

**Pierce Downer's Heritage Alliance – January 2012 Board Meeting  
February 23, 2012  
Lincoln Center**

**Meeting Minutes**

**I. Call to Order and Roll Call**

*Call to Order:* 7:15 PM by Chair Ken Lerner

*Members Present:* Wallace Brown, Gordon Goodman, Gregory Hose, Ken Lerner, James Cavallo, Jane Amorosi, John Schofield, and Dave Schulz

*Members Absent:* Chris Saricks, Timothy Meaney, Sonja Tiegs Ebel and Mark Thoman

*Quorum Satisfied:* Yes

**II. Review and Approval of Minutes of January 26, 2012 Meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting of the board were discussed after being distributed for all to review. Gordon Goodman moved and Dave Schulz seconded that the minutes of the January 26th meeting be approved. Minutes were approved unanimously by voice vote.

**III. Treasurer's Report**

Gordon Goodman presented a treasurer's report. The balance in the bank account as of Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> was \$1387.18, and we have a CD at the Community Bank of Downers Grove valued at \$1224.27. The CD comes due at the end of March. There was discussion of rolling over the CD. No decision on rolling over the CD was made by the board. John Schofield offered a motion to accept the report. This was seconded by Greg Hose. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**IV. Discussion of Green Energy Resolution**

Dave Schulz wrote a letter in support of the village's opportunity to pursue the purchase of green energy from an alternative electricity provider. The board discussed the letter and offered ideas that Dave planned to incorporate. Gordon suggested that the board provide the village with encouragement to pursue aggregation with other municipalities through a motion. The following motion was proposed by Gordon: "The PDHA strongly encourages the village of Downers Grove and any energy aggregation coalition it may

join to use its authority to purchase green energy.” This motion was seconded by Dave and approved by the board.

#### **V. Discussion of Activities for this Year**

The board discussed concern for the tree canopy and actions the village may take. It was suggested in the discussion that the members of the board who are also on the Environmental Concerns Commission bring these concerns to the ECC and ask what priorities the village may have for preservation of the tree canopy.

The board discussed the Little Sprouts program and the Lyman Woods Education programs. Mention was made of opportunities for expanding the programs to work with churches, parochial schools, home schoolers, SEASPAR, and elder care groups. A committee was formed to pursue this, and John and Greg were appointed to work on expanding the range of the Little Sprouts concept.

The board discussed pocket parks and localized open space. There appeared to be agreement within the board that pocket parks are attractive and desired and should not be sold off. No motion, however, was offered.

It was proposed that we should meet with the new park district executive director.

#### **IV. Adopt a Highway Program**

We have learned that a new agreement form will be used when participating in the Adopt-a-Highway program as a result of the contact for the program moving from the department of public works to the county. We will need to sign the new agreement when it is ready and all participants will need to sign a new waiver. A motion was offered to authorize Ken to coordinate with the county for the continuation of our participation. The motion was offered by Gordon and seconded by John. It was approved. The next highway cleanup is April 21<sup>st</sup>.

The next PDHA meeting was scheduled for Thursday, April 19, 2012 at 7PM in Lincoln Center.

*Meeting Adjourned: 9:10PM*

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Cavallo