

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., NOVEMBER 10, 2021 HELD AT THE BONNIE NOBLE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Trustees Timothy Bertschy, Kyle Bright, Laurie Covington, Jackie Petty, Vice President Joyce Harant, and President Robert Johnson

TRUSTEES ABSENT: Trustee Alex Sierra

STAFF PRESENT: Executive Director Emily Cahill, Deputy Director Brent Wheeler, Attorney Bill Streeter, Attorney Kevin Day, Becky Fredrickson, Matt Freeman, Mike Friberg, Chief Todd Green, Scott Loftus, Jonelle McCloud (v), Mary Harden, Sue Wheeler, Kevin Davis, Kadar Heffner, Mike Miller, Shalesse Pie, Karrie Ross, Tiffany Shipley, Katie Van Cleve, Greg Walker, and Alicia Woodworth
(v) = Attending virtually

OTHERS PRESENT: Trayshawn Bailey, Terry Burnside, Nicholas Duncan, Bill Gehring, Carl Holloway, Denise Jackson, Jessie McGowan Jr., Deanna Kennedy, Cory Mason, Dan Ruffin Jr., Pete Thomas

1) CALL TO ORDER

President Robert Johnson presided and called the meeting to order at 6:00 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: None

10) CITIZEN REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:

The following individuals addressed the Board:

- Jessie McGowan stated that he is aware of two Trustees who are against basketball courts at Glen Oak Park and urged the Board to please install them.
- Dan Ruffin stated the District needs to open John Gwynn Aquatic Center pool and is derelict in its duties and should be ashamed in having it closed.
- Terry Burnside stated that Martin Luther King Jr. Park does not have sufficient lighting as it is completely dark in the evening. Carl Holloway stated if we don't increase productive options for our youth we will not be able to decrease the actions of their negative behavior.

5) **STAFF REPORTS**

5.A. **Executive Director's Report**

Emily Cahill stated that as a reminder, tomorrow, November 11 is Veteran's Day and the Park District offices will be closed in observance. She thanked all staff and community members who are veterans for their service.

6) **COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None

7) **NEW BUSINESS:**

7.A. **Change to Expenditure Policy in Section 3.04(C) and (D) of Section III (Business) of the Policy Manual**

Becky Fredrickson stated that as part of the District's commitment to promoting economic development of minority owned and women owned businesses, Staff would like to make the following revisions to Section 3.04 (C) and (D) of Section III (Business) of the Policy Manual. These changes reduce the number of quotes required for smaller projects, and provide the following benefits: a. Allows more flexibility in obtaining qualified contractors and vendors, including minority and women owned; b. Reduces staff time hunting for additional vendors/contractors willing to provide quotes; and c. Allows for quicker selection and engagement, leading to quicker completion, benefiting park patrons. The proposed revisions were presented for review at the October 27, 2021 Board meeting. Staff recommends approving the attached proposed revisions to the Peoria Park District Policy Manual.

Trustee Timothy Bertschy MOVED TO APPROVE the Change to Expenditure Policy in Section 3.04(C) and (D) of Section III (Business) of the Policy. Motion seconded by Trustee Jackie Petty and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Timothy Bertschy, Laurie Covington, Kyle Bright, Jackie Petty, Vice President Joyce Harant and President Robert Johnson. (Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays)

7.B. **Joint Development and Maintenance Agreement – Peoria Area Mountain Bike Association**

Becky Fredrickson stated upon the return of the Kinsey property to the Peoria Park District from the State of Illinois and Wildlife Prairie Park, the Park District was informed by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources that a requirement, per the original agreement when purchased, stated that the Park District must open up the property to the public for recreational uses. In 2015 staff unlocked the gate, took down the IDNR no trespassing signs, and created a small partially rocked, partially grassed parking area.

In 2016 staff approached PAMBA to see if they would be interested in partnering with the Park District to create some mountain bike trails on the property. There was positive consensus toward this effort, and a Joint Development and Maintenance Agreement for Multi-Use Recreational Access Trail and Mountain Bike Trails was written and signed by both parties.

