

**VILLAGE OF PARK FOREST
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SATURDAY RULES MEETING
March 2, 2019**

PRESENT: Trustee Mae Brandon, Trustee Tiffany Graham. Trustee Robert McCray,
Trustee Georgia O'Neil, Trustee Jon Vanderbilt, Manager Tom Mick,
Mayor John Ostenburg

ABSENT: Trustee Theresa Settles

GUESTS: IT Director Craig Kaufman, GSU Student Abbey Benway, Olympia Fields
Resident Greg Howard

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

Manager Mick provided details of upcoming Board meetings and agenda items, new Downtown Park Forest tenants and updates on current tenants, Agrati water system being live, budget work continues, Village Hall lobby should be complete very soon. Manager Mick highlighted the recent posts on the Park Forest Police Department's Facebook page related to Black History Month. Trustee Brandon noted that the Facebook page also had a spot on a card collection for Officer Tim Jones during the month of March.

Mayor Ostenburg noted that 70 people have signed up for the Race Equity and Leadership program sponsored by the National League of Cities.

Guest Abbey Benway, a student at Governors State University, asked questions about Board meetings, public input on agenda items and governing policies.

Mayor Ostenburg provided answers regarding these issues and noted recently enacted ordinances and policy updates. Ms. Benway asked what types of questions residents ask at meetings. Mayor Ostenburg stated that the Saturday Rules Meetings are less formal and questions generally relate to snow removal, pot holes, animals running loose, etc. Mayor Ostenburg explained about the various means of Village outreach to residents including regular Board meetings, rules meetings neighborhood meetings several times a year and the mediation task force designed to help with disputes amongst neighbors

Olympia Fields resident Greg Howard spoke to the Board about recent dealings with a towing company that was present at an accident involving his son. Mr. Howard requested the Board look into the current practice of what towing company is used by the Village when accidents occur as he had a negative experience. Mr. Howard praised the Park Forest Police Department for their assistance both at the accident scene and with his inquiries regarding the towing

company afterwards. Manager Mick noted that the Village does not have contracts with specific companies, just relationships due to their proximity to the Village limits. Mayor Ostenburg said this would be looked in to and the Village would be in contact with Mr. Howard.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted

Marcy Gott
Recorder