

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, OCTOBER 26, 2022 HELD AT THE BONNIE NOBLE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.

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

Note: (v) = Attended Virtually

TRUSTEES ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Executive Director Emily Cahill, Brent Wheeler, Attorney Bill Streeeter, Attorney Kevin Day, Becky Fredrickson, Nick Conrad (v), Matt Freeman, Becky Fredrickson, Mike Friberg, Chief Todd Green, Mary Harden, Willie Howe, Scott Loftus, Jonelle McCloud (v), Karrie Ross, Doug Silberer (v), Nicole Staley, Jenny Swanson, Greg Walker, and Alicia Woodworth.

Note: (v) = Attended Virtually

OTHERS PRESENT: Melanie Anderson of League of Women Voters of Greater Peoria

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Robert Johnson presided and called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

3. MOMENT OF SILENCE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. MINUTES

4.A. Approval of Minutes of October 12, 2022 Regular Board Meeting

Trustee Sierra requested the October 12, 2022 Regular Board meeting minutes be amended as follows: *5.D. Chief of Police* report – Trustee Sierra requests that a statement be added to the paragraph (shown below) that states that Chief Green’s ultimate response was **yes**.

Trustee Sierra asked if Chief Green thinks there is potential opportunity, with a consideration of collaborating with its overnight portion from the city and Peoria Public Schools, is there a potential outcome to increase patrol around our parks and green spaces on third shift? Chief Green stated its already being patrolled by the city when PPD police go off duty. For many years, there has been an agreement and partnership with the city and county to patrol our parks.

In addition, Trustee Sierra requested that within that same paragraph, it should be reflected that both Trustee Sierra and President Johnson agreed with Emily Cahill by applauding Chief Green’s efforts thus far.

Trustee Sierra requested that two items be included in *13. ACTION STEPS REVIEW*. The first being a request for Peoria Grown contract materials be provided at today’s Board meeting. Second, internship updates are to be routinely given at the Programming Committee meetings.

Trustee Sierra **MOVED TO APPROVE** the amended minutes as requested of October 12, 2022. Motion seconded by Vice President Petty and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees

Bertschy, Bright, Covington, Harant, Sierra, Vice President Petty and President Johnson. (Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays).

5. STAFF REPORTS

5.A. Executive Director

Emily Cahill stated that as Trustee Sierra noted, a request was made for the Peoria Grown lease agreement to come to tonight's Board meeting. Peoria Grown has had the lease agreement since last weekend and they are working out the details. Staff will have the agreement to the Board for review and approval at the November 2 meeting. The group is asking to share with the public the receipt of a grant. Emily wanted to be sure the Board is aware of and comfortable with this. As such, the District is happy to support Peoria Grown with the grant they received through the National Recreation Park Association (NRPA).

A video of last weekend's Lakeview Park After Dark activities was shown. Staff worked very hard on this event and significantly exceeded last year's participation. It was a fantastic event with approximately 1,000 vehicles passing through in the two days.

Trustee Bertschy inquired as to the status of the action item from the last Board meeting relating to the indemnification clause on the CDL Driver Training Program Services contract. Emily Cahill stated that staff is still negotiating with the other party. It is anticipated it will be before the Board at one of the upcoming November meetings.

Trustee Bertschy asked the status of the Environmental Implementation Guiding Policy that Trustee Harant had drafted. Emily Cahill stated that a meeting was held today with Parks, Planning and Environmental Interpretive Services staff. The District is working to provide some context to the document and move it through the process. Staff will be connecting with Trustee Harant to talk about the best timing for a Planning Committee meeting in November or December. It is the hope that the document will go through the Planning Committee before going to the full Board before the end of the year.

Trustee Sierra requested Emily Cahill to find time to meet with himself and Chief Green regarding innovative or new approaches that could potentially be explored at the Park District. Emily Cahill stated absolutely and will work to make that happen.

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: Trustees Bertschy, Bright, Covington, Harant, Sierra, Vice President Petty and President Johnson. (Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays).