PAMBA is a volunteer-based organization. A core group of PAMBA volunteers have worked with Planning Staff per the agreement to coordinate trail layout, construction, and maintenance. The trail work has been phased based on volunteer availability. To date we have nearly 10 miles of trails. The trails range from beginner level to more advanced single track.

There has been minimal cost to the District for this collaboration, with numerous park users, ranging from tiny kids to seniors, having been able to enjoy the park. All with very positive feedback. Staff recommends approving the attached Joint Development and Maintenance Agreement with the Peoria Area Mountain Bike Association (PAMBA) and the Peoria Park District for the continuing design, construction, and maintenance of mountain bike, hiking, jogging, and pedestrian trails at Kinsey Park.

Trustee Timothy Bertschy asked the insurance coverage, PPD has \$2M coverage per occurrence where PAMBA has \$1M. Is PAMBA's \$1M coverage enough? Karrie Ross stated the District's requirement is \$2M and in consultation with PDRMA and PAMBA, the \$1M is sufficient and acceptable.

Trustee Kyle Bright asked if there are any expectations that Kinsey Park is to be policed or monitored by PPD Police? Becky Fredrickson stated no there is no expectation, however, District personnel does periodically check the park.

Trustee Laurie Covington MOVED TO APPROVE the Joint Development and Maintenance Agreement – Peoria Area Mountain Bike Association. Motion seconded by Trustee Kyle Bright and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Timothy Bertschy, Laurie Covington, Kyle Bright, Jackie Petty, Vice President Joyce Harant and President Robert Johnson. (Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays)

7.C. Approval of External Audit Services for Fiscal Years 2021-2025

Karrie Ross stated that the Park District was contracted with CliftonLarsonAllen LLP. for audit services related to fiscal years 2019 and 2020. In those years the District's costs for the financial statement audit were \$36,500, and \$37,600, respectively. Principal, Hope Wheeler, and Manager, Katie Bermingham, led the CLA team in the last two years, and business staff had a positive working

relationship with Hope, Katie, and their field audit team. As the District approaches the close of its 2021 fiscal year, a new contract for audit services is necessary. Staff queried multiple municipalities to find out what audit firm they're using, and the costs associated with their annual financial statement audit. After performing that survey, staff found that the District's costs were in line with other firms, and that many local municipalities cited CLA's local office presence as beneficial to the relationship. In September, staff met with Finance Committee Chair, Vice President Harant, and discussed soliciting a five-year proposal from CLA. It was agreed that staff would solicit the proposal to include pricing for the financial statement audit, audit of consolidated year-end financial report (required for GATA), and single audit (required if the aggregate of federal grant funding is > \$750k). Further, staff requested that CLA provide the option to rotate the assigned principal after FY 2023, to provide another perspective and objectivity. CLA was able to provide a proposal, as requested (see attached), and staff believes the quoted fees (see page 11 of the proposal) are in line with the expected scope of work.

	<u>FY 2021</u>	<u>FY 2022</u>	<u>FY 2023</u>	<u>FY 2024</u>	<u>FY 2025</u>
Financial statement audit	39,000	40,000	41,200	42,500	43,775
Audit of Consolidated Year End Financial Report, if applicable	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
Single Audit, if applicable	6,500	8,500	9,000	9,500	10,000

* All fees subject to a 5% Technology and client support fee

Due to staff's positive working relationship with CLA, CLA's local presence, and the anticipated increased audit demand associated with the performance of a single audit, staff is recommending the board approve the enclosed five (5) year proposal from CLA.

Trustee Timothy Bertschy stated it is his understanding that the auditor had to be changed every 3-4 years whereas this is a request to obtain external audit services for 5 years from the same auditor. Karrie Ross stated that the Government Finance Officer Association has over the years given different suggestions on how long to retain external auditors. In the early 2000's it was suggested to change auditors every 3-5 years in order to prevent financial malfeasance. There are some benefits of having the same auditor as it can take 1-2 years for an auditor just to learn how your organization financially operates and given the single audit requirements coming with federal grant dollars, staying with the same firm in this case is justifiable and supported.

