



**CITY OF PARK RIDGE
POLICE DEPARTMENT**

MINUTES

**Animal Commission Meeting
Mayor's Conference Room
Monday, April 2, 2012
6:00 p.m.**

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Members Present: MaryAnn Gobbo, Bill Urquhart & Peg Morrisroe

Staff Present: CSO Coordinator C. Brown, Recording Secretary K. Delk

Others Present: Craig Adams, Park Ridge Journal

The meeting was called to order at 6:12 p.m.

I. Roll Call - Roll Call was taken and all Commissioners were present.

II. Approve Minutes

III. Action Items

1. Review Case #12-03189

The Commissioners discussed the background on the case. Mr. and Mrs. Rusch stated that their dog, Bruno, is a Shepard/Husky mix, 10 years old, male and is neutered. It does not have any known health issues and is up to date on his shots and licenses. Mr. Rusch stated that Bruno is more so Mrs. Rusch's than his. Mrs. Rusch stated that their dog is very protective of the family and he is usually crated when strangers are at the house.

Commissioner Morrisroe asked if Mr. Rusch knew that Bruno had followed him out when he went to retrieve the recycling bin. Mr. Rusch stated that he did not and that he did not remember if the dog growled or barked before biting. He could not stop Bruno from attacking because he had the can in his hands and the dog was faster than him.

Commissioner Morrisroe asked if Bruno had ever attended an obedience class. Mrs. Rusch stated that he did when he was a puppy. He attended the Des Plaines Park District class. He is usually good on walks and is approachable on leash.

The Commissioners again determined that this dog is not an "at risk" or "dangerous" dog. The case was dismissed. The vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Morrisroe suggested that they take extra precautions, such as making sure the door is closed and the gate is locked, especially with the nice weather approaching. If Bruno bites again they will face serious charges.

Chairwoman Gobbo suggested putting extra protection such as a bungee cord on the doors and gates and also practice having Bruno sit/stay or down/stay on walks in order to stop the motion.

Commissioner Morrisroe suggested that Mr. Rusch spend some time with Bruno as well so he knows that he needs to be obedient to Mr. Rusch as well.

IV. Old Business

None

V. New Business

None

VI. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:24 p.m.