

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF A MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE/BOARD OF THE WHOLE OF THE PLEASURE DRIVEWAY AND PARK DISTRICT OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS, ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 25, 2022 HELD AT THE BONNIE NOBLE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Trustees Timothy Bertschy, Kyle Bright (v), Laurie Covington, Joyce Harant, Alex Sierra, Vice President Jacqueline Petty, and President Robert Johnson.
Note: (v) = attended virtually

TRUSTEES ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Executive Director Emily Cahill, Deputy Director Brent Wheeler, Attorney Bill Streeter, Rebecca Fredrickson, Matt Freeman, Mike Friberg, Scott Loftus, Shalesse Pie, Bryan Rodgers, Karrie Ross, Jenny Swanson, and Alicia Woodworth
Note: (v) = attended virtually

OTHERS PRESENT: None

1) CALL TO ORDER: Trustee Timothy Bertschy presided and called the meeting to order at 5:06 pm. Trustee Bertschy stated the Finance Committee Board of the Whole is meeting for the last time tonight.

2) ROLL CALL

3) MINUTES

3. A. Approval of April 20, 2022 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
Trustee Alex Sierra MOVED TO APPROVE the minutes of April 20, 2022. Motion seconded by Vice President Jackie Petty and carried on the following roll call vote: Timothy Bertschy, Kyle Bright, Laurie Covington, Joyce Harant, Alex Sierra, Vice President Jackie Petty, and President Robert Johnson. (Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays).

4) NEW BUSINESS

4. A. Review of Accounts Payable
Karrie Ross had no particular comment concerning this month's list of bills (LOB). Trustees present did not have any questions concerning this month's LOB. Karrie Ross had no particular comment concerning this month's credit card report. Trustees present did not have any questions concerning this month's credit card report.

4.B. Review of April 2022 Financials

Karrie Ross stated that with the close of April's operations, the District is in full swing, the 2022 summer season is upon us, and it's planned to be one of the busiest summers the District has seen in years. Though the spring weather has been slow to arrive, which had negative impacts on some of the early outdoor related facilities (zoo and golf), the recreation facilities ended April strongly.

Inflation and the tight labor market have posed challenges for managers this year. The District has seen some impacts of rising prices, due to inflation. However, most of the impacts were budgeted for, or mitigated by the fact that a large portion of our supply purchasing was contracted last year. The labor market has been the most difficult element for managers to maneuver this year. Part-time seasonal hiring was very slow, and there are still open seasonal positions. In order to attract seasonal staff, most divisions have had to increase their hourly rates above what was budgeted. It's anticipated that part-time camp payroll budgets will run over budget, due to this issue. Even beyond part-time seasonal staff, executive management is monitoring and planning for ways to alleviate negative effects of the tight labor market on staff at large.

Beyond the struggles associated with the current market conditions, the District's nonoperating revenue (taxes) are incredibly strong (up approximately \$1 million), and the District's success in securing a renewal of ICJIA program grant funding (\$900k for 7/1/22-6/30/23), put the District in a strong position to capitalize on the first "normal" summer of activities since 2019, while managing current inflation and labor market pressures.

Peoria Park District Comparative Income Statement Supplemental Report as of April 30, 2022, on Cash Basis:

To assist in the review of the financial statements, the major variances in year to date fund totals are explained, and management provides brief comment on overall financial condition and issues. To be identified as a major variance, the difference between the current year to date fund total and the prior year to date fund total must be greater than \$75,000 and more than a 5% change.

Revenues

- General Fund – The General Fund revenue is \$952k higher than prior year. The majority of this increase is associated with unusually high replacement tax revenues. In April, the District also received the \$250,000 grant reimbursement from IDNR for the 2021 completion of the Forest Park exhibit rehab project. Because this project completed in 2021, these funds do not affect 2022's revenue; but, does increase cash on the balance sheet.
- Museum Fund – The Museum Fund is up \$155k in total revenue, which is due to the increase in replacement tax revenues received through April 30th.
- Recreation Fund – The Recreation Fund's revenue is up \$613k from prior year. PlayHouse's revenue is up \$341k from prior year, 63% of this increase is due to the Shuttered Venue Grant funds that is supporting expenses through June 2022. But, the PlayHouse and many other facilities in the Recreation Fund are benefiting from a return to more normal first quarter operations with the waning COVID restrictions. Charges for services are up at PlayHouse approximately \$124k, Owens is up \$172k, Lakeview Recreation Center is up \$39k, and Wokanda is up \$27k.
- RiverFront Fund – This fund's revenue is down \$77k from prior year; \$43k of this decrease is associated with the delayed timing of the City's quarterly HRA tax revenue payment to the District. The City pays the District \$86,500 per year of HRA tax revenue they collect to support RiverFront event activities. The City generally makes this payment quarterly; but, the District hasn't received a payment since third quarter 2021. Staff is working with the City to rectify the timing delay. The remaining \$34k difference is associated with the timing of sponsorship revenues received in 2021 vs. 2022, and a decrease in the revenue received from the City for the management of the Gateway Building, as that facility is now minimally operated.
- RiverPlex Fund – Revenues are down \$282k compared to 2021. However, this variance is primarily because the RiverPlex fitness operations is no longer paying \$86,253 per month in rent to the RiverPlex facility. After adjusting for the discontinuation of RiverPlex facility rent revenue associated with the former

PPD/OSF Fitness partnership, the RiverPlex's fund revenues are actually up \$63k. That increase in revenue is largely tied to the new OSF medical lease revenue, which is higher than the prior agreement. The charges for service revenue at the facility are essentially level with prior year. Fitness memberships are down slightly; but, swim lessons, leagues, and rentals are up from prior year.

Expenditures

- General Fund – General Fund expenses are up \$185k compared to 2021. The increased expenses are due to a greater number of people on payroll post COVID mitigations (wages up \$107k), which is a budgeted increase, and a timing difference in an earlier delivery and payment for golf maintenance supplies in 2022.
- Recreation Fund – Fund expenses are up \$726k compared to 2021; however, this increase is expected, given the increased activities now that COVID restrictions have lessened, and the increase was budgeted for. The most significant component of the expense increase is tied to personnel costs.
- RiverPlex Fund – Fund expenses appear down \$184k; but, that that's because the RiverPlex fitness operations is no longer paying \$86,253 per month in rent to the RiverPlex facility. After adjusting for that interdepartmental transfer, the RiverPlex's expenses are actually \$151k higher. The increased expenses are associated with increased payroll and supply costs.

Trustee Sierra asked as a Trustee, how would he identify or know how the RiverPlex/YMCA relationship is affecting the operations of the RiverPlex? Karrie stated that the details of the actual volume related to new members coming in, she does not pick up or monitor the exact numbers but are held at the facility level. Brent Wheeler stated that there currently are no benchmarks for this agreement however, it has been extremely positive overall, surpassing pre-COVID numbers. The RiverPlex/YMCA Ad Hoc Committee meet for the first time on May 2.

Minutes and agenda packets from this and future meetings will be shared to the Board for further insight.

4.C. Redistricting Maps Review and Discussion

Mike Friberg gave a quick background stating that Park District Code does not offer guidance on redistricting. As such, the Park District uses the federal and State of Illinois Constitutions for guidance. Voting districts, even non-partisan districts, need to be compact, contiguous and proportional in their representation. The District has roughly 15,524 voters per Trustee. The 1987 voting rights lawsuit is our priority over any others. That lawsuit defined the southern voting district shall have one trustee, and be configured as much as possible as a minority majority district. District proportionality should be maintained within 5% of the ideal distribution. Split blocks will use the proportion of geographic area for the assignment of population.

Mr. Friberg provided three maps of proposed southern district boundaries: S3, S5, and S6.

Map S3 shows the original proposed southern district. This map eliminates the “hammerhead” of the 2010 redistricting, and consolidates the north valley and a small portion of the east bluff to form a compact district that meets our goals of a .04% variance from the ideal distribution, and a minority percentage of 66.6%. This is the same map you have seen at the first presentation.

Per Trustee requests, I attempted to remake the southern district to keep the north valley north of I-74 in the central voting district, rather than the southern district.

Map S4 (which is not shown) incorporated all of the east bluff to I-74. This configuration exceeded our restriction of a 5% from ideal distribution by a significant margin, thus was deemed unacceptable. Incorporating the west bluff, Moss/Bradley, Cottage District, etc. in their entirety into the southern district is not possible at this time due to population numbers.

Map S5 uses I-74 for the northeast boundary of the District, and then uses the City’s District 1-2 dividing line using University, West Main, and Bradley University as a dividing line. This proposal meets our variance goals with a 2.4% variance from ideal, and also our minority majority goal with a percentage of 60.7%. This district is also compact and contiguous.

Map S6 attempts to resolve two competing Trustee requests: keeping the north valley as part of the central district, and maintaining the east bluff in the southern district. This proposal meets our variance goals with a 1.2% variance, and also maintains a strong minority percentage of 65.6%. However, this proposal is not very compact and contiguous. This proposal is problematic for the same reasons the City First District is problematic. Contiguity is maintained only through a narrow corridor less than two blocks wide (through OSF hospital) connecting the south side to the east bluff.

The “hammerhead” of the 2010 voting maps was a necessary but unpleasant compromise required to make a minority majority southern voting district. It was not compact, and by all accounts it was confusing and ignored neighborhood and community boundaries. With population movement, it is now possible to create a compact district that meets our legal obligations, as well as our secondary priorities.

The southern district has the most restrictions; thus, it needs to be finalized before I can move on to proposing the boundary between central and northern districts.

At 6:01 p.m., Trustee Alex Sierra MOVED TO RECESS. Motion seconded by Trustee Joyce Harant and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Timothy Bertschy, Kyle Bright, Laurie Covington, Joyce Harant, Alex Sierra, Vice President Jackie Petty and President Robert Johnson. (Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays).

At 8:15 p.m., the meeting RECONVENED and was called to order with all Trustees present.

4.C. Redistricting Maps Review and Discussion (Continued)

Emily Cahill stated that at the May 3 Planning Committee meeting, consensus was made to present maps S3 and S6 to the Board at the May 25 Finance Committee Board of the Whole meeting for discussion and direction.

Trustee Sierra stated that he knows that most people would not take it upon themselves to look up meeting minutes. That being the case, he feels that it would have been best to have the redistricting map discussion in public at the Regular Board meeting.

Much discussion took place concerning the proposed S3, S5, and S6 maps. Trustee Sierra stated he can not and will not support maps S5 and S6. Consensus was given and it was agreed that using map S3, Mike Friberg will present the northern and central district boundary maps to be presented at the next Planning Committee meeting on June 7 for review and consideration.

5) OTHER BUSINESS

5. A. Committee Charter Next Steps

No discussion at this time.

**6) ACTION STEPS
REVIEW**

None at this time.

6) ADJOURNMENT

At 8:38 p.m., Trustee Alex Sierra MOVED TO ADJOURN. Motion seconded by Vice President Jackie Petty and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Timothy Bertschy, Kyle Bright, Laurie Covington, Joyce Harant, Alex Sierra, Vice President Jackie Petty and President Robert Johnson. (Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays).

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