Vice President Joyce Harant MOVED TO APPROVE the Approval of external audit services for fiscal years 2021-2025. Motion seconded by Trustee Laurie Covington and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Timothy Bertschy, Kyle Bright, Laurie Covington, Kyle Bright, Jackie Petty, Vice President Joyce Harant and President Robert Johnson. (Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays)

7.D. Travel Expense Approval for President Robert Johnson to attend IAPD/IPRA Joint Conference Committee Meeting in Chicago, IL on November 12, 2021

Staff recommends that the Board approve the pre-travel estimate for costs associated with the participation of President Robert Johnson at the IAPD/IPRA Soaring to New Heights Conference Joint Conference Committee meeting in Chicago, IL on November 12, 2021. As required by state law and Peoria Park District policy, attached is the pre-travel cost estimate for President Robert Johnson to attend the IAPD JCC meeting in Chicago, IL on November 12, 2021. Staff recommends approval of this estimate and authorization. President Johnson will complete the process by providing a post-travel audit of expenses, which will also be presented to the Board for consideration.

Trustee Timothy Bertschy MOVED TO APPROVE Travel Expense Approval for President Robert Johnson to attend IAPD/IPRA Joint Conference Committee Meeting in Chicago, IL on November 12, 2021. Motion seconded by Trustee Jackie Petty and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Timothy Bertschy, Kyle Bright, Laurie Covington, Kyle Bright, Jackie Petty, Vice President Joyce Harant and President Robert Johnson. (Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays)

8) CALENDAR OF CONSENT ITEMS:

8.A. Quote – Wheelchair Lift Repair

Becky Fredrickson stated that the wheelchair lift at Franciscan Recreation Center needs the guide assembly re-built in order to make the wheelchair lift from the basement to the main floor functional. Kone has done the previous maintenance on the lift and is familiar with the necessary repairs. Staff recommends accepting the attached quote from Kone Inc. in the amount of \$22,180.00 for the necessary wheelchair lift repairs at Franciscan Recreation Center. Kone Inc. is Peoria Park District EEO certified.

Vice President Joyce Harant inquired as to why the District is spending funds to repair the wheelchair lift as the FRC is currently not being used. Emily Cahill stated the District is evaluating options for some use of the FRC in 2022. This is something that was budgeted for in the bond issue and the District wanted to get this taken care of so it would not preclude the District from pursuing future opportunities. The wheelchair lift is also required.

Trustee Timothy Bertschy stated that only one company submitted a bid for this and asked why that was. Becky Fredrickson stated that unfortunately it happens at time. Trustee Bertschy also stated that this company does not have a diverse or minority workforce and hopes that contractors in the future know the District is very serious about hiring contractors with a minority workforce.

Vendors Contacted and Quote Amount

Kone - \$22,180.00

Thyssenkrupp - No Quote

Otis - No Quote

Vice President Joyce Harant MOVED TO APPROVE Calendar of Consent item 8.A. Motion seconded by Trustee Jackie Petty and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Timothy Bertschy, Kyle Bright, Laurie Covington, Jackie Petty, Vice President Joyce Harant and President Robert Johnson. (Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays)

8.B. Quote – Madison Exterior Improvements

Becky Fredrickson stated that this project will focus on masonry improvements to several areas of the brick exterior of the Madison Golf Course Clubhouse. These improvements include repair of spalling concrete, brick replacement, stone patching, repointing, and cleaning stained bricks where water has discolored the exterior. Additional work will need to be completed in the future, including but not limited to gutter repair, concrete replacement, wood fascia replacement, and painting. Staff recommends accepting the low qualified Base Quote totaling \$19,240.00 from Otto Baum Company for the exterior masonry work at Madison Golf Course Clubhouse.

Otto Baum is Peoria Park District EEO certified.

