Public Safety Committee Meeting
September 29, 2008

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# CHICOPEE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
## PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

APPROVED 12-1-08

**MEMBERS**
Ronald Belair, Chairman
Robert J. Zygarowski, Vice-Chairman
Fred Krampits
Dino Brunetti
Shane Brooks

MINUTES
**September 29, 2008**

The following are the minutes of a public hearing held Monday, September 29, 2008 at 6:30 PM in the Aldermanic Chambers, Fourth Floor, City Hall Annex, 274 Front Street, Chicopee, MA 01013.

**Members Present** Belair, Zygarowski, Krampits, Brunetti, Brooks

**Also Present** Richard Maciolek (Asst. Superintendent of Parks), Sgt. Holly Davis (Police Department)

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM

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Alderman Brooks stated that a teacher from one of the high schools was jogging around 4:15 in the afternoon in Szot Park where he had gotten attacked by a couple of teenagers. This all happened right after the last Public Works committee met discussing vandalism in city parks. Brooks stated he is concerns and feels the city needs to be more physical in the parks and community, not only are there problems at nights but now this. Also, he would like people to feel welcomed into the parks not afraid.

Holly Davis stated she has actually gone to a park at night undercover because she was told scrap metal was being stolen and at the same time there was already a cruiser driving by which did not know that she would be there.

Alderman Brooks stated he understands this type of thing could happen anywhere just wishes something could be done to help prevent these types of things. He asked if there has been a decrease in vandalism at all.

Rich Maciolek answered no, not at all and stated he understands that different parks have flash points and hang out areas. All he does is ask police to get out of the cars and maybe flash their lights or something to let the kids know they are there but the only problem with that is the officer would be alone at almost all times and also doesn't want them driving directly onto the parks with the cars.

Alderman Brunetti asked how the underage drinking has been at Litwin School recently.

Rich Maciolek stated be believes it has been getting a lot better.

Holly Davis stated she had gone there about 2 months or so ago and had arrested a few kids for drinking and narcotics.

Alderman Belair stated the city has beautiful park and people from other cities are taking over and ruining it for our own residents of the area.

Rich Maciolek stated the only answer he has is for the police to hit the parks that have the hidden corners for example Aldenville with the back to back woods.

Alderman Brooks stated he did not mean to be critical towards the police and believes they are doing a phenomenal job throughout the city.

**Item #2**
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Motion made by Alderman Zygarowski to accept.
Motion Approved. 5-0 Favorable

Meeting adjourned at 6:51 PM.