



**CITY OF PARK RIDGE
POLICE DEPARTMENT**

MINUTES

**Animal Commission Meeting
Mayor's Conference Room
Monday, June 24, 2013
6:00 p.m.**

Members Present: MaryAnn Gobbo, Bill Urquhart & Peg Morrisroe
Members Absent: None
Staff Present: CSO K. Poirier, and Recording Secretary K. Delk
Others Present: Craig Adams, Park Ridge Journal

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

- I. Roll Call** - Roll Call was taken. All members were present.
- II. Approve Minutes** – Commissioner Urquhart made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 20, 2013 meeting. Commissioner Morrisroe seconded. The motion passed.
- III. Action Items**

1. Motion to reconsider dismissal of Case #13-09159

Commissioner Urquhart made the motion to reconsider dismissal of Case #13-09159. Commissioner Morrisroe seconded.

All in favor.

2. Review Case #13-09159

The victim's mother, who originally requested that this case be re-opened called CSO Poirier late last week and stated that she no longer wished to pursue this matter.

The Commissioners did not need to take further action on this case.

3. Review Case #13-10451

Ms. Skiba stated that the dog was in the back yard and her mother did not close the cage and therefore the dog was able to get out of the back yard. The mother did not know immediately that the dog got out. Ms. Skiba stated that she was very surprised that this happened because her dog knows the neighbors and is always very good with all people and dogs.

Commissioner Morrisroe asked how old her dog was and Ms. Skiba stated that her dog was 8 years old.

Chairwoman Gobbo asked if the dog had ever received any formal obedience training. Ms. Skiba stated that the previous owners had enrolled the dog in training, but that she had not.

Commissioner Morrisroe asked if the dog was neutered and Ms. Skiba stated that her dog was indeed neutered.

Commissioner Morrisroe asked if Ms. Skiba walks her dog regularly and Ms. Skiba stated that her dog gets walked twice a day. Her dog has met the neighbor so many times and she does not have any issues with this neighbor, the victim.

Commissioner Morrisroe suggested that if at all possible, that Ms. Skiba's mother not be in charge of letting the dog in and out of the house.

The Commissioners unanimously agreed that the dog was not at-risk or dangerous and agreed to dismiss the case.

4. Review Case #13-11067

The owner, Ms. Woodside, was holding her dog outside on the front lawn and the victim, Mr. Poulos, was walking by and "Louise," was playfully jumping on him. Ms. Woodside stated that "Louise" may have scratched him but did not think that she could have bit him, especially in a malicious way. "Louise" just wanted to be pet. Ms. Woodside stated that Mr. Poulos came to her house two days later telling her that her dog bit him. Ms. Woodside was not comfortable and felt scared by this confrontation.

Ms. Woodside stated that "Louise" had not been to obedience class, was up to date with her shots and is licensed. She stated that she has never met the victim before.

The Commissioners unanimously agreed that the dog was not at-risk or dangerous and agreed to dismiss the case.

IV. Old Business

V. New Business

VI. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.