

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., July 14, 2021 HELD AT THE BONNIE NOBLE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Trustees Timothy Bertschy, Joseph Cassidy, Jackie Petty, Alex Sierra, Vice President Joyce Harant, and President Robert Johnson. *Please Note Jackie Petty left the meeting at 6:53 pm.*

TRUSTEES ABSENT: Laurie Covington

STAFF PRESENT: Executive Director Emily Cahill, Deputy Director Brent Wheeler, Attorney Bill Streeter, Attorney Kevin Day, Nick Conrad, Matt Freeman, Mike Friberg, Chief Todd Green, Mary Harden (v), Peter Kobak, Scott Loftus, Mike Miller, Jocelyn McDowell (v), Brittany Moldenhauer (v), Karrie Ross, Shalesse Pie, Doug Silberer (v), Tiffany Shipley, Doug Silberer (v), Nicole Staley (v), Alicia Woodworth, Erich Zimmerman (v).
(v) = Attended virtually

OTHERS PRESENT: Gale Thetford, Board Member of Corn Stock Theatre, and Erin Craig, President of the Board of Corn Stock Theatre

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 June 23, 2021 – Public Meeting

Vice President Joyce Harant MOVED TO APPROVE the minutes of June 23, 2021. Motion seconded by Trustee Timothy Bertschy and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Timothy Bertschy, Joseph Cassidy, Joyce Petty, Alex Sierra, Vice President Joyce Harant, and President Robert Johnson. (Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays)

5) STAFF REPORTS:

5.A. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Emily Cahill invited Peter Kobak, Supervisor of Community Connections, to give an overview of the Summer of Fun! And Sunday Funday efforts. Peter stated that last week approximately 12,000 District 150 students received a letter from PPD and included Summer of Fun Park Passes. These passes offer unlimited free admission to the Peoria Zoo, Peoria Playhouse Children's Museum, and one-time free admissions to Owens Center and the Golf Learning Center. In addition, the student can bring up to two parents or guardians free of charge. This was all made possible by an Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (ICJIA) grant. Great thanks go to Representative Jehan-Gordon Booth and her advocacy for the Peoria Park District. These programs began on July 11 and will run until September 30. In the past 3 days alone, the

passes have been used 212 times at those 4 facilities. The District partnered with Peoria Public Schools (PPS) because PPS is the largest geographical public school district and serves the largest number of low-income families, i.e., students in the 61603 and 61605 zip codes. These low-income students are the students the ICJIA grant was intended for. The price of admission is not the only barrier these families face. The other barrier is transportation which is what the Sunday Funday shuttle attempts to address. This shuttle will run every Sunday in July, August and September, from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm, on a loop between 6 locations in the Park District. The goal is to alleviate the barrier of admission costs and transportation issues in order to let low income families enjoy the offerings of the Peoria Park District. The District recognizes that not all low-income families are part of Peoria Public Schools so the District has begun arranging trips for non-profit groups and other educational institutions to visit our facilities. In addition to the field trips, a family can apply for a scholarship. If they qualify, a family can receive a Summer Fun! Pass regardless of whether or not they are a Peoria Public School student. Peter stated that it has taken a collaborative team and a heavy lift to make this logistically simple at all of our facilities. He gave a sincere thanks to all those involved in making this happen.

Trustee Sierra suggested marketing these initiatives through social media and more specifically, creating Sunday Funday events on the PPD Facebook page. In addition, he suggested that the hours of operation of the facilities involved be included on the flier and the flier be posted on the PPD Facebook page, thus making it shareable.

Emily Cahill stated that although Peter Kobak recognized the efforts of the team to make this happen, she wanted to highlight that this all came together within a 2-week span and everyone is learning as they go and everyone is thrilled to see the response to the passes. All of this is thanks to the absolute trust that Representative Jehan Gordon-Booth has in the Peoria Park District.

Scott Loftus, Superintendent of Recreation Services, gave an aquatics update. Scott stated he is happy to report that for the month of July, the District is now having open swim on Saturdays at the RiverPlex and Proctor Center. The District is also offering free swim lessons for ages 5 and over. Currently there are 28 kids signed up for the Monday Wednesday and Saturday lessons at Proctor and it is anticipated there will be a few more. In order to help offset some of the hardships the Carver Center is experiencing with their camps, the District is sharing much of its sports equipment i.e. tennis rackets, balls and rackets, pickleball racquets, offered Mobile Recreation, scheduling trips to the Peoria Zoo, Forest Park Nature Center, and doing a Fun the Run Day. Also, the District will be offering a movie night on August 10 at Gwynn Park to celebrate back-to-school. Emily Cahill thanked Scott and his team for their amazing and all hands-on-deck efforts in making this happen.

Trustee Jackie Petty asked about the possibility of working with Peoria Public Schools to give academic credit to students who sign up for a PPD lifeguard class. Emily Cahill responded that we have had some initial conversations with Peoria Public Schools as part of a collaboration through the 21st Century grant, we have some opportunities to use that

after school programming time to do that however, the biggest challenge is finding students who are interested in participating and signing up for the class. The District is doing everything they can to build up the classes to capacity and build the lifeguard pool for the future.

