



**CITY OF PARK RIDGE
POLICE DEPARTMENT**

MINUTES

**Animal Commission Meeting
Mayor's Conference Room
Monday, January 14, 2013
6:00 p.m.**

Members Present: MaryAnn Gobbo, Bill Urquhart & Peg Morrisroe

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: CSO Coordinator C. Brown, 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 December 3, 2013 meeting. Commissioner Morrisroe seconded. The motion passed.
- III. Action Items**

- 1. Review Case #12-23373**

The Commissioners discussed the background on the case.

Ms. Lullo, the victim, stated that she did receive medical treatment for the bite. She stated that “Kaner” was not on a leash when the bite occurred. She described the incident in her own words describing where she was in proximity to Kaner when he ran towards her and bit.

Ms. Paddock stated that she was not home at the time of the incident. Her son was walking Kaner and he told her that Kaner was chasing a squirrel in the area of the Youth Campus before the bite occurred. He relayed that Ms. Lullo screamed when she saw the dog, startling Kaner, causing him to bite. Ms. Paddock also stated that her son told her that Ms. Lullo kept approaching Kaner multiple times after the bite occurred.

Commissioner Morrisroe stated that she had concerns with Kaner as this is the second time he has been before the Animal Commission within a year. The first time the case was dismissed because the victim did not show up to the meeting, and there was no way of proving that Kaner was the animal involved. She acknowledged that people on occasion do drop their leashes on accident, but there is no excuse for a dog to charge at a person.

Commissioner Morrisroe asked if Kaner was neutered. Ms. Paddock stated that he was not. Kaner has only attended training with the breeder, but is currently enrolled in obedience classes with the Park District and attended the class orientation last week. Ms.

Paddock enrolled Kaner a day after the incident occurred and stated that she joined because a friend had asked her to take the class with her.

Chairwoman Gobbo stated that Ms. Paddock was doing the right thing by enrolling Kaner in obedience class, but still felt that Kaner should be classified as an “at-risk” dog.

Commissioner Urquhart agreed due to the severity of the bite and added that the bite would have been more severe if Ms. Lullo had not been wearing a thick coat at the time.

Chairwoman Gobbo read the requirements for an “at-risk” animal aloud and stated that the handler must be the boss at all times. The commands given to Kaner must always be consistent.

The Commissioners agreed that Kaner should be considered “at-risk.”

IV. Old Business

CSO Coordinator Brown notified the Commissioners that both of the recent appeals have been denied. Staff will ensure that all requirements are followed.

V. New Business

VI. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.