6.B. RiverPlex YMCA Collaboration Task Force/Ad Hoc Committee

Trustee Bertschy presented the 5.2.22 RiverPlex/YMCA meeting minutes. He stated the minutes are somewhat dated because the committee only meets approximately every 6 months. A meeting was held just this past week in which Brent Wheeler gave a high-level summary and financial review. Brent Wheeler stated that from a financial standpoint, we're a little bit behind on the RiverPlex side because of the complete closure of the pool for repairs this summer. Generally speaking however, the splits and periods of time that we expected usership to shift, played out as expected. Overall, the partnership has been very beneficial to both organizations. That being said, we are still way below pre-Covid membership levels. Trustee Sierra asked Mr. Wheeler to describe how the YMCA is performing now compared to their pre-Covid performance. Brent Wheeler stated that the YMCA is much closer to their pre-Covid levels, however, their pre-Covid levels were much lower than were the RiverPlex's pre-Covid. Trustee Sierra stated that in a Finance Committee meeting, Brent mentioned the same point about the RiverPlex's performance. Trustee Sierra knows one of the recommendations he made was for the District to reach out to the Distillery Lab to explore if there are any collaborative efforts to be made with them in order to get more people into the RiverPlex. Brent Wheeler will follow up on this.

7. NEW BUSINESS

None at this time.

8. CALENDAR OF CONSENT ITEMS

8.A. Ratification of Phone Poll Dated 10.11.22 - Quote – Refrigerant – Owens Center

8.B. Ratification of Phone Poll Dated 10.11.22 - Change Order – Playground Surfacing Repair – Trewyn Park

8.C. Bid – Janitorial Services at the Franciscan Recreation Center

8.D. Quote - Bike Trail Pavement Removal and Replacement 8.E. Quote - Stormwater Inlet Replacements - Peoria PlayHouse

8.F. 2023 Golf and Groundskeeping Supplies

8.G. Proposal – Western UltraMount MVP3 Snow Plow

8.H. Request for Use - June Wrestling Camp - RiverPlex

8.I. Request for Use - Kosho-Kai Karate Tournament - Lakeview Recreation Center

Trustee Bertschy requests 8.F. and 8.G. be pulled. He requested clarification that within Item 8.F., there are several different vendors correct? Nicole Staley stated yes, on this particular bid it was done per item as opposed to as a whole because most of the vendors only offer one or two items needed, thus it was necessary to have several vendors for the different golf supplies needed. Concerning the Company Ownership Verification form, we do not have their workforce make up since it is materials-only purchased and not labor? Nicole Staley stated correct, this is just product the District is purchasing.

Trustee Bertschy stated that on Item 8.G., the recommendation shows the budget lines that are available are Parks Backhoe #218R Replacement and Golf New Carts. How is Golf New Carts to be utilized for a snow plow? Nicole Staley stated that these are residual amounts that are left

after the District has bid out the projects and this is the money left in that budget line to be used. Trustee Bertschy stated he thinks the District should be re-budgeting this. Karrie Ross stated that the District's historical practice relative to bonded projects is that if a project comes in under what was budgeted, that is called residual. Generally, the District will use those residuals if there are projects that end up running out. Staff tries to keep similar budget lines if possible when using the residual funds. Trustee Bertschy stated he thought the law was very clear that we can only spend out of the budget line for what the budget line is for. Karrie Ross clarified that the District does not use budget appropriations ordinance funds for capital projects. The residual funds used are from capital projects that were originally funded separately through bond debt. This is a capital item coming out of the capital budget and is not part of the operating budget for this line item. Attorney Streeter stated that the law does allow this as it's being done for this item. Trustee Bertschy stated that he will vote for this item but he does have some concerns about this to be addressed at a later time.

Trustee Covington MOVED TO APPROVE Calendar of Consent Items 8.A., 8.B., 8.C., 8.D., 8.E., 8.H., and 8.I. Motion seconded by Trustee Bright and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Bertschy, Bright, Covington, Harant, Sierra, Vice President Petty and President Johnson. (Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays).