Due to an article last week published in the Peoria Journal Star about the Performing Arts Pavilion (PAV) in the Park, Emily Cahill offered a brief timeline and overview in order to confirm certain details and reassure everyone about the PPD role in the project thus far. PAV approached the PPD initially with a Letter of Inquiry in October 2019. In October 2020, the Performing Arts Centre (PAC) presented to the Board their vision of the PAV. As an outcome of this presentation, the PPD Board came to a consensus and agreed to allow PPD staff to work with the PAC and develop a term sheet. Currently, the term sheet details are in progress. The next step is to present the term sheet to the Board of Trustees and to solicit public input and feedback. After that process, the Board would vote on the items listed on the term sheet. If approved, a lease and operating agreement would be developed. That lease and operating agreement would then be presented to the Board for vote. Emily stated she will keep the Board updated and apprised as the District moves through this process.

5.B. Planning Monthly Report

In the place of Becky Fredrickson, Superintendent of Planning, Design & Construction. Mike Friberg, Park Planner, presented the Planning Department's June 2021 monthly project report. Trustee Timothy Bertschy asked for clarification as to what his role as a Trustee should be when reviewing this report. Mr. Friberg stated the reason the report is presented to the Board is to keep Trustees informed of the construction projects and their status in order to inform their constituents if ever called upon to do so. Emily Cahill also stated the report is a good way to follow the progress, size and scope of projects as they develop. Trustee Bertschy stated it would be helpful to note if any projects are seriously behind schedule or noteworthy in any way.

5.C. Police Report: June 2021 Statistics

Chief of Police Todd Green presented the June 2021 Police Activity Summary Report. Trustee Timothy Bertschy requested clarification as to the two Possession of Cannabis ordinance violations as they have the same case number. Chief Green stated it was two individuals who were cited together. The violation was due to their age and the fact that the PPD prohibits use of cannabis on its properties. Trustee Bertschy requested clarification as to the Prohibited Activities that was noted on the report. Chief Green explained it was due to an individual's aggressive panhandling and being disorderly. Trustee Bertschy then inquired as to what, if any, cultural competencies and diversity training is offered or required of PPD Police Officers. Chief Green stated that as part of the Illinois Training and Standards Board, this training is mandatory annually for every certified officer and Chief Green feels the police staff is adequately trained in these issues. Trustee Jackie Petty asked Chief Green how many officers does the PPD currently have employed and how many of them are minorities. Chief Green responded there are 3 full-

time officers including himself and 6 or 7 part-time officers. One of the part-time officers is a minority.

6) COMMITTEE REPORTS:

None

7) NEW BUSINESS:

7.A. Modification of Corn Stock Theatre 2021 Season Agreement: Request to Sell Alcohol

Corn Stock Theatre's Board of Directors is seeking to amend their 2021 annual agreement to allow for the sale of beer and wine at their theatre location in Bradley Park for the 2021 season. Per staff recommendation, Matt Freeman, Superintendent of Parks requested approval of this request subject to the Park District's right to rescind this authorization if Park District staff deems the operation unsafe, or if Corn Stock Theatre does not adhere to the terms as presented to the Board or if Park District staff observe any unforeseen negative issues. Erin Craig, President of the Board of Corn Stock Theatre addressed the Board to answer any questions. She stated they are currently working with a local vendor, Andrew Driscoll, owner of The Waterhouse in Peoria, to provide the alcohol and he has already obtained the proper licensing from the City of Peoria to sell beer and wine at Corn Stock Theatre events. He has also conferred with the Peoria County Health Department to ensure he follows the appropriate guidelines for this type of operation.

Vice President Joyce Harant MOVED TO APPROVE the request of Corn Stock Theatre to sell beer and wine subject to the Park District's right to rescind. Motion seconded by Trustee Jackie Petty and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Timothy Bertschy, Joseph Cassidy, Joyce Petty, Alex Sierra, Vice President Joyce Harant, and President Robert Johnson. (Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays)

7.B. Bid – Concessions Equipment Purchase for Owens Center

Per staff recommendation, Karrie Ross, Superintendent of Finance & Administration Services, requested approval to purchase of concession equipment for Owens Center from TriMark Marlinn, LLC for a total of \$69, 754.43. The concession equipment will be used in the renovations of the concession area at Owens Center. The total cost includes the delivery and final install connections of the equipment. Prices are pursuant to Sourcewell contract #091918-TMK and are made allowable through the Illinois Intergovernmental Cooperation Act. The Sourcewell contract offers a substantial discount off of the list price of the commercial kitchen equipment.

