

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., June 23, 2021 HELD AT THE BONNIE NOBLE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Trustees Timothy Bertschy, Laurie Covington, Joseph Cassidy, Vice President Joyce Harant, and President Robert Johnson.

TRUSTEES ABSENT: Jackie Petty

STAFF PRESENT: Deputy Director Brent Wheeler, Attorney Bill Streeter, Attorney Kevin Day, Meg Boyich, Nick Conrad, Matt Freeman, Mike Friberg, David Gray, Chief Todd Green, Willie Howe, Peter Kobak (v), Scott Loftus, Brittany Moldenhauer, Karrie Ross, Doug Silberer (v), Alicia Woodworth.

(v) = Attended virtually

OTHERS PRESENT: James Hinchee, Denise Jackson, Diamond Matthews, Alexander Sierra, Angi Sierra

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.

4) MINUTES:

Approval of Minutes of June 9, 2021 – Public Meeting

Vice President Joyce Harant MOVED TO APPROVE the minutes of June 9, 2021. Motion seconded by Trustee Joseph Cassidy and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Timothy Bertschy, Joseph Cassidy, Laurie Covington, Vice President Joyce Harant, and President Robert Johnson. (Results: 5 Ayes; 0 Nays)

5) VOTE TO APPOINT SOUTHERN DISTRICT TRUSTEE TO FILL VACANCY:

Trustee Joseph Cassidy MOVED TO APPROVE the appointment of Alexander Sierra as a Southern District Trustee. Motion seconded by Vice President Joyce Harant and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Timothy Bertschy, Joseph Cassidy, Laurie Covington, Vice President Joyce Harant, and President Robert Johnson. (Results: 5 Ayes; 0 Nays)

6) ADJOURNMENT:

At 6:06 p.m., Trustee Timothy Bertschy MOVED TO ADJOURN. Motion seconded by Trustee Laurie Covington and carried on a unanimous voice vote of the Trustees present. (Results: 5 Ayes; 0 Nays).

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TRUSTEES PRESENT: Trustees Timothy Bertschy, Laurie Covington, Joseph Cassidy, Alexander Sierra, Vice President Joyce Harant, and President Robert Johnson.

TRUSTEES ABSENT: Jackie Petty

STAFF PRESENT: Deputy Director Brent Wheeler, Attorney Bill Streeter, Attorney Kevin Day, Meg Boyich, Nick Conrad, Matt Freeman, Mike Friberg, David Gray, Chief Todd Green, Willie Howe, Peter Kobak (v), Scott Loftus, Brittany Moldenhauer, Karrie Ross, Doug Silberer (v) Alicia Woodworth.
(v) = Attended Virtually

OTHERS PRESENT: James Hinchee, Denise Jackson, Diamond Matthews, Angi Sierra

1) CONVENING OF NEW PARK BOARD

2) CALL TO ORDER:

President Robert Johnson presided and called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

3) OATH OF OFFICE AND SEATING OF TRUSTEE

Board Secretary Alicia Woodworth administered the Oath of Office to duly appointed Park Board Southern Trustee Alexander Sierra.

4) ROLL CALL

5) PRESENTATION AND RECEIVE AND FILE OF 2020 AUDIT:

Karrie Ross, Superintendent of Finance & Administrative Services, stated the financial audit for year ended December 31, 2020 has been completed. She thanked her staff for all they did for the audit report, budget documents and preparing monthly financials and helping staff throughout the year. She then introduced Katie Bermingham of CliftonLarsonAllen to present the results and overview of the audit. Katie Bermingham stated the audit was issued as unmodified which means it was a clean audit opinion on the financial statements. In addition, there were no internal control deficiencies or issues of noncompliance based on the audit in accordance with Government Auditing Standards. CliftonLarsonAllen issued a Letter to Governance stating there were no disagreements or difficulties with management, no audit adjustments, and that there were significant estimates of liability and related deferrals for pension and other post-employment benefits and liability for compensated absences. Also issued was a GAS Internal Control and Compliance letter noting no findings.

6) **STAFF REPORTS:**

6.A. Executive Director's Report

Deputy Director Brent Wheeler reported that July is National Parks and Recreation month. The Park District will be hosting a press conference on Thursday, July 1st at 10:30 am outside the Noble Center. Some of the highlights for July include the formal launch of the Play it Forward program, activities and concerts returning to the Riverfront, Movies in the Park kicking off, more Yoga in the Park dates have been added, additional Parks on Tap and Mobile Recreation will occur, and the District is actively programming sports and camps in multiple Park District locations. A new concept called Sunday Fun Day will be launching where the Park District will run a free Sunday shuttle from July 11th through September 26th from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Location stops will include Proctor Center, Logan Park, Lakeview Park, Forest Park Nature Center, Glen Oak Park and the RiverPlex. A person will be able to go to any of these locations utilizing continuous District-provided pick up and drop off circuits. The idea is to make the District's parks and amenities more accessible to families throughout the city. More specific logistics are currently being worked out to help determine basic run times. Karrie Ross stated the funding for Sunday Fun Day is coming solely from ICIJA grant dollars where the District is focusing more on the 61603 and 61605 zip code areas. Once the results of this program are tabulated and the District learns the full scope of what areas the grant dollars would cover, the possibility of expansion will be evaluated.

