

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, FEBRUARY 28, 2024 HELD AT THE BONNIE NOBLE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Trustees Timothy Bertschy, Laurie Covington, Joyce Harant, Steve Montez, Vice President Alexander Sierra (E), and President Robert Johnson.
Note: (E) = Attended Electronically

TRUSTEES ABSENT: Trustee Reagan Leslie Hill

STAFF PRESENT: Executive Director Emily Cahill, Brent Wheeler, Attorney William Streeter, Attorney Kevin Day, Brianna Cobb (E), Becky Fredrickson, Matt Freeman, Scott Loftus, Officer Frank Merrill, Edward Spencer, Shalesse Pie, Karrie Ross, Kristi Shoemaker, Jenny Swanson, Greg Walker, and Alicia Woodworth.
Note: (E) = Attended Electronically

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Robert Johnson presided and called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

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

Vice President Sierra requested to attend the meeting electronically due to work obligations. Trustee Bertschy MOVED TO APPROVE Vice President Sierra attending this meeting electronically. Motion seconded by Trustee Montez and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees, Bertschy, Covington, Harant, Montez, and President Johnson. (Results: 5 Ayes; 0 Nays).

4. MOMENT OF SILENCE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

5. MINUTES

5.A. Approval of Minutes of February 14, 2024 Regular Board Meeting

Trustee Harant MOVED TO APPROVE the February 14, 2024 Regular Board meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Trustee Montez and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees, Bertschy, Covington, Harant, Montez, Vice President Sierra and President Johnson. (Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays).

6. STAFF REPORTS

6.A. Executive Director

Executive Director Cahill shared a big congratulations to our very own Jonelle McCloud and Eddie Parker for both of their inductions into the African American Hall of Fame this past Saturday. Thank you to all Trustees and staff that attended the event to support them. The Park District is very proud of both of them and congratulate them on the honor.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

7.A. Finance Committee – Approval of Accounts Payable

The Finance Committee Presents the Accounts Payable for Approval

Trustee and Finance Committee Chair Bertschy reported that the Finance Committee met and has examined the bills and found without exception. Therefore, as Chair of the Finance Committee, Trustee Bertschy moves that the President and Secretary be authorized to issue orders to the Treasurer for the several amounts shown in the agenda and MOVED TO APPROVE the current listing of accounts payable. Motion seconded by Trustee Montez and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Bertschy, Covington, Harant, Montez, Vice President Sierra, and President Johnson. (Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays)

7.B. Finance Committee – Towing and Impoundment Ordinance Amendment

The Finance Committee Presents the Towing and Impoundment Ordinance Amendment for First Read

Executive Director Cahill stated that prior to the shift in record-keeping for Peoria Park District Police to a standalone ADSi tracking process in 2021, the District relied upon the City of Peoria for administration and record-keeping tied to towing and impoundment. State law requires the attached policy for a police department to be able to utilize impoundment as a penalty for violation of relevant criminal and traffic law. Without this authorization, the District has been unable to charge impoundment fees for any vehicles taken into custody through towing since its separation from the City of Peoria's record keeping system. In response, staff has worked with legal counsel to amend sections of the conduct ordinance of the Peoria Park District as attached to allow for the seizure and confiscation of any property, thing or device in, or used in, the Parks in violation of the conduct ordinance. These amendments also allow the District to charge the impoundment fees as outlined under statute, with those funds retained by the District as revenue. As such, staff recommends the amendment to the conduct ordinance and Intergovernmental Agreement. The proposed ordinance amendment is presented for review and will be voted on the Board of Trustees at the March 13, 2024 Park Board meeting.

7.C. Finance Committee – Travel Policy Revision

The Finance Committee Presents the Travel Policy Revision for First Read

Executive Director Cahill requested this item be pulled from the agenda and will be discussed at a later date.

7.D. Planning Committee – Pedit Policy

The Planning Committee Presents the Pedicab Policy for Approval

Executive Director Cahill stated that in 2023, Nathan Comte contacted the Peoria Park District about operating a pedicab business along Grandview Drive. After review by both the Planning Committee and the full Board of Trustees, it was agreed that staff would execute a facility use agreement with Comte on a trial basis to assess the impact of a business like this on park usage. After completion of a two-month trial in fall 2023, staff has reviewed the experience and believes that the two uses can exist together and, after consultation with PDRMA and Attorney Streeter, have developed language to be added to the conduct ordinance to allow for this type of operation. When a request is made, the request for use process currently in place will be used to assess the opportunity and approve/deny requests based on ability to meet requirements and on potential impact of the use. This Conduct Ordinance for Pedicab Business Operation was

presented to the Board on February 14, 2024 for first read and is presented tonight for approval.

