

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE PLEASURE DRIVEWAY AND PARK DISTRICT OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS, HELD AT 6:30 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2026 HELD AT THE BONNIE W. NOBLE CENTER FOR PARK DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, 1125 WEST LAKE AVENUE, PEORIA, IL

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

TRUSTEES ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Nick Conrad, Matt Freeman, Becky Fredrickson, Mike Friberg, Scott Loftus, Shalesse Pie, Karrie Ross, Jennifer Swanson, Willie Howe, Spencer Wilson, Mike Eddlemon, Attorney Kevin Day, Miles Howley, and Alicia Woodworth

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Johnson presided and called the meeting to order at 6:44 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken. All Trustees were present.

3. CALL FOR MOTION TO PERMIT TRUSTEE TO ATTEND MEETING ELECTRONICALLY

No requests were received to attend electronically.

4. MOMENT OF SILENCE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A moment of silence was observed, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. MINUTES

5.A. Approval of Minutes of the December 10, 2025 Regular Board Meeting

Trustee Sierra MOVED TO APPROVE the Minutes of the December 10, 2025 Regular Board Meeting. Motion seconded by Vice President Hill and carried on the following roll call vote:

Trustee Harant – Aye, Trustee Montez – Abstain, Trustee Sierra – Aye, Trustee Silver – Aye, Trustee Slover – Aye, Vice President Hill – Aye, and President Johnson – Aye. (Results: 6 Ayes; 1 Abstain; 0 Nays)

6. CITIZEN REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None at this time.

7. STAFF REPORTS

7.A. Executive Director

On behalf of the Executive Director, Matt Freeman provided the following updates:

- Trustees were advised that printed invitations for the first look at the Golf Learning Center (GLC) were placed at their seats, and electronic invitations had also been distributed.
- Trustees received environmentally friendly coasters embedded with non-invasive wildflower seeds, highlighting the District's sustainability efforts.

- Staff congratulated President Johnson on being recognized as a WMBD tv CI Hero in honor of his 30 years of service on the Park Board. A video segment that aired on WMBD News was shown to the Board.
- President Johnson expressed appreciation to staff and emphasized that the recognition reflected the collective efforts of the Park District team.

Staff provided additional operational updates:

- Luthy Lights 2025 concluded its 11-day run on December 23, 2025. Attendance increased by approximately 2,000 visitors compared to December 2024, with corresponding revenue growth despite challenging winter weather conditions.
- Staff acknowledged the collaborative efforts of Parks, Zoo, Events, IT, Marketing, and other departments in the event's success.
- The Camp and Sports Open House was announced for January 15, 2026, from 4:00–6:00 p.m. at the Noble Center.
- Summer camp registration was noted to open for in-district residents on January 20, 2026, and for all others on January 26, 2026.

7.B. Superintendent of Planning, Design & Construction

Becky Fredrickson reviewed the December 2025 Monthly Report and announced that the District was awarded a \$600,000 OSLAD Grant for Chartwell Park, and was received earlier that day. Trustees congratulated staff on the successful grant award. No additional questions were raised.

7.C. Chief of Police

Chief Eddlemon reviewed the December 2025 Police Report, noting continued activity during the holiday season, periodic building checks during closures, and preparations for upcoming training and events. No questions were raised.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

8.A. Planning Committee – Exemption to District Tribute and Memorial Guidelines

The Planning Committee did not reach consensus to forward the item to the full Board. As such, the item was not present for Board action.

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.A. Ratification of Phone Poll Conducted on December 12, 2025 Regarding Solar Panel Procurement for Equipment Service Center and Golf Learning Center

Trustee Harant MOVED TO RATIFY the Phone Poll Conducted on December 12, 2025 Regarding Solar Panel Procurement for Equipment Service Center and Golf Learning Center. Motion seconded by Vice President Hill and carried unanimously on roll call vote.

9.B. Peoria Players 2025-2026 Alcohol Agreement

Mike Friberg explained that while the lease executed in July 2025 prohibits alcohol sales without written District approval, alcohol agreements have historically been handled separately on an annual basis. The proposed agreement mirrors prior approvals, with plans to incorporate alcohol provisions into a future lease amendment.

Trustee Silver MOVED TO RATIFY the Phone Poll Conducted on December 12, 2025 Regarding Solar Panel Procurement for Equipment Service Center and Golf Learning Center. Motion seconded by Trustee Slover and carried unanimously on roll call vote.