6.B. Parks Division Report

Matt Freeman, Superintendent of Parks, presented the May 2021 Closed Service Request Report.

7) **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

7.A. Finance Committee – Approval of Accounts Payable

Vice President Joyce Harant reported the Finance Committee has examined the bills and moves that the President and Secretary be authorized to issue orders on the Treasurer for the several amounts. Trustee Timothy Bertschy stated he is abstaining from any and all matters relating to this listing of accounts payable including voting, deliberation or consideration as he owns 1% or less of holdings in an assortment of companies included on the current listing of accounts payable.

Vice President Joyce Harant MOVED TO APPROVE the current listing of accounts payable. Motion seconded by Trustee Joseph Cassidy and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Joseph Cassidy, Laurie Covington, Alexander Sierra, Vice President Joyce Harant, and President Robert Johnson. (Results: 5 Ayes; 1 Abstention; 0 Nays)

7.B. Planning Committee: Request for Approval of Memorials June 2021

Mike Friberg gave a brief description of the requested memorial bench at Bielfeldt Park by James and Nancy Becker.

Vice President Joyce Harant MOVED TO APPROVE the requested memorial bench. Motion seconded by Trustee Timothy Bertschy and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees

Timothy Bertschy, Timothy Cassidy, Laurie Covington, Alexander Sierra, Vice President Joyce Harant, and President Robert Johnson. (Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays)

8) NEW BUSINESS:

8.A. Ordinance #389 Recommendation – Disposal of Garden Boxes at John H. Gwynn Jr. Park

Matt Freeman presented the recommendation of the disposal of wooden garden boxes at John H. Gwynn Jr. Park. Due to minimal interest from the community when these garden boxes were originally installed by the Peoria Park District in 2012, staff recommends that the boxes be reused in the community by a group involved with the Phoenix development garden at the corner of Perry and Wayne.

Vice President Joyce Harant MOVED TO APPROVE ordinance #389 to dispose of the garden boxes at John H. Gwynn Jr. Park. Motion seconded by Trustee Joseph Cassidy and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Timothy Bertschy, Timothy Cassidy, Laurie Covington, Alexander Sierra, Vice President Joyce Harant, and President Robert Johnson. (Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays)

8.B. Reallocation of Funds for Pickleball Sitework

Matt Freeman presented the recommendation of reallocating funds from the Glen Oak Park Event Electrical Upgrades project to be used toward the necessary site work around the new pickleball courts in Glen Oak Park. The funds will be used toward grading, seeding, and brush/tree clearing and will be completed by in-house staff. The Glen Oak Park Event Electrical Upgrades project was put on hold prior to COVID until further analysis of how the large upper green space in the park will be used in the future.

Vice President Joyce Harant MOVED TO APPROVE the reallocation of funds for pickleball sitework. Motion seconded by Trustee Timothy Bertschy and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Timothy Bertschy, Timothy Cassidy, Laurie Covington, Alexander Sierra, Vice President Joyce Harant, and President Robert Johnson. (Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays)

9) CALENDAR OF CONSENT ITEMS:

9.A. Bid – Proctor Recreation Center Masonry Repairs

9.B. Request for Use – Boo Bear 5k at Keller Station/Donovan Park on 10.31.21

9.C. Request for Use – ShaZam Racing at Detweiller Park on 7.23.21

Trustee Timothy Bertschy stated that when a company bids on a project, the District needs to know if there are any parent companies or subsidiaries in order to avoid any potential conflict of interest. The bid form the District currently uses does not include this information. Trustee Bertschy suggested updating the bid form to include any parent companies or subsidiaries of the organization submitting the bid. Attorney William Streeter stated he would work on updating the form to include this information.

Trustee Joseph Cassidy MOVED TO APPROVE the listing of Calendar of Consent Items 9.A. thru 9.C. Motion seconded by Trustee Laurie Covington and carried on the following roll

call vote: Trustees Timothy Bertschy, Timothy Cassidy, Laurie Covington, Alexander Sierra, Vice President Joyce Harant, and President Robert Johnson. (Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays)

10) PENDING BUSINESS: None

11) CITIZEN REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:

James Hinchee, President of the Uplands Homeowners Association and resident of 1027 N. Maplewood, Peoria, addressed the Board concerning the road closure at Bradley Park.

12) COMMUNICATIONS: None

13) OTHER BUSINESS: None

14) ADJOURNMENT:

At 6:57 p.m. Trustee Alexander Sierra MOVED TO ADJOURN. Motion seconded by Trustee Timothy Bertschy and carried on a unanimous voice vote of the Trustees present. (Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays).

Full discussion can be viewed at the following link: <https://fb.watch/6kzvdPjfrl/>

Respectfully Submitted by Alicia Woodworth
Executive Assistant and Secretary to the Board