

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE PLEASURE DRIVEWAY AND PARK DISTRICT OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS HELD AT 4:30 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2026 AT THE BONNIE NOBLE CENTER FOR PARK DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, 1125 W. LAKE AVENUE, PEORIA, ILLINOIS.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vice President and Chair Reagan Leslie Hill and Trustee Ron Silver

MEMBERS ABSENT: Executive Director Emily Cahill

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Trustees Joyce Harant, Steve Montez, Ron Silver, Mark Slover, Alexander Sierra, Vice President Reagan Leslie Hill, and President Robert Johnson

STAFF PRESENT: Nick Conrad, Matt Freeman, Becky Fredrickson, Mike Friberg, , Scott Loftus, Karrie Ross, Jennifer Swanson, Willie Howe, Attorney Kevin Day, and Alicia Woodworth

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice President Hill called the meeting to order at 4:39 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

3. MOTION TO PERMIT COMMITTEE MEMBER TO ATTEND MEETING ELECTRONICALLY

No request to attend meeting electronically was received.

4. MINUTES

4.A. Approval of Minutes of October 8, 2025 Planning Committee Meeting

Trustee silver MOVED TO APPROVE the minutes of the October 8, 2025 Planning Committee meeting. Motion seconded by Vice President Hill and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.A. Exemption to District's Tribute and Memorial Guidelines

Jennifer Swanson presented a request regarding a memorial tree planted in honor of former Superintendent of Recreation Dennis Mantick near the Peoria PlayHouse Children's Museum, formerly the District's administrative offices. She explained that current District Tribute and Memorial procedures do not permit name plates or plaques associated with trees due to the volatility and lifespan of living species. Tree sponsorships currently include a commemorative certificate without on-site naming recognition.

Jennifer explained that former staff, represented by Laura Howell, requested an exemption to allow for a plaque or name recognition associated with the tree. Extensive discussion followed, including differing perspectives from Trustees regarding precedent, equity, staff recognition, and adherence to established policy. Committee members discussed the importance of consistency with District policy, potential precedent-setting implications, and alternative memorial options that align with current procedures.

After discussion, the Committee reached consensus to NOT forward a recommendation for an exemption to the District's Tribute and Memorial Guidelines to the full Board at this time and encouraged staff to explore alternative recognition options consistent with existing policy, if requested in the future.

5.B. Adoption of Annexation Ordinance #410, #411, #412, #413, #414, and #415

Mike Friberg presented six annexation ordinances for parcels eligible for annexation to the Pleasure Driveway and Park District of Peoria pursuant to Section 3-10 of the Illinois Park District Code. Mr. Friberg explained the annexation process, including follow-along annexations after municipal annexation by the Cities of Peoria and West Peoria, and provided context for each annexation area.

Following discussion, the Committee reached consensus to Forward to the Full Board for approval and adoption Annexation Ordinance #410, #411, #412, #413, #414, and #415.

6. PENDING BUSINESS

None at this time.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

8. ACTION STEPS REVIEW

None noted.

9. ADJOURNMENT

At 5:20 pm, Trustee Silver MOVED TO ADJOURN the meeting. Motion second by Vice President Hill and carried on unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted by Alicia Woodworth
Executive Assistant and Board Secretary