CONTRACTORS CONTACTED:

Black Chamber of Commerce	Hispanic Chamber
Central Illinois Plan Room	Minority Business Development Center
Evans Masonry	MR Mason Contractor
Force Masonry	Otto Baum
Greater Peoria Contractors and Suppliers Association, Inc.	Peoria NAACP
Western Specialty Contractors	

QUOTE TAB:

Company	Base Quote	Add Alternate 1
ArCo Masonry	\$24,084.53	\$12,358.46
MR Mason Contractor	\$25,460.00	\$ 6,500.00
Otto Baum Company	\$19,240.00	\$ 9,755.00

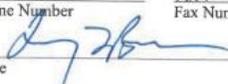


QUOTE FORM
PEORIA PARK DISTRICT
EXTERIOR IMPROVEMENTS
MADISON GOLF COURSE

ITEM	COST
BASE QUOTE: All labor, material and equipment necessary for the exterior improvements to the Madison Golf Course Clubhouse as described in drawings, including prevailing wage for the installation work.	\$ 19,240.00
ADD ALTERNATE 1: All labor, material and equipment necessary for the stair removal and replacement as described, including prevailing wage.	9,755.00

THE UNDERSIGNED CERTIFIES THAT THIS QUOTATION IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH
 PEORIA PARK DISTRICT SPECIFICATIONS.

QUOTE SUBMITTED BY:

Otto Baum Company, Inc.
 Company Name
 866 N. Main Street Morton IL 61550
 Address City State Zip
 (309) 266-7114 N/A estimating@ottobaum.com
 Telephone Number Fax Number E-Mail
 President 10/28/2021
 Signature Title Date

Trustee Timothy Bertschy MOVED TO APPROVE Calendar of Consent item 8.B. Motion seconded by Trustee Jackie Petty and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Timothy Bertschy, Kyle Bright, Laurie Covington, Jackie Petty, Vice President Joyce Harant and President Robert Johnson. (Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays)

- 9) **PENDING BUSINESS:**
9.A. **2022 Budget Presentation - Continued**

Museum Fund



The graphic features a stylized logo on the left consisting of a green leaf and a yellow 'P' with a green outline. To the right of the logo, the words "Fund Overview" are written in a large, green, cursive font. Below this, the text "Budgets Supported:" is centered, followed by "Forest Park Nature Center, Luthy Botanical Garden, Portions of Peoria Zoo, Tawny Oaks Field Station". Below that, "Budgeted Personnel(FTE's): 21.90 Full Time and 17.70 Part Time" is centered. At the bottom, "Total Tax Subsidy: \$1,531,622 supporting 147,000 annual participants/visits to programs/activities." is centered. The entire graphic is enclosed in a black border, and a black bar at the bottom right contains the text "PeoriaParks.org" in white.

Mike Miller stated that the Museum Fund of the District is the most unique part of our work and allows us to be educators and advocates for the environment. Our team, whether at Forest Park Nature Center, Tawny Oaks, Luthy Botanical Garden or Peoria Zoo, focuses on habitat and animal preservation. We tried to continue the analogy of the stage and actors and the extension cords here, and it takes a little imagination.... We assert that we're the lights and the props in our story.... Our locations draw people in and provide context to some great learning opportunities. Staff in this fund are trained to be knowledgeable experts who give our local residents the tools and inspiration to take action in a world that needs more environmental stewardship. If you are a member of this fund, please stand or wave from your zoom squares. Thank you. Museum fund leaders are especially grateful for the opportunities required by Museum Fund levy that allow for free access to our facilities through free days and

field trips. Not quite how Freddy Mercury meant it, but the Museum Fund truly is the champion of the world...as tireless advocates and educators who inspire action.

Matt Freeman stated that as you can see here, the locations supported by the Museum Fund are listed on this slide. Each provides distinctly different vantage points for those who live, work and play in the District to experience and learn from the natural world. Staff budgeted in this fund total almost 40 full-time equivalents. Please note that the part-time staff budgeted here for 2022 shows an increase of more than 8 fulltime equivalents. This represents the shift of all Peoria Zoo part-timers into the Museum Fund, which is a change from prior years and is simply an accounting mechanism to make our funding work per the structure shared by Karrie at the outset. As budgeted, the District has committed \$1,531,622 in tax subsidy to support Museum activities across the District that welcome 147,000 visitors annually.

Becky Fredrickson stated in the coming year, we'll continue the improvements to Forest Park Nature Center. If you haven't visited to see the impact of the Public Museum grant, please do so. The next exhibits enhance visitor experience and give our talented staff a backdrop for dynamic programming as Mike suggested. Remember that in 2021, we assumed ownership of the property from the Forest Park Foundation and we look forward to the possibilities. In addition to other improvements, this fund will also see a much-needed boiler replacement at Luthy and a garage roof replacement at Tawny Oaks. There is no short supply of things like this that have to be addressed with a great deal of strategy... \$5 million doesn't go very far when you have this many roofs and boilers and so much more.