Trustee Bertschy MOVED TO APPROVE Calendar of Consent Items 8.F. and 8.G. in light of the conversation that was had concerning these items. Motion seconded by Trustee Bright and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Bertschy, Bright, Covington, Harant, Sierra, Vice President Petty and President Johnson. (Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays).

9. PENDING BUSINESS

None at this time.

10. CITIZEN REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None at this time.

11. COMMUNICATIONS

11.A. Kroger Rewards

The 3rd quarter Kroger awards donated to the Peoria Park District Foundation totaled \$77.51.

12. OTHER BUSINESS

Trustee Covington stated that she would like to get consensus from the Board. She stated that several Trustees have received comments on and contacted by people from the Pavilion in the Park at Donovan Park project. She would like to add this to the Regular Board meeting agenda on November 16, 2022. She would like the District to provide sufficient notice to the pavilion organizers and to the public so comments can be heard and considered. She thinks it is in the best interest of the Park District to take a formal vote on the future of the project as a potential public private partnership for the District at the December 14, 2022 Regular Board meeting. Trustee Covington is asking at this time for consensus from the Board to have the item placed on the November 16 agenda for presentation and discussion and December 14 for formal vote.

Trustee Sierra asked if the PAV in the Park group resubmitted their project to the Park District Board. Emily Cahill stated no they have not. Trustee Covington stated that the PAV in the Park group is still contacting people and soliciting Board members for their vote.

Consensus to place on the agenda and invite the PAV in the Park group to the Regular Board meeting on November 16, 2022 AND place the formal vote for PAV in the Park on the December 14, 2022 Regular Board meeting agenda was achieved by the following votes: Trustee Bertschy - Aye, Trustee Bright - Aye, Trustee Covington - Aye, Trustee Harant - Aye, Trustee Sierra - Aye, Vice President Petty – Nay, and President Johnson – no vote. (Results: 5 Ayes; 1 Nay; 1 no-vote).

Trustee Harant would like the review and discussion of her sustainability guidelines document as soon as possible so it may be applied to Donovan Park prior to the PAV in the Park presentation and vote. Emily Cahill stated she will do her best to schedule a meeting with Trustee Harant about this as it is a challenge in light of the budget process staff is currently working in. Trustee Sierra agreed with Trustee Harant that the review of the sustainability guidelines document should be done as soon as possible. He requested when a meeting date has been determined, please share the timeline and accountability with the Board.

Emily Cahill thanked Karrie Ross and her staff for all the work done to put together the budget and budget books. She encouraged the Board to please note the cover memo in the budget book that outlines the presentation process and timeline.

Trustee Bertschy asked Emily Cahill to walk through the upcoming budget process. She stated generally, the first night of the presentation we do an overview of the District and the current financial statement position. We also talk about areas of focus in the coming year, lay of the land. Once finished, then we work through the funds in the order they are in the budget book. It is focused on the impact we have in the community and how we use tax dollars as we achieve that goal.

13. ACTION STEPS REVIEW

1. Present Peoria Grown lease agreement to the Board at the 11.2.22 meeting.
2. Work with Trustee Harant to set a December meeting date for the Planning Committee.
2. Review sustainability guidelines presented by Joyce Harant and develop timeline for review by Board and set meeting with Trustee Harant.
3. Work to set a meeting with Trustee Sierra and Chief Green.
4. Follow up with the RiverPlex staff to see the status of the Distillery Labs lead.
4. Set PAV in the Park agenda item for 11.16.22 Board meeting and provide notice to organizers and to public to gather feedback and have Board vote on 12.14.22 meeting.

14. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:55 pm Trustee Bertschy MOVED TO ADJOURN. Motion seconded by Trustee Bright and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Bertschy, Bright, Covington, Harant, Sierra, Vice President Petty and President Johnson. (Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays).

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

Respectfully Submitted by Alicia Woodworth
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