

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., JANUARY 27, 2021 AT THE NOBLE CENTER FOR PARK DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, 1125 WEST LAKE AVENUE, PEORIA, ILLINOIS.

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Trustees Joseph Cassidy (v), Joyce Harant, Jacqueline Petty, Nancy Snowden (v), Mic Williams (v), and President Robert Johnson

TRUSTEES ABSENT: Vice President Matt Ryan

STAFF PRESENT: Executive Director Emily Cahill, Attorneys Bill Streeeter (v) and Kevin Day (v), Karrie Ross, Brent Wheeler, Matt Freeman, Becky Fredrickson, Shalesse Pie, Scott Loftus, Michael Friberg, Mike Miller, Greg Walker, Peter Kobak, Todd Green, Willie Howe, Phoebe Hughes, Brooke Heiser

OTHERS PRESENT: None.

1) CALL TO ORDER

President Robert Johnson presided and called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

2) ROLL CALL

3) MOMENT OF SILENCE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All stood for a Moment of Silence and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING THE INTENT OF THE BOARD TO ISSUE \$5 MILLION GENERAL OBLIGATION PARK BONDS FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Trustee Harant MOVED to recess the regular meeting into public hearing. Motion seconded by Trustee Petty and carried on unanimous roll call vote. (Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays). After an overview of the intent to issue \$5 million in general obligation park bonds for capital improvements, there were no additional comments by Trustees. There was no written testimony. There was no oral testimony. Trustee Petty MOVED to adjourn the public hearing and reconvene the regular meeting. Motion seconded by Trustee Harant and carried on unanimous roll call vote. (Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays).

4) MINUTES:

4.A. None.

5) STAFF REPORTS:

5.A. Executive Director's Report

Director Cahill gave an update of the changes that will take place throughout the park district with our region reaching phase 4 of the COVID Mitigations. Pre-registration is required when participating in any of the park district's programs. Pre-registration allows for contact tracing and group size management. Director Cahill encouraged the public to monitor our website and various social media platforms for up to date information.

Trustee Petty asked why the Noble Center would only be open from 9am to 1pm daily. Director Cahill stated that staff is assessing what open hours will best serve the community. As programming increases, public hours will also increase.

Trustee Petty asked if callbacks were being made. The park district's phone lines have remained active along with our emails as well. All inquiries are being handled as they are received.

Director Cahill highlighted the circulation of the Community Survey. The survey is an extension of a survey completed in 2016. The survey is focused on getting feedback from the community to make sure the District is providing the best health and wellness resources available. Community participation is encouraged. The District has had over 500 responses but will work to build that number. The community survey is available in English and Spanish and can be taken electronically. Hard copies will be distributed at our various locations as well.

Trustee Harant asked if the survey was being pushed driven to members of the community who do not utilize the district's services.

Director Cahill informed Trustee Harant that various platforms, including our email blasts and social media networks were being utilized. The District's goal is to reach the general population as well; Director Cahill will continue to prioritize the distribution of the survey to make sure we get a variety of responses.

Trustee Harant asked whether responses can be filtered by participants who do use our services versus those who do not. Director Cahill noted there are questions to probe for this type of information which will help us filter the surveys. Peter Kobak, Supervisor of Community Connections, seconded Director Cahill's comments. He stated the survey can be accessed on the District's website or on one of our social media outlets. When doing the survey, those who share their contact information will be entered into a raffle drawing to win a \$50 Kroeger gift card.

Director Cahill also highlighted the kickoff of the Market 309 event at Logan Recreation Center and thanked President Johnson for his participation. Peoria Grown, a local not-for-profit is working to provide the 61605-area community with fresh fruits and vegetables. Every Sunday from 12-3 p.m. residents are encouraged to visit Logan Recreation Center and for \$5 can fill a grocery bag with fresh fruits and vegetables. Sunday, January 24, 2021, was their first event. They had 50 families during a three-hour time frame, which is a great turnout.

Trustee Petty asked how Director Cahill was informed of the event. Director Cahill shared that staff have been working with Peoria Grown to establish parameters of the events and was alerted to the first event during the week prior. Trustee Williams asked how Peoria Grown was being marketed. Director Cahill noted that Peoria Grown has a social media presence and that they also went door to door in the 61605-area code, handing out flyers and sharing the event information. Media coverage was provided by all three area TV stations and Peoria Journal Star as well.

Trustee Williams questioned whether local growers were being used. Director Cahill stated that Julie Ryan who heads Peoria Grown utilizes Hy-Vee at this time. As weather changes and more local growers become available, Peoria Grown looks forward to working with local growers as well as continue their collaboration with Hy-Vee.

Director Cahill also shared that to access the market, residents need to show documentation of residency in the 61605-zip code.

5.B. Park Police: November and December Monthly Report

Chief Green presented the November and December Police Summary Reports.