Golf Fund



Fund Overview

Budgets Supported:
Golf Admin, Golf Equipment Maintenance, Golf Learning Center, Kellogg Golf Course, Madison Golf Course, and Newman Golf Course

Budgeted Personnel(FTE's): 10.22 Full Time and 18.61 Part Time

Total Tax Subsidy: \$382,074 supporting 94,000 rounds of golf played

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Greg Walker stated golf has seen an incredible resurgence as a result of its ability to meet the needs of people seeking activity and competition during COVID. It's ability to be relevant during the pandemic has resulted in an increase in rounds played for 2021. In fact, those rounds played over the course of this year equated to 500,000 hours of recreation. If you are a member of this fund, please stand or wave from your zoom squares. Thank you. Note that Golf operates like a combination of the General and Recreation Funds dedicated to.... Golf. Our team works seamlessly to maintain a fantastic public stage and provide a product that is accessible and high quality. I want to thank Jeff Heiden for his leadership this year. Our focus continues to be on keeping our current golfers committed to the district and on reaching new markets and new golfers with opportunities that are appealing to golfers at any level of play.

Brent Wheeler stated as you can see here, the Golf Fund breaks down by location. The 2022 personnel numbers reflect a shift of our golf professionals from contractual employment to full-time status, as well as the shift of marshals and starters from volunteer to part-time paid positions. Both of these moves reflect our commitment to this program and our efforts to continue to support customer experience. The 2022 tax subsidy for Golf is \$382,074 which supports a projected 94,000 rounds of golf played.

Becky Fredrickson stated golf capital projects in 2022 aren't high profile, but they are impactful. Improvements in irrigation are necessary and will help us take better care of our courses and learning center. Pavement replacement is critical to player safety and staff efficiency. Three new forward tees to support women and seniors will make a big difference in our system to support some of our core audiences. Together, these projects will make impact.

Greg Walker stated in addition to the personnel changes highlighted by Brent, this year's budget also includes recommendations for modest fee increases. The District has not increased membership or greens fees since prior to COVID while many of its competitors have. Proposed changes are necessary to offset anticipated expense increases and are below market average in the industry and our position compared to others in our market remains unchanged.

RiverPlex Fund



Fund Overview

Budgets Supported:
RiverPlex Fitness, Recreation and Grounds

Budgeted Personnel(FTE's): 8.95 Full Time and 25.83 Part Time

Total Tax Subsidy: \$344,500 supporting 445,000 participant visits

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Sue Wheeler stated getting people up and moving is the role of a fitness center traditionally, and while the RiverPlex does just that, it also supports lifelong wellness as part of its collaboration with OSF and its variety of amenities that support those seeking fitness outlets at any age. Our aquatics offerings meet the need of young and old, and our fitness options can be modified to meet that same variety of participants. The best part about the RiverPlex is the family atmosphere that is fostered there... and not just between those people in your household, who are all welcome to become members. Members are a part of the RiverPlex family and they are committed to our facility. Many of those who are members today were members at Day 1 and they look forward to the accountability and encouragement that comes with exercising with friends. This can be seen in the impact that the facility has on our community. Regularly regarded as the community's best place to work out, the RiverPlex is an important part of our District's story and that gives us a very Good Feeling, as our walk-up song notes. If you are a member of this fund, please stand or wave from your zoom squares. Thank you. As we approach 2022, we will be writing new chapters in that book as we approach the end of the initial 20-year operating agreement with OSF, who will continue to collaborate with the District for future operations of the facility.

Brent Wheeler stated as you can see here, the RiverPlex Fund breaks down by function, with separate budgets for fitness, recreation and RiverPlex grounds. 2022 personnel numbers show increases in part-time payroll that support expansion of hours and services at the facility. These include anticipated reopening of Kids Korner and the leisure pool with sufficient staff resources. With operations of the RiverPlex shifting away from the Joint Operations agreement with OSF that expires in December, the anticipated tax subsidy for the facility is \$344,500 which will support 445,000 participant visits over the course of the year.