Trustee Covington MOVED TO APPROVE the Pedicab Policy. Motion seconded by Trustee Harant and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Bertschy, Covington, Harant, Montez, Vice President Sierra and President Johnson. (Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays).

7.E. Planning Committee – Fogelberg Memorial Request

The Planning Committee Presents the Fogelberg Memorial Request for Approval

Executive Director Cahill stated that the District is in receipt of the attached request for placement of a memorial at Forest Park Nature Center in honor of Dan Fogelberg. Per policy, this request was presented to the Planning Committee on February 14, 2024 for review and recommendation for action by the full Board of Trustees. The Planning Committee voted (3 ayes, 0 nays) to recommend this memorial for approval to the full Board and is being presented for consideration tonight.

Trustee Covington MOVED TO APPROVE the Fogelberg Memorial Request. Motion seconded by Trustee Montez and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Bertschy, Covington, Harant, Montez, Vice President Sierra and President Johnson. (Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays).

7.F. Planning Committee Minutes of October 3, 2023 Meeting

The Planning Committee Presents the Approved Minutes of its October 3, 2023 Meeting

Trustee and Planning Committee Chair Covington presented to the Board for their review the approved minutes of the October 3, 2023 Planning Committee meeting.

7.G. Golf Ad Hoc Committee – Minutes of October 9, 2023 Meeting

The Golf Ad Hoc Committee Presents the Approved Minutes of its October 9, 2023 Meeting

Trustee and Chair of the Golf Ad Hoc Committee Bertschy presented the approved minutes of the October 9, 2023 Golf Ad Hoc Committee meeting. Of particular note is that with the warm weather in February, there have been many golfers playing our courses and we are well on the way to breaking last year's record.

8. NEW BUSINESS

None at this time.

9. CALENDAR OF CONSENT ITEMS

9.A. Ratification of Phone Poll Item Dated 2.16.24 – Pre-Travel Expenses for President Johnson to Attend IAPD Events

9.B. Ratification of Phone Poll Item Dated 2.17.24 - Acceptance of the Proposal for a Drone Show on June 8, 2024 from Firefly Drone Shows, LLC

9.C. Bid – 2024 Janitorial and Paper Products

Trustee Harant MOVED TO APPROVE Calendar of Consent Items 9.A. and 9.B. Motion seconded by Trustee Covington and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Bertschy, Covington, Harant, Montez, Vice President Sierra and President Johnson. (Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays).

Trustee Harant MOVED TO APPROVE Calendar of Consent Item 9.C. Motion seconded by Trustee Montez and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustee Bertschy - Abstain, Trustee Covington - Aye, Trustee Harant - Aye, Trustee Montez - Aye, Vice President Sierra - Aye and President Johnson - Aye. (Results: 1 Abstain; 5 Ayes; 0 Nays).

10. PENDING BUSINESS

None at this time.

11. CITIZEN REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Lois Spurgeon of 2201 N. Atlantic addressed the Board asking that more be done to revitalize Glen Oak Park.

Laurence Maushard of 710 E. Arcadia Avenue addressed the Board asking that the 3rd of July event at Glen Oak Park remain.

12. COMMUNICATIONS

None at this time.

13. OTHER BUSINESS

Trustee Harant stated that she attended the African American Hall of Fame induction ceremony and it was inspiring to see all of the high school students that received scholarship. It was a lovely event.

Trustee Harant stated that she received a communication from a pickleball player concerning being able to play under lights at Glen Oak Park. Trustee Harant would like to see lights installed to accommodate pickleball, like as was done with the tennis courts. She would like to see what the cost estimate would be to install lights at the pickleball courts.

Trustee Harant stated that she has been playing pickleball at the RiverPlex at 5:00 on Fridays where there are many beginner-level players. In talking with them, they expressed a desire to take beginner-level pickleball lessons. As such, she asks if staff could find a way to offer those lessons at the RiverPlex during that time. Trustee Harant stated that she would be happy to help with this in any way she can.

Trustee Montez stated that he has been a member of RiverPlex for over 22 years and recently he received communication that extended pool hours are being offered. He thinks this is great and thanked staff.

14. ACTION STEPS REVIEW

None noted at this time.

15. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:07 pm Trustee Bertschy MOVED TO ADJOURN. Motion seconded by Trustee Montez and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Bertschy, Covington, Harant, Montez, Vice President Sierra and President Johnson. (Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays).

Full discussion can be viewed at the following link: <https://fb.watch/qH5Xiqn4Aq/>

Respectfully Submitted by Alicia Woodworth
Executive Assistant and Board Secretary