



**CITY OF PARK RIDGE
POLICE DEPARTMENT**

MINUTES

**Animal Commission Meeting
Mayor's Conference Room
Monday, May 6, 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: Former CSO Coordinator C. Brown, Denise Roti, 1301 Linden (Witness)

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 March 4, 2013 meeting. Commissioner Morrisroe seconded. The motion passed.
- III. Action Items**

1. Review Case #13-07128

The Commissioners discussed the background on the case.

Ms. Kuempel stated that there were a few items in the police report that should be corrected. She stated that the dog owner was outside the house the entire time. Also, all three of her children were outside with her.

Ms. Kuempel stated that once her young son and the dog made eye contact, that's when she grabbed him (her son). Once her daughter jumped on a car, after being chased by the dog, the dog growled at her, but did not try to jump up on the car or at her. The owner was outside the entire time, but did very little, if anything, to try to stop the dog.

Commissioner Morrisroe asked Ms. Kuempel if she knew the dog owner (and neighbor). She stated that they talk occasionally in passing, but that they are not close. She rarely sees the dog being walked.

Chairwoman Gobbo asked if she has seen the dog loose, off leash, before. Ms. Kuempel's oldest daughter stated that she has seen the dog loose before and described an incident she witnessed between Rocky and another dog. The Commissioners stated that they could not use the information provided by Ms. Kuempel's daughter since it is just hearsay. There was no police report filed related to the incident she described.

Commissioner Morrisroe asked if the neighbors on the block have expressed that they are afraid of Rocky. Ms. Kuempel and her daughter agreed that there are several kids on the block who are scared of Rocky.

The Commissioners agreed that since the dog owner did not show up to the meeting, they did not have enough information to make a decision on this case. Chairwoman Gobbo asked that Staff send another letter to the dog owner letting them know that their case would be heard on May 20, 2013 and encourage them to attend. They stated that the victim would not need to attend the next meeting since they have now heard their side of the story, but they are welcome to if they wish.

IV. Old Business

V. New Business

VI. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:29 p.m.