

**Village of Prairie Grove
Special Meeting Minutes
March 12, 2008**

1. Call to Order: President Breseman called the regular meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

2. Roll Call: Trustees Baudin, Connelly, Duda, McConnell, Robak and President Breseman all present. Trustee Greenwald absent.
Administrator Smith, Clerk Minor and Attorney McArdle also present.

3. Public Comment:

Jim Hicks of 4701 Edgewood Road, asked for an update on the Boston Group. Administrator Smith gave Mr. Hicks an update on Boulder Capital the developer for the Wildflowers development.

4. Consent Agenda: Motion was made by Trustee Baudin, 2nd by Trustee Duda to approve the Meeting Minutes of February 19, 2008, the Expenditure Reports of February 25 & March 7, 2008 and the Revenues for February 2008 and Motion to Approve Resolution #2008-03, Public Works Emergency & Non-Emergency Aid. **On a Roll Call Vote: Trustees Baudin, Connelly, Duda, McConnell and Robak all voted Aye, Motion carries.**

5. Committee Reports and meeting dates:

a. Appointment of New EDC Member, Rene Zamudio:

Motion by Trustee McConnell, 2nd by Trustee Baudin to appoint Rene Zamudio to the EDC Commission as a new Commissioner. **On a Roll Call Vote: Trustees Baudin, Connelly, Duda, McConnell and Robak all voted Aye, Motion carries.**

Trustee McConnell stated that the EDC met on March 10, 2008. Trustee McConnell has sent out the March 10, 2008 report via email. Trustee McConnell highlighted some of the discussion at the last meeting. The Commission discussed what type of Commercial development they would like to see in Wildflowers. They believe that there is a need to create a marketing brochure with a fact pack for Prairie Grove. Updates are still being made on in the model that the commission was working on. Trustee McConnell welcomed Rene Zamudio to the EDC Commission and he also stated that he has one open position left on the EDC Commission.

Discussion on Semi Pro Stadium: Administrator Smith has spoken to Boulder Capital about the possible location of a semi pro stadium. She also stated that he thought this would be a good match in our business district. This could be a possible anchor to lead other businesses in.

Administrator Smith wanted to get the Boards feedback on this to see if this was something the Board would like to consider for Prairie Grove. She stated that this could change our envisioned town center.

One of the questions was about the possible location. No exact location has been discussed at this point. A good fit may be next to the Metra Station location.

Trustee Baudin stated that he was not opposed to the stadium. However his concerns would be noise, light pollution and the impact on traffic in a residential area.

Trustee Duda has agreed with Trustee Baudin's thoughts.

Trustee Connelly had questions about the use of the stadium regarding playing time during the year. Administrator Smith stated that approximately 6 months of the year could be playing time. She also stated that it could be used longer if they decide to cap it.

Trustee Robak stated that these teams usually have a loyal following. He likes the idea of placing it near the train tracks. He thinks this is something we should pursue.

President Breseman asked would the people of Prairie Grove want it? Traffic would be a huge concern. He doesn't want to give up any of the commercial property for it. He is open to pursuing it.

Administrator Smith stated that the Village would need to do a feasibility analysis.

(At this time the Village Board moved to item #8 on the agenda.)

8. New Business/Board Comments:

a. Motion to Approve Eder, Casella & Co. Proposal for Auditing Services:

Motion by Trustee Duda, 2nd by Trustee Baudin to approve the proposal from Eder, Casella & Co. for Auditing Services. **On a Roll Call Vote: Trustees Baudin, Connelly, Duda, McConnell and Robak all voted Aye, Motion carries.**

b. Motion to Approve Resolution #2008-04, Proclaiming April 2008, Autism Awareness Month:

Motion by Trustee Duda, 2nd by Trustee Robak to approve Resolution #2008-04, Proclaiming April 2008 Autism Awareness Month. **On a Roll Call Vote: Trustees Baudin, Connelly, Duda, McConnell and Robak all voted Aye, Motion carries.**

c. Appointments of Park Committee Members, Lisa Behm (Chairman), Colleen Wales and Ingrid McConnell:

Motion by Trustee Duda, 2nd by Trustee Robak to appoint the following members to the Parks Committee, Lisa Behm (Chairman), Colleen Wales and Ingrid McConnell. **On a Roll Call Vote: Trustees Baudin, Connelly, Duda, McConnell and Robak all voted Aye, Motion carries.**

Clerk Minor swears in the new Committee members Lisa Behm and Ingrid McConnell.

d. Motion to Approve Purchase of Village Hall Copier:

Motion by Trustee Robak, 2nd by Trustee Baudin to Approve Purchase of Village Hall Copier.

