

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE PLEASURE DRIVEWAY AND PARK DISTRICT OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS, HELD AT 6:00 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY, 2025 HELD AT THE BONNIE W. NOBLE CENTER FOR PARK DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, 1125 WEST LAKE AVENUE, PEORIA, IL

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Trustees Laurie Covington, Joyce Harant, Steve Montez, Alexander Sierra, and Vice President Reagan Leslie Hill

TRUSTEES ABSENT: Trustee Timothy Bertschy and President Robert Johnson

STAFF PRESENT: Nick Conrad, Scott Loftus, Becky Fredrickson, Matt Freeman, Mike Friberg, Kadar Heffner, Karrie Ross, Kristi Shoemaker, Ernest Starks, Jennifer Swanson, Attorney Kevin Day, Attorney Justin Gunn, Kristi Shoemaker, Miles Howley, and Alicia Woodworth

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice President Reagan Leslie Hill presided and called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

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

No Trustees requested to attend the meeting electronically.

4. MOMENT OF SILENCE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

5. MINUTES

5.A. Approval of Minutes of the January 15, 2025 Regular Board Meeting

Trustee Sierra MOVED TO APPROVE the Minutes of the January 15, 2025 Regular Board Meeting. Motion seconded by Trustee Covington and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Covington, Harant, Montez, Sierra, and Vice President Hill. (Results: 5 Ayes; 0 Abstain; 0 Nays).

6. STAFF REPORTS

6.A. Executive Director

In Executive Director Cahill's absence, Scott Loftus invited everyone to Proctor Center next Thursday, February 20 at 6:00 pm for their Black History month program. Jonelle McCloud and her kids have been working very hard on preparing for the show and all are invited to help celebrate.

6.B. Superintendent of Planning, Design & Construction

Becky Fredrickson presented the January 2025 Project Report and stated that currently, there are no projects materially behind schedule. *Please see Attachment A.*

6.C. Chief of Police

Matt Freeman stated that as many know, Chief Green has left the Park District. The position opening was posted this week. In his absence, Mr. Freeman presented the January 2025 Police Report. *Please see Attachment B.*

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

7.A. Diversity Equity Inclusion and Accessibility Committee - Approved Minutes of November 19, 2024 Meeting

The DEIA Committee Presents the Approved Minutes of its November 19, 2024 Meeting

Trustee and Chair of the DEIA Committee Sierra presented to the Board the approved minutes of the November 19, 2024 DEIA Committee meeting.

7.B. Golf Ad Hoc Committee Meeting Minutes - Approved Minutes of December 16, 2024 Meeting

The Golf Ad Hoc Committee Presents the Approved Minutes of its December 16, 2024 Meeting

7.C. Strategy Ad Hoc Committee – Planning – Memorial Bench at Camp Wokanda

Jenny Swanson stated that staff received a request from Ms. Jenna Bahaj to place a memorial bench at Camp Wokanda in memory of a long-time runner of the Chill Billy and Cry Me A River races that start and end at Camp Wokanda. Staff worked with the Ms. Bahaj to review available memorial options in the District, but due to the sentimental relationship the runner had with Camp Wokanda, Ms. Bahaj wishes to do a bench at that location. The bench will also include a standardized plaque, with language agreed upon by the District and family.

Trustee Covington MOVED TO APPROVE the Memorial Bench at Camp Wokanda. Motion seconded by Trustee Sierra and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Covington, Harant, Montez, Sierra, and Vice President Hill. (Results: 5 Ayes; 0 Abstain; 0 Nays).

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.A. Requests for Proposal: \$5,000,000 General Obligation Park Bonds

Karrie Ross stated that in January, staff sent requests for proposal (RFP) to 54 banks. The RFP and bid form provided to the banks was developed with Chapman & Cutler’s counsel. On Tuesday, February 11, 2025, six proposal responses were received. Staff worked with Chapman & Cutler to review all submitted proposals and calculate the lowest total cost respondent, which was Time Bank of Park Ridge, IL. Attached to the agenda is the submitted proposal from Time Bank and the tabulation of all proposals received. Staff worked with bond counsel to complete the bond ordinance documents for board approval on February 12, 2025. As such, staff recommends that the board approve Time Bank’s proposal, which is a total cost of \$215,063.

Trustee Montez MOVED TO APPROVE Time Bank’s Proposal for \$5,000,000 General Obligation Park Bonds. Motion seconded by Trustee Harant and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Covington - Aye, Harant - Aye, Montez - Aye, Sierra - Abstain, and Vice President Hill - Aye. (Results: 4 Ayes; 1 Abstain; 0 Nays).

8.B. Consideration and action on an ordinance providing for the issue of \$5,000,000 General Obligation Park Bonds, Series 2025, of the Pleasure Driveway and Park District of Peoria, Peoria County, Illinois, for the purpose of providing for the payment of land for parks, for the building, maintaining, improving and protecting of the same and the existing land and facilities of said Park District and for the payment of the expenses thereto, for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds and for the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof.

