OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE PLEASURE DRIVEWAY AND PARK DISTRICT OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS, HELD AT 5:30 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2026 HELD AT THE BONNIE W. NOBLE CENTER FOR PARK DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, 1125 WEST LAKE AVENUE, PEORIA, IL

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

TRUSTEES ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Executive Director Emily Cahill, Brianna Cobb, Nick Conrad, Matt Freeman, Becky Fredrickson, Scott Loftus, Shalesse Pie, Karrie Ross, Jennifer Swanson, Willie Howe, Chief Aaron Watkins, Mike Friberg, Chanel Hargrave-Murry, Ryne Schafer, Kristi Shoemaker, Kadar Hefner, Attorneys Kevin Day and Justin Gunn, Miles Howley, Austin Detmers, and Alicia Woodworth

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Johnson presided and called the meeting to order at 5:33 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken.

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

Trustee Sierra requested to attend the meeting electronically due to employment purposes. Trustee Harant MOVED TO APPROVE Trustee Sierra's electronic participation due to employment purposes. The motion was seconded by Trustee Hill and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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 October 28, 2026 Regular Board Meeting

Trustee Silver MOVED TO APPROVE the minutes of the October 28, 2026 Regular Board meeting. Motion seconded by Vice President Montez and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

6. CITIZEN REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None at this time.

7. STAFF REPORTS

7.A. Executive Director

Executive Director Cahill advised that the continued 2027 budget presentation would constitute the principal portion of her report. She reminded the Board that District administrative offices would be closed November 11 in observance of Veterans Day and noted the community Veterans Day activities.

7.B. Superintendent of Planning, Design & Construction

Becky Fredrickson provided the monthly report, stating that staff were working to complete outdoor projects before the onset of colder weather.

7.C. Chief of Police

Chief Watkins reviewed the October 2026 Police Report, noting 13 reports, including eight crime reports; no traffic crashes; two traffic stops resulting in citations; six warning tickets; and three ordinance citations. In response to a question regarding comparisons with October 2025, he discussed the Department's increased emphasis on engagement, warnings, and opportunities for individuals to address certain violations through work with the District. The Board noted the favorable trend in reported activity.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None at this time.

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.A. Memorandum of Understanding with Peoria Area Community Events, Inc. (PACE) and The PACE Foundation

Executive Director Cahill advised that the District would not have a float in the Santa Parade this year, but employees were shadowing PACE personnel to learn event operations. Nick Conrad also discussed the anticipated transfer of event-related equipment and warehouse/storage resources, subject to completion of the transition and inventory.

Trustee Harant MOVED TO APPROVE. Motion seconded by Trustee Silver and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

9.B. Joint Development and Maintenance Agreement for Public Access Disc Golf Course at Leslie Rutherford Park

Trustees discussed the preliminary layout of the public-access disc golf course, including whether play might extend to both sides of the park road. Mike Friberg explained that final course design had not yet been determined, but parking and the principal starting area were anticipated on the north side near the former dog-training facility. Public walking access would continue, with signage considered where pedestrian and disc golf activity intersect. Improvements to the south-side access road were not contemplated as part of this project and that design would seek to avoid interference with existing cricket and farming uses.

Vice President Montez MOVED TO APPROVE. Motion seconded by Trustee Silver and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

9.C. 2027 Budget Presentation Continued

Executive Director Cahill and District staff continued the presentation of the proposed 2027 budget under the theme "A More Perfect Park District: Honoring Our Legacy. Building What Comes Next." The presentation emphasized a balanced proposed budget, long-term sustainability, responsible stewardship, and the need to preserve core services and facilities while planning for future needs.

The Police Fund presentation addressed proactive patrols, community policing, training and technology, and partnerships with local public safety agencies. Chief Watkins described examples of positive interactions with children and families in District parks. Proposed 2027 priorities included transferring Security expenditures from the Recreation Fund to the Police Fund, adding a full-time security position and additional part-time coverage, and exploring training pathways for prospective officers. The proposed Police Fund budget was approximately $1.36 million, including

approximately $298,000 of transferred Security expenditures; staff noted that projected reserves remained below District policy requirements. Staff also discussed a proposed Parks Partners pilot at MLK and Gwynn Parks and continued coordination with the Peoria Police Department.

Staff reviewed seven non-operating funds with combined proposed budgets of approximately $9.71 million, including bond and interest, audit, FICA, IMRF, liability, workers' compensation and unemployment, and paving and lighting. Discussion focused on meeting existing obligations, managing insurance and personnel-related costs, and maintaining financial accountability.

The capital discussion reviewed 2026 accomplishments, the District's evolving approach to capital planning, the importance of evaluating asset conditions and life-cycle costs, and the need to prioritize investments transparently within available resources. Staff discussed existing facility needs, future project opportunities, partnerships and philanthropy, and the distinction between funded projects and longer-term unfunded needs.

Following the presentation, Trustees expressed their appreciation to Executive Director Cahill and staff for the extensive work, thoughtful planning, and collaborative effort involved in developing the proposed 2027 budget. Trustee Slover commended the presentation and the significant progress made in positioning the District to engage in meaningful discussions regarding its financial future. He expressed enthusiasm for the proposed 2027 Sustainability Initiative and the opportunity to address difficult but necessary strategic decisions. Trustees voiced support for the initiative, noting the importance of carefully evaluating the District's extensive facilities, programs, and resources in relation to its available tax base, emphasizing the need for thoughtful, strategic planning to preserve the District's legacy while adapting to changing community needs and priorities. Trustees acknowledged the importance of the initiative in guiding future decisions and expressed appreciation for staff's leadership and commitment to the District's long-term sustainability.

9.D. 2027 Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan

Becky Fredrickson presented the five-year plan for receive and file as a planning document identifying anticipated capital priorities and needs. Discussion included the distinction between the projects listed in the budget materials and additional potential unfunded projects shown in the Board meeting attachment.

10. CALENDAR OF CONSENT ITEMS

10.A. 2027 Range Balls

10.B. Bid – 2027 Hay and Straw for the Peoria Zoo

Trustee Silver MOVED TO APPROVE Calendar of Consent items 10.A. and 10.B. Motion seconded by Trustee Slover and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

11. PENDING BUSINESS

None.

12. COMMUNICATIONS

None.

13. OTHER BUSINESS

13.A. Approval of Motion to Convene into Closed Session Under Illinois Open Meetings Act Section 2(c)(1) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or legal counsel for the public body and;
2(c)(11) Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent

At 7:31 PM Trustee Silver MOVED TO CONVENE into Closed Session Under Illinois Open Meetings Act Section 2(c)(1) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or legal counsel for the public body and; 2(c)(11) Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent. Motion seconded by Trustee Slover and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

At 7:56 PM President Johnson reconvened the Regular Board meeting.

14. ACTION STEPS REVIEW

None.

15. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:57 PM Trustee Silver 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=b7lN1b2bk_Y

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Submitted by Alicia Woodworth
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