Discussion: Trustee Duda has a number of concerns with purchasing a new copier:

- The need for color and the cost of color.
- The cost regarding lease verses buyout.
- No reason not to utilize the new copier for the Police Department and Village Hall.
- The life cycle of a new copier.
- The need for a stapler.
- The cost of copies.

Trustee Baudin & Trustee Duda will look into getting more quotes to get better pricing. Trustee Duda would like to conserve the cost with the best equipment. He would like more information from Clerk Minor & Administrator Smith regarding how much money do we currently spend on ink cartridges and what are the needs of each department.

Motion to Approve the Purchase of Village Hall Copier ~~withdrawn by Trustee Robak, 2nd withdrawn by Trustee Baudin.~~

6. Staff/Consultant reports or comments:

a. Easter Egg Hunt:

Administrator Smith stated that the 3rd Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday at 10:00 AM. She would like everyone to be here at 9:00 AM to help set up.

b. Spring/Summer Newsletter:

Administrator Smith stated that she would like to produce two newsletters a year, Spring/Summer & Fall/Winter. Any ideas should be emailed to Jeannine. The Village Board would like to see a newsletter sent out quarterly via the list serve and twice a year on paper. A suggestion was to add a Parks Committee survey to the next newsletter.

Administrator Smith stated that there was a zoning matter that was brought to her attention by Trustee Duda regarding a correction on the next zoning map. Before the discussion begins Trustee Duda recuses himself. Trustee Duda's property should be E-5 on the zoning map along with the parcel directly to the North of his parcel. Currently his parcel is zoned E-1 in the front and E-5 in the rear. The Forti's parcel was corrected back when he came in for a Special Use Permit. Administrator Smith stated that this was done is error and she would like Board direction on this matter. The Board directed Administrator Smith to add this matter on to another zoning hearing.

Gypsy Moths have been a problem in some areas of Prairie Grove. Prairie Grove could contract through the County to have parts of Prairie Grove sprayed. This would be offered to anyone affected in Prairie Grove with a minimum of 10 acres being sprayed. The cost will be \$48.00 per acre. Prairie Grove would collect the money from each resident that wants this service. Administrator Smith will send out a Gypsy Moth Alert via email to the list serve

telling residents what to look for. They will contact us for any additional questions or to take part in this special spraying.

(Trustee Baudin left the meeting at 8:25 PM.)

7. Old Business/Board Comments:

a. Budget Discussion:

Administrator Smith stated that she is not prepared to discuss the budget tonight. She is currently working with department heads on their budgets.

Trustee McConnell came up with a list of budget planning steps. He stated that a survey may not be the best idea for us. It may put out a negative misunderstanding.

Administrator Smith asked for Board direction. Did the Village Board want staff to create the budget? She would like to set up a special meeting to discuss budget items. She thought that a tour of the Public Works facility would be a good idea.

Trustee Duda stated that the Village Board would like to understand what goes into the budget. He would like to see that level of detail in order to make reasonable decisions.

Trustee McConnell would like to suggest a business approach into running the Village. He also stated that the rest of the Village Board knew his position against raising taxes in the Village. He stated that he is not proposing a rebate, however he would like to debate about a rebate.

9. Executive Session: None

10. Adjournment: Motion was made by Trustee Duda, 2nd by Trustee Robak to adjourn Village Board Meeting at 8:50 PM. On a Roll Call Vote: Trustees Connelly, Duda, McConnell and Robak all voted Aye, Motion carries.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Kim Minor, Village Clerk