

MUNICIPALITY OF BETHEL PARK

**MINUTES
OF
HOME RULE STUDY COMMISSION MEETING**

Date: October 7, 2014

Time: 8:00 p.m.

Location: Caucus Room – Municipal Building

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson McLean at 8:02 p.m.

2. Introduction of Members

Present: Brandon Colella, Joe Consolmango, Michael Dobos, Lori Gibbons, James Hannan, Christine McIntosh, Jim McLean, Connie Serdy, Carol Stewart

Absent: Paul Dixon, Tom Klevan

Also Present: William J. Spagnol, Manager
Robert L. McTiernan, Solicitor

3. Role and tasks of the Commission

There was a brief review of the Home Rule Charter and Optional Plans Law, the history of the Bethel Park Home Rule Charter, and the four discreet amendments made since 1978. The Bethel Park Home Rule Study Commission is an ad hoc, advisory committee appointed by Municipal Council to review the Bethel Park Home Rule Charter; seek input from the community; recommend any changes, additions or modifications if appropriate; and report on any recommendations to Municipal Council. To be effective, any changes would have to be adopted by Council and voted on by the voters in an election. The Commission will consider and adopt a Mission Statement at the November meeting.

4. Selection of Officers: Vice-Chair and Recording Secretary

Motion and second to approve Jim Hannan as Vice-Chair of the Bethel Park Home Rule Study Commission. Motion carried unanimously. Motion and second to approve Christine McIntosh as

Recording Secretary of the Bethel Park Home Rule Study Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Discussion of Steps to Be Taken By Commission

The Commission will review the current Bethel Park Home Rule Charter; Review the Home Rule Charters from other communities and compare them to the Bethel Park Home Rule Charter; Seek public input through public meetings; develop recommendations for any changes, additions or modifications to the Bethel Park Home Rule Charter, if any; and adopt a report for Municipal Council.

6. Outline of Schedule and Meeting Dates

A tentative meeting calendar with corresponding meeting objectives was distributed by Chairperson Jim McLean. It was agreed that the Commission will meet on the third Tuesday of the months designated at 7:00 p.m. Additional meetings will be scheduled if needed.

7. Assignment for Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Bethel Park Home Rule Study Commission will take place on Tuesday, November 18, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Caucus Room of the Municipal Building. Members are to review Articles 1 – 9 of the existing Bethel Park Home Rule Charter and be prepared for discussion.

8. Adjournment

Motion and second to adjourn at 8:48 p.m.