Trustee Harant asked If there were any issues or good things happening.

Chief Green reported they are in the process of promoting an open full-time position within their department and he looks forward to some competitive hiring soon.

Director Cahill noted that this year's job fair will be held virtually due to COVID mitigations. The Peoria Park District's website will host a virtual job fair. Job opportunities will be explained by district staff through videos which will be showcased during the online job fair and will continue to be available after the job fair concludes. People will still be supported onsite at the Noble Center with its job application kiosk located in the lobby.

Trustee Petty questioned the November 2020 crime report at HISRA. Chief Green informed Trustee Petty that a catalytic converter was stolen from a HISRA vehicle. Trustee Petty asked was this the same crime reported at Constitution Gardens, Chief Green replied it was not. Constitution Gardens crime report was a trespassing investigation. Trustee Petty asked about the non-crime report. Chief Green stated the issues listed on the non-crime report was found property. Chief Green stated property was taken possession of and a police report is required as follow up.

5.C. Planning Division's Monthly Report

Superintendent Becky Fredrickson presented Planning's December Monthly Report.

Trustee Petty questioned were all golf paths going to be worked on. Superintendent Fredrickson noted that different sections within Madison, Newman and Kellogg will all receive work.

5.D. Park Division: November and December Work Order Reports

Superintendent Matt Freeman presented November and December's work order reports.

President Johnson questioned a sign in Columbia Park that needs a new coat of paint. Superintendent Freeman explained that the sign is part of a work order list with items that need attention. Time to complete some of these jobs ran out due to the winter weather, but as spring emerges, those jobs will be completed.

President Johnson asked if preventative maintenance lists were being utilized. Superintendent Freeman stated that all department heads have a preventative maintenance list that they follow in combination with our maintenance and repair crew and they are monitored daily and are consistently modified, enhanced and used.

President Johnson questioned a cell phone tower behind Sheridan Lumber. Superintendent Freeman stated that the tower is not part of district property. It sits on a piece of land adjacent to park property. President Johnson asked if the District has any existing cell phone tower agreements. Staff shared that Camp Wokonda is home to the District's only cell tower agreement at this time.

6) COMMITTEE REPORT:

6.A. Finance Committee: Approval of Accounts Payable

Trustee Snowden reported the finance committee had examined the bills and moved that the President and Secretary be authorized to issue orders on the Treasurer for the several amounts:

PAYROLL #2	1/22/2021
GENERAL FUND	\$145,278.26
RECREATION FUND	\$75,809.93
LIABILITY FUND	\$2,681.04
MUSEUM FUND	\$29,365.53
POLICE FUND	\$8,080.85
DETWEILLER MARINA FUND	\$ -
GOLF FUND	\$21,155.65
HISRA FUND	\$10,005.06
RIVERFRONT FUND	\$5,744.76
RIVERPLEX FUND	\$35,500.80
TOTAL ALL PAYROLLS	\$333,621.88
GENERAL	\$1,182,489.85
RECREATION	\$336,560.34
AUDIT	\$ -
LIABILITY	\$97,031.68
MUSEUM	\$22,784.00
POLICE	\$9,602.54
IMRF	\$ -
WORKMAN'S COMP. & UNEMPLOYMENT	\$69,232.74
BONDED PROJECTS	\$1,698,402.30

BOND INTEREST	\$5,083,532.77
PAVING & LIGHTING	\$23,384.17
RIVERFRONT EVENTS	\$6,070.47
DETWEILLER MARINA	\$ -
GOLF	\$73,170.21
HISRA	\$39,604.68
RIVERPLEX	\$57,547.89
Total Payables:	8,699,413.64

*please see attached for payroll nos. 1, 23, 25 and 26

Nancy Snowden MOVED TO approve the payroll. Motion seconded by Joyce Harant and carried on a roll call vote: Trustees Joseph Cassidy (v) (Aye), Joyce Harant (Aye), Jacqueline Petty (Aye), Nancy Snowden (v) (Aye), Mic Williams (v) (Aye) and President Robert Johnson (Aye). Motion carried. (6 Ayes – 0 Nays)

7) NEW BUSINESS:

7.A. Approval of Reallocation of Bond Funds

Staff recommended the reallocation of Riverfront Event Equipment Fund for \$5,000.00 and Riverfront Fencing for \$5,000.00 into a Districtwide programming and events fund which allows for use of funds to support events in more locations across the District. Staff recommends that \$30,000 of residuals from the 2020 golf cart purchase be used for ash tree removal throughout the parks and golf courses.