Trustee Covington MOVED TO APPROVE the Bond Ordinance #404 - Consideration and action on an ordinance providing for the issue of \$5,000,000 General Obligation Park Bonds, Series 2025, of the Pleasure Driveway and Park District of Peoria, Peoria County, Illinois, for the purpose of providing for the payment of land for parks, for the building, maintaining, improving and protecting of the same and the existing land and facilities of said Park District and for the payment of the expenses thereto, for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds and for the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof. Motion seconded by Trustee Montez and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Covington - Aye, Harant - Aye, Montez - Aye, Sierra - Abstain, and Vice President Hill - Aye. (Results: 4 Ayes; 1 Abstain; 0 Nays).

8.C. IDNR Lease Agreement – Bike Trail

Mike Friberg stated that this is a renewal of the lease agreement for Park District use of IDNR land for a portion of the Rock Island Greenway. The lease is for a parcel 3,235' by 100' of the old railroad grade north of Route 6. This lease was originally executed in the early 1980's after a portion of this parcel was donated by the District to the State. The term of this agreement is for five years from June 1, 2024 to May 31, 2029. As such, staff recommends approving the attached renewal lease agreement with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources for a parcel of land on the Rock Island Greenway.

Trustee Montez MOVED TO APPROVE the IDNR Lease Agreement – Bike Train. Motion seconded by Trustee Montez and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Covington, Harant, Montez, Sierra, and Vice President Hill. (Results: 5 Ayes; 0 Abstain; 0 Nays).

8.D. License Agreement – Grandview Drive

Mike Friberg stated that The property at 4910 N. Grand View Drive has long had an encroachment onto Park District property. The previous owner of this property claimed to have a longstanding verbal agreement from the Park District to maintain the grass adjacent to the home at 4910 N. Grand View Drive. Staff is unable to confirm such a verbal agreement existed. However, Grand View Drive has historically been difficult to manage due to the sheer number of neighbors, and the fact that the drive itself “wanders” through a corridor of Park ownership. In some area there is little obvious relationship between the Grand View Drive pavement and the actual park property lines. There is ample precedent of neighbors maintaining park property along the Drive. Recently this property was sold, and staff approached the new owners with a license agreement to permit these uses to continue. Staff propose to continue to allow the owners to maintain the grass, landscape retaining walls, and irrigation system on Park property. The License Agreement defines a 70' x 100' rectangle of park property that the current improvements are located on, and lists lawn maintenance, landscape retaining walls, and an irrigation system as the only private activities that may take place on this land. Tree cutting or clearing is specifically excluded from the agreement. Any tree cutting or clearing would need separate permission in order to remain consistent with the District's current management practices for all neighbors on the Drive. In addition, a clause in the agreement states that the Cekanders are responsible for preventing erosion on the property, and would be liable for repair of the ground if their irrigation system leaks and causes erosion or settlement. As such, staff recommends execution of the license agreement with Jayme and Douglas Cekander for use of Park property adjacent to 4910 N. Grand View Drive.

Trustee Sierra MOVED TO APPROVE the License Agreement – Grandview Drive. Motion seconded by Trustee Covington and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Covington, Harant, Montez, Sierra, and Vice President Hill. (Results: 5 Ayes; 0 Abstain; 0 Nays).

8.E. IDOT Temporary Easement – Lorentz Avenue

Mike Friberg stated that in 2018 The Park District Board of Trustees approved a temporary easement in favor of IDOT to utilize .265 acres over the Park District’s Lorentz Avenue property. This temporary construction easement had a five-year term, and allowed IDOT and its contractors access to construct the new McCluggage Bridge span. Due to the expiration of the existing temporary easement, and the necessity of continuing construction on the McCluggage Bridge, IDOT is requesting a new 5-year temporary construction easement. The terms of this new Temporary Construction easement are identical to the previous agreement. As such, staff recommends approval of the attached Temporary Construction easement with IDOT for Lorentz Avenue. The term of the easement is five years, or the end of the construction project, whichever comes first. IDOT will compensate the Park District \$9,300.00 based on the estimated value of the property. This amount is identical to the previous agreement. Lorentz Avenue will remain open to the public during construction, and is not expected to undergo excessive use that could degrade the pavement.

Trustee Harant MOVED TO APPROVE the IDOT Temporary Easement – Lorentz Avenue. Motion seconded by Trustee Covington and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Covington, Harant, Montez, Sierra, and Vice President Hill. (Results: 5 Ayes; 0 Abstain; 0 Nays).