Becky Fredrickson stated RiverPlex priorities continue to focus on aquatics. In 2022, we'll be painting the ceiling and resurfacing the pools during our annual pool shut down. We'll also be completing some locker room upgrades to support our RiverPlex family.

Police Fund



Fund Overview

Budgets Supported:
Police Admin and Police Explorer Program

Budgeted Personnel(FTE's): 3.00 Full Time and 1.94 Part Time

Total Tax Subsidy: \$479,880 to support District wide efforts.

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Chief Green stated the Peoria Park District is responsible for the protection of the general public, prevention of crime and the protection of natural resources and facilities of the District. What do we need you to know about the Park Police? We take our jobs very seriously and know that while we can't be everywhere, our consistent presence and expertise provides peace of mind to our patrons and employees. We know that we are an important ambassador for the District and for police officers. Our role allows us to build relationships with those who regularly patronize our parks. If you are a member of this fund, please stand or wave from your zoom squares. Thank you. I also want to note here that our security team, headed by Ernest Starks, is funded through the Recreation Fund and is separate from this levy. This is a great example of the interconnectedness of funding and resources to meet the needs of our District. At the heart of what we do is a commitment to our community and we value the partnerships we have with other departments to keep our city and county safe. As our walk-up song suggests, we are always ready to help out when the call comes.

Brent Wheeler stated as you can see here, the Police Fund is broken down into two budgets. The Police Fund is a specific levy to support this operation and we have tried to keep the tax support of this function to the amount of the police levy specifically. In 2022, this subsidy amounts to \$479,880 to support the police function across the District.

Becky Fredrickson stated Communication and accountability are the keys for this year's capital support of the police fund. New body and car cameras, along with new radios, will keep our officers safer and allow us to support their professional development and teamwork in improved ways.

Non-Operating Funds



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Karrie Ross stated the non-operating funds include the audit, bond and interest, FICA, IMRF, Liability, Paving and Lighting, Workers' Compensation, and Unemployment. The three things you should know about the non-operating funds are: 1) They are a very large component of the District's expenses. Though these funds operate in the background, they play important roles in making the District operate. In total the operating funds' taxes comprise approximately 45% of the District total tax need. 2) SAFETY...yea! The District's liability fund is a very important contributor to the District's daily operations. This fund pays for the District's property insurance, general and cyber liability insurance, and employment practice coverage. But, perhaps more importantly, this fund provides the funding for the District's environmental, health and safety program. Often, we forget about all the crazy and unique risk exposures we have as a park district, and Cody Haines, our EH&S Manager has to keep tabs on everything to ensure we're prioritizing the safety of our employees and patrons when we dream up new crazy ideas! As covered in the previous slide, this is the listing of the non-operating funds, and the personnel allocated to the liability fund manage the District's EH&S programs, and manage any claims the District may incur.

HISRA



Budgeted Personnel(FTE's): 4.00 Full Time and 8.4 Part Time

**Total Tax Subsidy: \$407,000 from Peoria Park District;
total budget=\$901,907**

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Katie Van Cleve, Executive Director of Heart of Illinois Special Recreation Association (HISRA) is a cooperative extension of the Morton, Peoria, Chillicothe, and Washington Park Districts. They serve diverse and underserved population that's in need of support. The Peoria Park District

cannot levy that tax without the partnership. It has been a great partnership over the years. HISRA provides recreation programming for people with disabilities as well as all the inclusion services in all the above-mentioned districts. HISRA oftentimes measures success in small and simple ways such as learning to identify someone's name, ordering food at a restaurant for the first time, having someone to call a friend for the first time. Some larger success measurements include the Free to Be Camp which school districts partner with HISRA to provide extended school year programs.

Capital Projects



The Peoria Park District owns and maintains \$97.7 million in capital assets.