Trustee Joseph Cassidy MOVED TO APPROVE the purchase of concession equipment for Owens Center from TriMark Marlinn, LLC for a total of \$69, 754.43. Motion seconded by Trustee Alex Sierra and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Timothy Bertschy, Joseph Cassidy, Alex Sierra, Vice President Joyce Harant, and President Robert Johnson. (Results: 5 Ayes; 0 Nays). *Please note Trustee Jackie Petty left the meeting at 6:53 pm and therefore did not vote on this motion.*

7.C. Bid – Peoria Stadium Partial Roadway Replacement

Per staff recommendation, Mike Friberg, Park Planner, requested approval of accepting a bid for \$55,681.00 from Tazewell County Asphalt for the roadway replacement at Peoria Stadium. Trustee Timothy Bertschy inquired as to why after sending this request for bid to 12 different companies, only 2 actually submitted a bid. Mike Friberg stated it is a common occurrence mainly due to the fact that PPD projects are typically small jobs for these types of contractors so many of the contractors don't believe the job is worth bidding on.

Trustee Timothy Bertschy MOVED TO APPROVE the bid from Tazewell County Asphalt for the roadway replacement at Peoria Stadium. Motion seconded by Trustee Alex Sierra and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Timothy Bertschy, Joseph Cassidy, Alex Sierra, Vice President Joyce Harant, and President Robert Johnson. (Results: 5 Ayes; 0 Nays). *Please note Trustee Jackie Petty left the meeting at 6:53 pm and therefore did not vote on this motion.*

8) CALENDAR OF CONSENT ITEMS:

- 8.A. Request for Use – St. Jude Catholic School 5K at Timothy J. Cassidy Park on 10.2.21**
- 8.B. Request for Use – Central Illinois Autism 5K at Bradley Park on 10.16.21**
- 8.C. Request for Use – Quad Con Peoria at RiverPlex on 12.18.21**
- 8.D. Request for Use – ACS CAN Lights of Hope at Forest Park Nature Center on 9.18.21**
- 8.E. Quote – RiverPlex Window Cleaning**
- 8.F. Quote – Purchase CAT 299D2**

Trustee Timothy Bertschy stated that a quote for RiverPlex window cleaning shows the company has 2 black employees and 6 white employees. He stated he recognizes that Trustees must first and foremost make certain they are doing their fiduciary duty in spending public dollars wisely. That given, he asked what abilities do Trustees have to advance the cause of minority employment. For example, could the District require bidding companies to certify they will actually utilize their minority employees for the particular job they are bidding on with the District? He also asked what abilities do Trustees have to promote minority work on our contracts? Can we deviate from the rule of cheapest contract wins to the most responsible bidder that best promotes a social interest? Attorney Bill Streeter responded that those questions would be covered in the Diversity Ad Hoc Committee meeting on July 22. Mike Friberg stated the District often requests that a contractor have their minority employees work on District projects. He expresses to contractors that the District Board really wants the contractor's minority employees to work these jobs.

Trustee Timothy Bertschy MOVED TO APPROVE the quote for window cleaning (8.E. above) from Season, Inc. dba Fish Window Cleaning of Peoria, IL at a yearly cost of \$6,621.00 with the total two-year contract cost of \$13,242.00. Motion seconded by Vice President Joyce Harant and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Timothy Bertschy, Joseph Cassidy, Alex Sierra, Vice President Joyce Harant, and President Robert Johnson. (Results: 5 Ayes; 0 Nays). *Please note Trustee Jackie Petty left the meeting at 6:53 pm and therefore did not vote on this motion.*

Trustee Joseph Cassidy MOVED TO APPROVE the listing of Calendar of Consent Items 8.A., 8.B., 8.C., 8.D., and 8.F. Please see 8.E. above. Motion seconded by Trustee Timothy Bertschy and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Timothy Bertschy, Joseph Cassidy, Alex Sierra, Vice President Joyce Harant, and President Robert Johnson. (Results: 5 Ayes; 0 Nays). *Please note Trustee Jackie Petty left the meeting at 6:53 pm and therefore did not vote on this motion.*

9) **PENDING BUSINESS:** None

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

11) **COMMUNICATIONS:**

11.A. **Citizen Letter**

11.B. **Thank you Notes**

11.C. **Pool Closures Email Exchange**

11.D. **Municipal Band Amphitheatre Letter**

Communication items 11.A thru 11.D. were briefly discussed. No action necessary.

12) **OTHER BUSINESS:**

Trustee Joseph Cassidy announced that due his relocating to Atlanta, Georgia, he will be resigning from his role as Central District Trustee of the Peoria Park District. He will turn in his letter of resignation at the next Board meeting on July 28, 2021 and that will be his final meeting. He thanked President Johnson and staff members for all their help and guidance over the years.

13) **ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:15 p.m. Trustee Timothy Bertschy MOVED TO ADJOURN. Motion seconded by Trustee Alex Sierra and carried on a unanimous voice vote of the Trustees present. (Results: 5 Ayes; 0 Nays). *Please note Trustee Jackie Petty left the meeting at 6:53 pm and therefore did not vote on this motion.*

Full discussion can be viewed at the following link: <https://fb.watch/v/1OJCGWgzz/>

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