9. CALENDAR OF CONSENT ITEMS

9.A. Change Order – Bradley Park Sculpture

9.B. Bid – Golf Learning Center Kitchen Exhaust Hood

9.C. Bid – Golf Learning Center Cooler/Freezers

Trustee Sierra MOVED TO APPROVE Calendar of Consent items 9.A. thru 9.C. Motion seconded by Trustee Montez and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Covington, Harant, Montez, Sierra, and Vice President Hill. (Results: 5 Ayes; 0 Abstain; 0 Nays).

10. PENDING BUSINESS

None at this time.

11. CITIZEN REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None at this time.

12. COMMUNICATIONS

12.A. Kroger Rewards

Monthly Kroger rewards were presented.

13. OTHER BUSINESS

None at this time.

14. ACTION STEPS REVIEW

None noted at this time.

15. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:25 pm Trustee Sierra MOVED TO ADJOURN. Motion seconded by Trustee Montez and carried by unanimous aye of those present.

Full discussion can be viewed at the following link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p_VhVYRxh9E

Respectfully Submitted by Alicia Woodworth
Executive Assistant and Board Secretary

PROJECTS IN PLANNING AND/OR DESIGN	PROJECTS OUT TO BID/QUOTE	PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION	PROJECTS MATERIALLY BEHIND SCHEDULE	COMPLETED PROJECTS
<p>Noble Center Replace Chiller Owens Prev. Maint/Fix Leaks Peoria Zoo Path Improvements - Ausi Peoria Zoo Generators (Biocenter & Giraffe) Peoria Zoo Viewing Window Repl - Ph. 2 PlayHouse Water Table PlayHouse Porch Exhibit PlayHouse Exhibit Upgrades PlayHouse Sound Dampening Pond Aerators Proctor 2nd Floor Restroom Upgrades Proctor Polish Locker Room Floors RiverFront CEFCU Stage Hoists - ph. 2 RiverPlex Whirlpool Replace RiverPlex Sand Volleyball Improvements RiverPlex Arena Floor Replace RiverPlex Arena Curtains & Motors Safety Town Fence Sommer Farm Living History Utility Improv. Sommer Farm Garage Roof Stadium Diamond #4 8' Fence on 1st Base Line Stadium #2 Expand Infield for 80' Bases Stadium Service Building Siding Improv. Woodruff Outfield Fence Replace - ph. 1 HISRA Parking Lot</p>				

POLICE ACTIVITY SUMMARY – JANUARY, 2025



TOTAL NUMBER OF ALL REPORTS: 7

CRIME REPORTS

<i>Location</i>	<i>Date/Time</i>	<i>Offense Type</i>	<i>Case #</i>
Riverfront Park	01/06/25 07:40	Theft Case Summary: Catalytic Converter taken off truck	25-2
Detweiller Park	12/05/25 08:35	Vehicle Burglary Case Summary: Unknown Suspect took wallet out of vehicle	25-4
Detweiller Park	01/25/25 17:05	Illegal Dumping Case Summary: Trash Dumped at Detweiller parcel	25-5
Proctor Recreation Center	01/26/25 18:30	Aggravated Domestic Battery Case Summary: Boyfriend struck girlfriend during domestic argument	25-6

MONTHLY TOTAL – CRIME REPORTS: 4

NON-CRIME REPORTS

<i>Location</i>	<i>Date/Time</i>	<i>Offense Type</i>	<i>Case #</i>
Riverplex	01/02/25 09:49	Abandoned Vehicle Case Summary: Ticket issued vehicle towed	25-1

MONTHLY TOTAL – NON-CRIME REPORTS: 1

TRAFFIC CRASH REPORTS

<i>Location</i>	<i>Date/Time</i>	<i>Tickets Issued</i>	<i>Case #</i>
Bradley Park	01/17/25 13:59	Traffic Accident Case Summary: Semi backed into loading dock, no citations issued	25-3
Detweiller Park	01/28/25 15:00	Traffic Accident Case Summary: Car vs. Fixed Landscape object	25-7

MONTHLY TOTAL – TRAFFIC CRASH REPORTS: 2

TRAFFIC CITATIONS

Location	Date/Time	Offense	Ticket #
Charter Oak Park	01/21/25 16:58	Speeding	25-0714
Detweiller Park	01/26/25 18:05	Speeding Failure to stop	25-86801 25-86802

MONTHLY TOTAL – TRAFFIC CITATIONS: 2

ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS

Location	Date/Time	Offense	Case #
Detweiller Park	01/25/25	Illegal Dumping Case Summary Ticket # A31053 issued	25-5

MONTHLY TOTAL – ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS: 1

PARKING VIOLATIONS

Location	Date and Time	Offense	Ticket #
Riverplex	12/02/25 09:49	Abandoned Vehicle	05732
Bradley Park	01/17/25 20:12	Improper Parking	06735
Lakeview	01/27/25 21:52	No Parking Zone	05703

MONTHLY TOTAL – PARKING VIOLATIONS: 3

Reviewed by: Chief Todd C. Green Date: 02/03/25