

**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 9, 2021 HELD AT THE BONNIE NOBLE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.**

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

**TRUSTEES ABSENT:** None

**STAFF PRESENT:** Executive Director Emily Cahill, Attorney Bill Streeeter, Attorney Kevin Day, Deputy Director Brent Wheeler, Nick Conrad, Becky Fredrickson, Chief Todd Green, Willie Howe, Phoebe Hughes, Peter Kobak, Scott Loftus, Jonelle McCloud (v), Mike Miller, Brittany Moldenhauer (v), Shalesse Pie, Karrie Ross, Doug Silberer (v), JD Russell, Greg Walker (v), Alicia Woodworth.

(v) = Attended virtually

**OTHERS PRESENT:** None

**1) CALL TO ORDER:**

President Robert Johnson presided and called the meeting to order at 6:01 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:**

**4.A. Approval of Minutes of May 26, 2021 – Public Meeting**

Vice President Joyce Harant MOVED TO APPROVE the minutes of May 26, 2021. Motion seconded by Trustee Jackie Petty and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Timothy Bertschy, Joseph Cassidy, Laurie Covington, Jacqueline Petty, Vice President Joyce Harant, and President Robert Johnson. (Results: 5 Ayes; 1 Abstain; 0 Nays)

**5) STAFF REPORTS:**

**5.A. Executive Director**

Executive Director Emily Cahill reported that the District is in full swing in summer offerings and activities. Last week a few events were cancelled due to inclement weather. This week both Parks on Tap and Mobile Recreation PPD on the Go will be held at Detweiler Park. In addition, free Yoga in the Park at Martin Luther King Jr. Park will be held on Saturday, June 12 8:00 – 9:00 am. It was pointed out that this is the first time

Martin Luther King Jr. Park is hosting Yoga in the Park where flyers were distributed to the community promoting this. She encouraged everyone to partake in these festivities and check the PPD website for more information on all that is going on at the Park District.

**5.B. Planning**

Becky Fredrickson, Superintendent of Planning, Design and Construction presented the monthly project planning report. She pointed out that work has begun in taking out the playground at Morton Square Park, making way for the new playground which will be installed hopefully within the next couple months.

President Robert Johnson inquired about when the pile of sand at the bottom of Glen Oak Park that was excavated from the tennis courts will be moved. Superintendent Becky Fredrickson explained that once a functional use(s) for it is determined, it will then be moved.

Vice President Joyce Harant announced that the pickle ball courts at Glen Oak Park will be open for play hopefully by July.

Trustee Jackie Petty asked what the mowing schedule is for Park District parks and more specifically, Martin Luther King Jr. Park. A report was recently given to the Board that Martin Luther King Jr. Park was in bad shape i.e., weeds, tall grass, generally unkept. JD Russell, Supervisor of Parks – Landscape Maintenance, answered that it is typically a 7-10-day rotation.

**5.C. Police**

Chief of Police Todd Green presented the May 2021 police report. Trustee Jackie Petty noted that it appears there is an uptick in property damage in which Chief Green agreed. He stated the property damage is primarily due to people driving through Park District property creating large ruts and damage and it appears to be intentional. Trustee Timothy Bertschy inquired if there is any way to compare the Peoria Park District's damages to other park districts, or if there was a way to determine if this is an increase in our own Park District. Chief Green stated that next month he will be providing a year-to-date damage report for this year and also a comparison damage report from last year for the Peoria Park District that will help determine this. Chief Green also reported steps that have been taken in order to deter criminal activity such as the closing of the road entrance bars at RiverPlex and Glen Oak Park after hours.

**6) COMMITTEE REPORTS: None**

**7) NEW BUSINESS:**

**7.A. Endres House Sale Approval**

Per staff recommendation, Superintendent Becky Fredrickson requested approval for the sale of Endres House for \$60,000 and then placing those funds in the Park District's Legacy Fund. Trustee Joseph Cassidy MOVED TO APPROVE the contract for sale of the Endres house. Motion seconded by Vice President Joyce Harant and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Timothy Bertschy, Joseph Cassidy, Laurie Covington, Jacqueline Petty, Vice President Joyce Harant, and President Robert Johnson. (Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays)

**7.B. Forest Park Nature Center Acquisition**

Per staff recommendation, Superintendent Becky Fredrickson requested approval for the purchase of Forest Park Nature Center 12 land parcels totaling 389 acres from the Forest Park Foundation for \$1,042,000. Trustee Laurie Covington MOVED TO APPROVE the purchase. Motion seconded by Trustee Joseph Cassidy and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Timothy Bertschy, Joseph Cassidy, Laurie Covington, Jacqueline Petty, Vice President Joyce Harant, and President Robert Johnson. (Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays)

**7.C. Trustees Attendance to NRPA Annual Conference in Nashville, TN**

Trustee Timothy Bertschy MOVED TO APPROVE Trustees' attendance to the NRPA Annual Conference September 21-23, 2021. Motion seconded by Vice President Joyce Harant and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Timothy Bertschy, Joseph Cassidy, Laurie Covington, Jacqueline Petty, Vice President Joyce Harant, and President Robert Johnson. (Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays)

**8) CALENDAR OF CONSENT ITEMS:**

- 8.A. Request for Use Illinois Valley Striders 9.11.21**
- 8.B. Request for Use Illinois Valley Striders 10.31.21**
- 8.C. Request for Use Logan Park 7.24.21**
- 8.D. Bid Glen Oak Curb and Gutter Improvements**
- 8.E. Bid Bradley Park Curb and Gutter Improvements**

Trustee Timothy Bertschy inquired as to why on some bids there is a diversity breakdown and some there is not. Superintendent Becky Fredrickson explained that if it is a bid that includes labor onsite, the diversity breakdown is included. If it is only materials or labor offsite, it is typically not included.

Trustee Joseph Cassidy MOVED TO APPROVE the listing of Calendar of Consent Items 8.A. thru 8.E. Motion seconded by Vice President Joyce Harant and carried on the following roll call vote:

Trustees Timothy Bertschy, Joseph Cassidy, Laurie Covington, Jacqueline Petty, Vice President Joyce Harant, and President Robert Johnson. (Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays)

9) **PENDING BUSINESS:** None

10) **CITIZEN REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:** None

11) **COMMUNICATIONS:**

**11.A. Thank you to Peoria Health Department**

President Robert Johnson recognized and commended a letter written by Executive Director Emily Cahill to Peoria City/County Public Health Administrator Monica Hendrickson, thanking her for her leadership and guidance for the past 15 months.

**11.B. AmazonSmile Donation**

The Peoria Park District Foundation has received a donation in the amount of \$80.83 from the AmazonSmile Foundation for the time period January 1, 2021 thru March 31, 2021.

12) **OTHER BUSINESS:**

President Robert Johnson inquired as to how many people completed the recent swim class offered for lifeguards. Executive Director Emily Cahill stated there were 9 people hired, we lost 4 so the net currently employed is 5. Superintendent of Recreation Services Scott Loftus stated the District will be opening Proctor Recreation Center pool Monday thru Thursday 12:00p – 4:00p and on Fridays for group swims and free community swim lessons. There is currently no plan to offer weekend swim opportunities at Proctor. President Johnson requested to please look into weekend offerings if at all possible.

13) **ADJOURNMENT:**

At 6:39 p.m., Trustee Jacqueline Petty MOVED TO ADJOURN. Motion seconded by Vice President Joyce Harant 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://www.facebook.com/PeoriaParkDistrict/videos/3525127500920432>

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