items are not placed on the burn pile. In case of clean-up due to major storm damage the village would adjust hours or procedure for the disposal of storm yard waste debris.
- Dale Schaffenacker, Playground Consultant from Play World. He explained about the two playground units the Park Committee was looking at to purchase. He gave an overview of the two units noting that existing playground areas will not have to be reconfigured. He noted the two existing spring rockers will remain. One unit is designed for toddlers while the other unit is designed for children age 5 – 12. Moving on he explained about supervision, the home office sends rep to coordinate the site, materials and volunteers needed to construct the units and an information packet that includes materials and tools needed. He stated the units could be put up in one day. Trustee Manning noted an error as to the model number of a unit ordered. Mr. Schaffenacker said he would recheck the order and price stated. He stated pre-pay would result in a 3% reduction in cost. It takes about six weeks for the playground equipment to arrive from the time it is ordered. Once we get a shipping date we can schedule the time for construction. Last item Mr. Schaffenacker addressed is that something needs to be put down underneath the equipment. The village is now using wood chips/mulch, which is fine and you could use that, but I brought a sample of material for you to consider which is a little finer and is about \$1000 less depending on two and a half versus three full truck loads. It can be placed over the existing mulch.
- Cecil Mathews, Pawnee ESDA Coordinator. We had a debriefing of sorts after the latest storm. Present were myself, Cecil, Chief Bowsher, Sam Neal, Lee Dillworth, Shawn Burnley, Chief Bowsher and Butch Pickett. Cecil Mathews stated that due to the meeting and the confusion caused by the sirens sounding continually during the last storm that our sirens will not be sounded in the future by phone calls, but by radio only, exceptions being the Mayor and members of the Village Board. Also now, if Chatham sounds its siren, Pawnee will post weather watchers rather than to sound siren.

Clerk's Comments

- Motor Fuel Transactions and Allotments for June was \$6,863.93
- Minutes of July 10, 2006 were presented for review and approval.
Motion made by Trustee Gudgel to approve the minutes of July 10, 2006 with the addition of one word (had) to clarify meaning of sentence. (See Park Committee report)
Second by Trustee Thompson
Roll Call Vote Taken: Gudgel-yes, Bowen-yes, Thompson-yes, Manning-yes, Thomas-yes and Miller-yes
Motion Carried (6-0)

Budget Comparison & Investment Report: Village Treasurer, Glenn Smith

- The June 2006 Budget Comparison and Investment Report as presented for approval.
Motion made by Trustee Thompson to approve the June 2006 Budget Comparison and Investment Report as presented.
Second by Trustee Bowen
Roll Call Vote Taken: Gudgel-yes, Bowen-yes, Thompson-yes, Manning-yes, Thomas-yes and Miller-yes
Motion Carried (6-0)

Gas and Water Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Manning

- Gas price for August 1, a decrease of 7.3 cents per therm from 99.2 to 91.9 cents per therm.
- Sixty-six (66) Red letters were delivered with four (4) shut-offs scheduled.
- Jeff, Jason and Gary attended the gas meeting held in Effingham. A report will be available for the next board meeting.
- Trustee Manning met with Supervisor Mike Howard to discuss hydrolic study which we have already approved and I will sign contract in order to begin the project.

Park Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Manning

- We heard the report from Mr. Schaffenacker. The dilemma now is that I thought he would give us a final cost for equipment plus freight, excluding woodchips. I would like to fax agreement so we could order the equipment.
Motion made by Trustee Manning to order playground equipment from Play World Systems, Inc./Fry Associates in an amount not to exceed \$35,000 for Schultz Park.
Second by Trustee Thompson
Roll Call Vote Taken: Gudgel-yes, Bowen-yes, Thompson-yes, Manning-yes, Thomas-yes and Miller-yes
Motion Carried: (6-0)
- Trustee Bill Miller informs trustees the Methodist Church thanks the village for the use of Schultz Park on Friday, July 14 and the many compliments received about the park.

Personnel & Finance Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Bowen

- Bills Payable was presented for approval with the addition of one bill, Central States Fireworks, \$7000
Motion made by Trustee Bowen to accept the bills payable as presented.
Second by Trustee Thompson
Roll Call Vote Taken: Gudgel-yes, Bowen-yes, Thompson-yes, Manning-yes, Thomas-yes and Miller-yes
Motion Carried (6-0)

Streets, Alleys and Sidewalk Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Bowen

- Looking at fall sidewalk replacement, Nick has list
- Received information about requested street lights, there are some problems and we will have to make some changes. Will have that information for the next meeting.
- Regarding Horse Creek Subdivision will have to get list of lots sold. We will send letters to owners that they will have to maintain lots until they build
- Still dealing with the Clarizio inoperable vehicle problem.

Police Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Miller

- Nothing to report

Sewer Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Thompson

- Trustee Thompson address issue with IEPA letter regarding licensing of the village sewer plant. Joe Greene will be drafting letter in response.

Zoning Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Gudgel

- Trustee Gudgel will check with attorney Alex Rabin about letter regarding the Scott house inspection.
- Trustee Gudgel met with Vince Donahue of Donahue and Sons Garage, and Vince Donahue agreed to move the sign to proper distance and height

Unfinished Business/Correspondence

- None

New Business/Correspondence

- None

Mayor's Comments

- None

Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made by Trustee Miller to adjourn the meeting

Second by Trustee Thompson

Voice Vote Taken: Ayes-6, Nays-0

Motion Carried (6-0)

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m. on Monday, July 24, 2006. The next scheduled meeting of the Pawnee Village Board of Trustees is Monday, August 14, 2006 at 7 p.m. at the Village Hall.

. Respectfully Submitted

Cynthia S. Kramer