Trustee Snowden MOVED TO APPROVE the Reallocation of Bond Funds. Motion seconded by Trustee Harant and carried on a unanimous vote. (Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays)

7.B. Approval to Accept Sculpture from Urbana Park District for Donovan Sculpture Garden

Director Cahill noted that the "Here and There" sculpture has been offered to the District by the Urbana Park District as part of our collaboration to establish the Donovan Park Sculpture Garden. This donation is one of six sculptures that will be part of the Donovan Sculpture Garden experience. This sculpture will become permanent property of the District and will be rotated into different District properties after its placement at the Donovan Sculpture Garden is complete.

Trustee Harant MOVED TO APPROVE the acceptance of the sculpture from Urbana Park District for Donovan Sculpture Garden. Motion seconded by Trustee Petty and carried on a unanimous vote. (Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays)

7.C. Approval of 2021 Park Board and Committee Meetings Schedule

Trustee Snowden MOVED TO APPROVE the 2021 Park Board and Committee Meetings Schedule. Motion seconded by Trustee Cassidy and carried on a unanimous vote. (Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays)

7.D. Appointment of Park Board Officers and Advisers - 2021

Trustee Snowden MOVED TO APPROVE the 2021 Park Board Officers. Motion seconded by Trustee Petty and carried on a unanimous vote. (Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays)

7.E. Election of Vice President of the Board – 2021

In accordance with Policies, Rules and Regulations, Section II, 2.00, RULES OF THE PARK BOARD, President Johnson called for election of a Vice President. Trustee Snowden moved to elect Trustee Joyce Harant to serve as Vice President of the Board in 2021. Motion seconded by Trustee Williams and carried on a unanimous vote. (Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays)

7.F. Historic Preservation Act

No action was taken on the Historic Preservation and Landmarks Act.

8) CALENDAR OF CONSENT:

8.A. Request for Use of RiverPlex Arena: The Hotshots Basketball Academy 2021

Trustee Harant MOVED TO APPROVE. Motion seconded by Trustee Cassidy and carried on a unanimous vote. (Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays)

8.B. Ratification of Phone Poll Conducted on December 21, 2020

Trustee Harant MOVED TO APPROVE. Motion seconded by Trustee Cassidy and carried on a unanimous vote. (Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays)

8.C. Request for Use of the RiverPlex Arena: Peoria Mother's of Twins Club, Inc. Semi Annual Children's Clothing and Equipment Sale

Trustee Harant MOVED TO APPROVE. Motion seconded by Trustee Cassidy and carried on a unanimous vote. (Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays)

9) PENDING BUSINESS:

NONE.

10) CITIZEN REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:

NONE.

11) COMMUNICATIONS:

Thank you letters re: Elite Game Changers/Moonlight Coalition

12) OTHER BUSINESS:

Trustee Harant received an email from Conrad Stinnett of the West Bluff Council about the space in Bradley Park which housed the Christopher Columbus Statue. They questioned whether the space will be filled with another sculpture. They suggested that grant funds may be available from the Mellon Foundation to support a replacement.

President Johnson stated he spoke with Mr. Stinnett and that after the April elections, the board will revisit discussion in regards to how the space will be filled.

Director Cahill noted a meeting could be set up with the planning committee once the new board members were seated per President Johnson's direction.

Trustee Harant questioned the time frame to apply for possible grants that could be used, which will be another source of potential funding. Staff will do research on the Mellon Foundation and report back.

Trustee Harant questioned the tax abatement for the City of Peoria. Trustee Harant questioned if it was known what the District's responsibilities were. Director Cahill noted an email with the response from the City of Peoria was forwarded out.

Trustee Harant had a follow-up with some confusion as to the logistics of the tax abatement. Director Cahill noted the item was as of now tabled per last night's council meeting. Follow up action will be taken so all parties are informed. Trustee Harant expressed concern about gentrification if and renovation becomes eligible for tax abatement. Trustee Harant questioned public bathroom access and asked if the issue could be placed on a future agenda. Director Cahill noted that District restrooms will reopen in the Spring. Superintendent Freeman noted that restrooms are opened no later than early May and are open through the end of October. Morton Square Park were opened when programming took place. The issue of access will be placed on a future planning agenda.

Trustee Petty asked Brent Wheeler, Deputy Director, if staff can begin the review the ideas presented by Bill Spears to support concessions in golf. Deputy Director Wheeler stated work is being done right now on District-wide concessions and that staff will renew its investigation of possible restaurant collaboration to support golf. activity.

Trustee Harant MOVED TO RECESS out of the regular board meeting. Motion seconded by Trustee Petty and carried on a unanimous roll call vote: (Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays)

14) ADJOURNMENT

At 7:06 p.m., Jackie Petty MOVED TO ADJOURN. Motion seconded by Joyce Harant and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Joseph Cassidy (v) (Aye), Joyce Harant (Aye), Jacqueline Petty (Aye), Nancy Snowden (v) (Aye), Mic Williams (v) (Aye), and President Johnson (Aye). (Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays)