

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. ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2022 HELD AT THE BONNIE NOBLE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.

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

Note: (v) = Attended Virtually

TRUSTEES ABSENT: Trustee Alexander Sierra

STAFF PRESENT: Executive Director Emily Cahill, Brent Wheeler, Attorney Bill Streeter, Attorney Kevin Day, Rebecca Fredrickson, Matt Freeman, Becky Fredrickson, Mike Friberg, Chief Todd Green, Mary Harden, Chanel Hargrave-Murry, Willie Howe, Scott Loftus, Mike Miller (v), Karrie Ross, Jenny Swanson, Greg Walker, and Alicia Woodworth.

Note: (v) = Attended Virtually

OTHERS PRESENT: Melanie Anderson of League of Women Voters of Greater Peoria, Cindy Loos of Hanson Engineering and Andrea Klopfenstein, City of Peoria Engineer

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Robert Johnson presided and called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

3. MOMENT OF SILENCE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. MINUTES

4.A. Approval of Minutes of September 14, 2022 Regular Board Meeting

Trustee Harant MOVED TO APPROVE the minutes of September 14, 2022. Motion seconded by Vice President Petty and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Timothy Bertschy, Kyle Bright, Laurie Covington, Joyce Harant, Vice President Jackie Petty and President Robert Johnson. (Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays).

5. STAFF REPORTS

5.A. Executive Director

Emily Cahill stated that this weekend is the start of October and that means the planning of Halloween events is in full swing. Please mark your calendars for October 13, 14, and 15 for Hallzooween at the Peoria Zoo. Thursday, October 20 the District has planned a new event called Carn-Evil which is an adults-only evening at Lakeview Park. The next two nights, October 21, and 22 is Lakeview Park After Dark. There are several new exhibits and we are hoping people will drive through and see that experience.

Emily introduced new staff member Chanel Hargrave-Murry, Supervisor of Community Connections. We are pleased to have her on our team and she is here tonight. In her role, she will be working to help the District build relationships and increase participation in some

programming. She will be very active in the internship workforce development process and we are very pleased to have her on the team. Chanel Hargrave-Murray introduced herself to the Board sharing her background and community work experience.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

6.A. Finance Committee – Approval of Accounts Payable

Trustee Bertschy 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 shown in the agenda and MOVED TO APPROVE the current listing of accounts payable. Motion seconded by Trustee Bright and carried on the following roll call vote: Timothy Bertschy, Kyle Bright, Laurie Covington, Joyce Harant, Vice President Jackie Petty and President Robert Johnson. (Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays)

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.A. Letter of Concurrence – Arcadia & Prospect Intersection Improvement

Becky Fredrickson introduced Cindy Loos from Hanson Engineers to present this item. She stated the City of Peoria had received many speeding complaints about this area on Prospect Ave. A traffic study was performed and this improvement is recommended as a result. Becky Fredrickson stated that city engineers met with Park District staff concerning an improvement at the intersection of Arcadia & Prospect requesting concurrence that the proposed project will not adversely affect the activities, features and attributes of Glen Oak Park. The project will include reconstruction of the existing crosswalks with bump-outs, a new center island on Prospect and the installation of Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons. A short section of sidewalk in the park will need to be relocated to meet accessibility grades. Approximately 0.001 acre of permanent easement and 0.014 acre of temporary easement would be required from the Park District for these improvements. This project was reviewed by the Planning Committee in August and staff recommends signing the letter of concurrence for the Arcadia & Prospect Intersection Improvement project.

Trustee Bertschy MOVED TO APPROVE the Letter of Concurrence – Arcadia & Prospect Intersection Improvement. Motion seconded by Vice President Petty and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Timothy Bertschy, Kyle Bright, Laurie Covington, Joyce Harant, Vice President Jackie Petty and President Robert Johnson. (Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays)

7.B. Pre-Travel Authorization for President Johnson to Attend IAPD Legal Symposium

Trustee Bright MOVED TO APPROVE the Pre-Travel Authorization for President Johnson to Attend IAPD Legal Symposium. Motion seconded by Trustee Harant and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Timothy Bertschy, Kyle Bright, Laurie Covington, Joyce Harant, Vice President Jackie Petty and President Robert Johnson. (Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays)

7.C. Mission and Values Statement Approval

Emily Cahill stated that final approval of the Mission and Values statement is sought tonight. This statement was developed by the Board earlier this year with the mission of refining the Mission and Values statement and has not yet come to the Board for approval. When approved, it will be placed in all communications with the community.

Trustee Bertschy asked that with the vision portion not yet been redeveloped, why not do mission values and vision all at the same time? Emily Cahill stated that the process is not to develop a vision until and unless we work through a strategic planning process starting next year that a vision would be recommended. The District left the vision portion to be discussed at a later time if the Board wished to do so. Our mission is broad reaching enough to guide us in our daily actions, we may not want a vision statement. Trustee Bertschy stated he will vote for this but if we are saying today that the mission and vision are the same, we should just say that. Emily Cahill stated she would be happy to remove vision from the recommendation.

The revised mission statement is as follows:

We contribute to healthy and vibrant communities by responsibly using our resources to offer high quality parks, recreation, and education experiences to those who live, work, or play in our District.

The revised values statement is as follows:

Building on our commitment to our PRAISE model for customer service, we agree to uphold the following values in our work. We will be:

- Professional: well-trained and proficient at all levels of our organization.
- Respectful: considerate of others and honest in our interactions; focused on opportunities for collaboration.
- Accountable: transparent and responsible for our decisions and their short-term and long-term impact on our District, our community, and our environment.
- Innovative: open to new approaches that achieve better outcomes and that make our District more financially secure while promoting sustainability of our resources; as we support innovation, we will prioritize environmental sensitivity in all of our activities.
- Safe: proactive in providing safe spaces and places for those who work, learn or play in our District parks and facilities.
- Equitable: focused on equitable access to parks, facilities, and programs that promote healthy and active lifestyles across our diverse community, while also prioritizing a workforce, both internally and through collaboration and contracting, that looks like the communities we serve.

Trustee Harant MOVED TO APPROVE the Mission and Values Statement. Through discussion, it was agreed that vision will be removed from the statement. Motion seconded by Trustee Bright and carried on the following roll call vote Trustees Timothy Bertschy, Kyle Bright, Laurie Covington, Joyce Harant, Vice President Jackie Petty and President Robert Johnson. (Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays).

7.D. OSLAD Resolution of Authorization: Acquisition

President Johnson asked if there are any public comments from citizens in attendance or by mail concerning these OSLAD grant projects? Mike Friberg stated yes, he has received over 60 letters in support of the acquisition project. Those letters will be presented to IDNR as part of the District's application packet.

Mike Friberg stated that staff are preparing an Illinois Department of Natural Resources Open Space Land Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) grant for the acquisition of property and proposed future development of the Illinois River Bluff Trail. As a requirement of the grant process, a Resolution of Authorization must be signed by the applicant's chief elected official. The grant application proposes the acquisition of approximately 40 acres of land from the Catholic Diocese of Peoria. This property will help allow for the future extension of the Illinois River Bluff Trail south from its current terminus in Detweiller Park. Staff recommends approving the Resolution of Authorization (Form OS/DOC-3) for the Open Space Land Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) grant program in order to apply for a grant for the acquisition of this property.

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

7.E. OSLAD Resolution of Authorization: Development

Mike Friberg stated that staff are preparing an Illinois Department of Natural Resources Open Space Land Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) grant for the development of several recreational features within Lakeview Park. As a requirement of the grant process, a Resolution of Authorization must be signed by the applicant's chief elected official. The grant application proposes the development of a splashpad, a shelter, swings, a single occupant restroom, and related utilities within the park. Staff recommends approved the Resolution of Authorization (Form OS/DOC-3) for the Open Space Land Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) grant program in order to apply for a grant for the development for the Lakeview Park improvement project.

Trustee Harant asked what is the plan for community input in this project. Mike Friberg stated that most of the community input occurred upon the closing of the Lakeview Family Aquatic Center. That center closed due to the rising costs, machinery failures, failure to obtain lifeguards, etc. Closing the aquatic center and eventually adding a splashpad was discussed since it doesn't require lifeguards and is much cheaper to operate and maintain. Public input will be requested for the specific elements of the splashpad when the time comes. Trustee Harant asked if there is any possibility that renewable energy can be considered for the energy needed to operate the splashpad. Mike Friberg stated that is something the District is looking into for the restroom as it could possibly be solar-powered. The splashpad itself does not require much energy at all to operate.

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

7.F. OSLAD Acquisition History and Certification

Mike Friberg stated that staff are preparing an Illinois Department of Natural Resources Open Space Land Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) grant for the development of several recreational features within Lakeview Park. The OSLAD application requires that development projects on previously acquired land must certify that they were acquired using certain processes, OR that they were acquired before 1971. Lakeview Park was acquired on June 13, 1966. Staff recommends certifying the Acquisition History and Certification Resolution form OS/DOC-2A in order to apply for the OSLAD development.

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

8. CALENDAR OF CONSENT ITEMS

8.A. Quote – Floor Scrubbers - RiverPlex

8.B. Proposal – Knoxville Bridge Inspection

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

9. PENDING BUSINESS

None at this time.

10. CITIZEN REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None at this time.

11. COMMUNICATIONS

None at this time.

12. OTHER BUSINESS

Trustee Bertschy stated that several weeks ago, President Johnson requested the Finance Committee develop a funding source for rebuilding the playground at Glen Oak Park. This was discussed at yesterday's Finance Committee meeting and a funding stream was developed. Trustee Bertschy thanked Becky Fredrickson and Emily Cahill for all of their work on this. Funding for the \$1M needed consists of moving \$400,000 from the Glen Oak Pavilion building roof repair, \$500,000 from this year's bond issuance and finally, the District will solicit the remaining \$100,000 from community sources. This will allow construction of the project to

begin early next spring. President Johnson thanked Trustee Bertschy and staff for making this happen.

Trustee Bertschy stated that he failed to say this previously, but he went to SoulFest last month and he was very impressed. It was an amazing event and he thanked Trustee Bright for all of his work as chair of the committee of this event.

13. ACTION STEPS REVIEW

None at this time.

14. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:33 p.m. Vice President Petty MOVED TO ADJOURN. Motion seconded by Trustee Bright and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Timothy Bertschy, Kyle Bright, Laurie Covington, Joyce Harant, Vice President Jackie Petty and President Robert Johnson. (Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays)

Full discussion can be viewed at the following link: <https://fb.watch/g1rV1S-Raa/>

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