2022 Bond Issue for Capital Improvements: \$5 million

Five Year Capital Improvement Plan (2022-26)

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Becky Fredrickson stated The District's assets are substantial at nearly \$97.5 million. A previous slide listed some of our assets. But there are many that most people don't know exist or tend to take for granted. For example, the Park District has nearly 2 million square feet of roofs, 27 fire hydrants, and over 30 bridges. The amount of utilities including water lines and storm sewers buried underground are phenomenal and aging. Staff uses asset software, GIS, and spreadsheets to track the location and life cycle of our infrastructure. We also have the eyes of excellent staff throughout the District to help notify us of needed repairs. The Planning Department plans, designs, constructs, and maintains the physical assets of the Park District. The Peoria Park District is very lucky to have in-house staff in the Planning and Parks Departments that have the skill and experience to manage and complete these projects. Depending upon scope and size of the projects, some will be contracted out and others will be completed in-house. Not only are capital funds used for construction, they are also used to

purchase new equipment needed to take care of the Park District assets or perform the functional duties for programming. This equipment may include a new back hoe, or a forestry truck, or a 15-passenger van to haul kids around for summer camps. It may also include mowers, police cars, or IT equipment. All of it is important to the functioning of the Peoria Park District.

As you know, the Park District issues \$5 million in bonds annually to complete capital projects to help take care of its infrastructure. These projects are prioritized based on safety, regulations, maintenance, and operational savings. You can find the proposed 2022 Bond Issue under the Capital Projects tab of your budget books. Several of the projects have been highlighted in the different funds already presented. In order to manage the maintenance of the District's assets, the Planning Department manages a five-year capital improvement plan. The plan provides a visual for staff on anticipated capital projects throughout the District over the next five years. The items/projects listed in the capital improvement plan are not set in stone, but rather act as guides for decision-making. This document is submitted to the Board annually as part of the budget process for review and file.

Emily Cahill stated as we conclude our presentation for 2022, I hope that you have a better understanding of what makes our District family go and keep going. We are made up of a workforce and an inventory of spaces, places, and programming that are diverse, dynamic and that continually seek to meet the changing needs of our constituency. Karrie: Our 2022 budget is based on the principles outlined in our Financial Policies which were ratified by the Board of Trustees in August of this year. These policies will require attention of the board and staff as part of strategic discussions that must take place before another budget is developed. Until then, staff has built a budget on a strong foundation that has allowed us to build our undesignated reserves while taking chances with innovative programming and equity efforts outside of our traditional scope.

Brent Wheeler stated as a Park District family, we are focused in 2022 on continuing the evolution that we started in 2021. We know that we have to meet our community where they are, while relying on the strong foundation that our parks, trails, and services have built over the last 127 years of service... Matt: while also blazing new trails in our work to serve a community that desperately needs our stabilizing force. We must continue to be innovative in our efforts to use our spaces and places as backdrops for engaging programs that bring vibrancy and impact to our Peoria. At the same time, Karrie: we have to find ways to build a future that is grounded in stewardship and responsibility. We have made great strides in our work to build a sustainable financial future, but we know that... Scott: the call to serve our diverse community in equitable ways means that sometimes we will be forced to make difficult decisions that require dedication of limited resources to serve those who would otherwise not be served and those who Shalesse: must be shown the possibility of a future greater than the one they know today. Our community deserves a Park District that looks beyond the

traditional definitions of our work and Becky: builds a future that seeks to support the health and vibrancy of every person who lives, works and plays in the District that we serve with dedication and innovation.

Emily Cahill stated it is with this shared focus on innovation, equity and impact that we are pleased to present this 2022 balanced budget for the review and approval of the Board of Trustees. As District leadership, we recognize and honor that we are fortunate to have a dedicated publicly elected Board of Trustees and staff who are committed to serving the residents in our District and surrounding areas. The leadership provided by the Board of Trustees and our staff is essential to conducting the financial operations of the District in a responsible and prudent manner while continuing to serve the changing needs of our citizens. As we look with optimism and excitement to the coming year, the 2022 budget as presented is balanced with operating revenues equaling operating expenses. For a full listing of the District's total revenues and expenses by fund, please refer to Appendix A of your budget book. Thank you for your time and attention. We'd be pleased to answer any questions you may have.

11) COMMUNICATIONS: None

12) OTHER BUSINESS: None

13) ADJOURNMENT:

At 9:30 p.m. Trustee Jackie Petty 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/9ezaXjyKj4/>

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