9.C. Adoption of Annexation Ordinance #410

Mike Friberg introduced a series of annexation ordinances (Ordinances #410 through #415) for Board consideration. He explained that each ordinance pertained to Distinct parcels of property and therefore, in accordance with legal requirements, each ordinance must be considered and voted on individually.

Legal counsel clarified procedural requirements, noting that annexation ordinances constitute legislative action and require separate motions and roll call votes for each ordinance. While the ordinances were related and presented as a group for efficiency, each represented an independent legal document affecting a specific annexation area.

The Board acknowledged the clarification and proceeded to consider the annexation ordinances individually, beginning with Ordinance #410.

Trustee Silver MOVED TO ADOPT Annexation Ordinance #410. Motion seconded by Vice President Hill and carried unanimously on roll call vote.

9.D. Adoption of Annexation Ordinance #411

Trustee Harant MOVED TO ADOPT Annexation Ordinance #411. Motion seconded by Trustee Sierra and carried unanimously on roll call vote.

9.E. Adoption of Annexation Ordinance #412

Vice President Hill MOVED TO ADOPT Annexation Ordinance #412. Motion seconded by Trustee Silver and carried unanimously on roll call vote.

9.F. Adoption of Annexation Ordinance #413

Trustee Harant MOVED TO ADOPT Annexation Ordinance #413. Motion seconded by Vice President Hill and carried unanimously on roll call vote.

9.G. Adoption of Annexation Ordinance #414

Trustee Slover MOVED TO ADOPT Annexation Ordinance #414. Motion seconded by Trustee Harant and carried unanimously on roll call vote.

9.H. Adoption of Annexation Ordinance #415

Trustee Silver MOVED TO ADOPT Annexation Ordinance #415. Motion seconded by Trustee Harant and carried unanimously on roll call vote.

9.I. Appointment of 2026 Board Vice President

In accordance with Policies, Rules and Regulations, Section II, 2.00 RULES OF THE PARK BOARD, "The Board shall at once at its organizational meeting proceed to the appointment of a Vice President. The term of office in each case shall begin with their appointment and shall continue for the period of the fiscal year or until their successors shall be respectively appointed and qualified." As such, President Johnson nominates Trustee Steve Montez to serve as the 2026 Park Board Vice President.

Trustee Sierra MOVED TO APPROVE the appointment of Trustee Steve Montez to serve as the 2026 Park Board Vice President. Motion seconded by Trustee Harant and carried unanimously on roll call vote.

9.J. 22VA Lease Extension Agreement

Item was pulled from the agenda by staff.

9.K. Historic Preservation and Landmarks Act

The Historic Preservation and Landmarks Act is administered by the Illinois Historic Preservation Service (IHPS). The IHPS issues Certificates of Rehabilitation to property owners who intend to rehabilitate the exterior of their homes located within a deemed Historical Preservation District. Such certificates freeze the assessed valuation of the home being rehabilitated within the guidelines set forth by the United States Department of the Interior for a period of eight years, after which, the homes are phased into fair market valuations. According to the Act, a municipality may elect by a majority of its board within the first thirty (30) days of each calendar year to elect out of the “freezing portion” of this act. Since 1983, the Board has supported this Act and the freeze on assessed valuation by taking no action; thus, allowing the assessed valuation single-family property freeze to take place. Staff recommends a “No-Action” position. By taking “no action”, we will be supporting the concept of rehabilitation of historically significant homes located within the District. The Board agreed that no action is to be taken on the Historic Preservation and Landmarks Act.

10. CALENDAR OF CONSENT ITEMS

10.A. Bid – Newman Irrigation Improvement

Vice President Montez MOVED TO APPROVE Calendar of Consent Item 10.A. Motion seconded by Trustee Slover and carried unanimously on roll call vote.

11. PENDING BUSINESS

None at this time.

12. COMMUNICATIONS

None noted at this time.

13. ACTION STEPS REVIEW

None noted at this time.

14. OTHER BUSINESS

14.A. Approval to Convene into Closed Session Pursuant to Section 2(c)(1) The Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal or Specific Employees of the Public Body.

At 7:04 PM, Trustee Sierra moved to Convene into Closed Session Pursuant to Section 2(c)(1) The Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal or Specific Employees of the Public Body. Motion seconded by Trustee Hill and carried unanimously on roll call vote.

At 7:32 PM President Johnson reconvened the Regular Board meeting.

15. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:35 PM Trustee Hill MOVED TO ADJOURN. Motion seconded by Trustee Slover and carried unanimously on voice vote.

Full discussion can be viewed at the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9tpSN8UvuPc>

Respectfully Submitted by Alicia Woodworth
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