

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE PLEASURE DRIVEWAY AND PARK DISTRICT OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS, AT 6:00 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2023 HELD AT THE BONNIE NOBLE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1125 WEST LAKE AVENUE, PEORIA IL.

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Trustees Timothy Bertschy, Joyce Harant, Reagan Leslie Hill, Steve Montez, Alexander Sierra, Vice President Laurie Covington, and President Robert Johnson.

TRUSTEES ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Executive Director Emily Cahill, Brent Wheeler, Attorney Kevin Day, Nick Conrad, Becky Fredrickson, Matt Freeman, Mike Friberg, Mary Harden, Scott Loftus, Jonelle McCloud (v), Christina Mitchell, Shalesse Pie, Karrie Ross, Kristi Shoemaker, Doug Silberer (v), Yvonne Strode, Jenny Swanson, Greg Walker, Sue Wheeler (v), and Alicia Woodworth.

Note: (v) = Attended Virtually

OTHERS PRESENT:

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

3. MOTION TO PERMIT TRUSTEE TO ATTEND MEETING ELECTRONICALLY

No request to attend meeting electronically was received.

4. MOMENT OF SILENCE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

5. MINUTES

5.A. Approval of Minutes of July 26, 2023 Regular Board Meeting

Vice President Covington MOVED TO APPROVE the July 26, 2023 Regular Board meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Trustee Hill and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Bertschy, Harant, Hill, Montez, Sierra, Vice President Covington, and President Johnson. (Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays).

6. STAFF REPORTS

6.A. Executive Director

Emily Cahill expressed gratitude and congratulations for last weekend's Soul Fest and Gospel Fest. They were great, well-attended events. Thank you to all Trustees, community members and staff that worked hard to make it a fantastic event. President Johnson echoed Executive Director Cahill's comments and thanked staff for their hard work on the two events.

6.B. Superintendent of Planning, Design & Construction

Becky Fredrickson presented the July 2023 Project Report and stated that currently, there are no projects materially behind schedule. *Please see Attachment A.* President Johnson asked for the status of the Trewyn Park pavilion projects. Becky Fredrickson stated that work continues. Emily Cahill stated that earlier this week, staff met with representatives of

Peoria Grown, working to move those steps forward. Peoria Grown is working with Build Peoria and staff defined the scope for exactly how those dollars will help. Progress is also being made on the flooring and kitchen.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

7.A. Finance Committee - Approval of Accounts Payable

Trustee and Finance Committee Chair Bertschy reported that the Finance Committee met and has examined the bills and found without exception. Therefore, as Chair of the Finance Committee, Trustee Bertschy moves that the President and Secretary be authorized to issue orders to the Treasurer for the several amounts shown in the agenda and MOVED TO APPROVE the current listing of accounts payable. Motion seconded by Trustee Hill and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Bertschy, Harant, Hill, Montez, Sierra, Vice President Covington, and President Johnson. (Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays)

7.B. Finance Committee – Over Reserve Update and Vote

Trustee and Finance Committee Chair Bertschy stated that this item was to be discussed in today's Finance Committee meeting but was not due to time constraints. The item was voted upon at the last Board meeting and did not carry. Trustee Bertschy would like the Board to reconsider this. He has heard from several people in the community, including the disabled community who couldn't understand why the Board voted not to include a fully accessible restroom near the all-inclusive playground at Glen Oak Park. He cannot make a motion to reconsider as he had voted in favor of staff's recommendation and it did not carry. He asks that a Trustee who had voted in the majority of the previous vote to make a motion to reconsider the item.

Trustee Montez MOVED TO RECONSIDER the motion made and voted upon on July 26, 2023 to approve the items contained in the recommended three buckets of over reserve funds, as per the staff recommendation. Motion seconded by Trustee Hill and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Bertschy, Harant, Hill, Montez, Sierra, Vice President Covington, and President Johnson. (Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays)

Vice President Covington read a letter she received from community member Pamela Marshall that stated:

Dear Peoria Park District Board President Johnson, Vice President Covington, and Trustees:

I am writing to you this evening in response to the learning that at the last Finance Committee Meeting there was no longer an agreement from the Board of Trustees, about the importance of the need for the construction of new accessible restrooms at Glen Oak Park. It is unclear to me why the recommendation to move ahead with the construction of these new restrooms in conjunction with and in close proximity with the new inclusive playground from the staff was voted down.

Have any of you used the restrooms at Glen Oak Park that are closest to the playground recently? To say they are unpleasant is an understatement. Earlier this summer my husband took our two daughters, ages 4 and 5 to play at the "wooden

playground." As with many young children, they of course needed to use the bathroom. They were scared of the restrooms. So, my husband loaded them up and took them to McDonald's to use their bathroom and then returned to the playground. Then it happened again, one of them needed to go and my husband said that they could use the bathroom at the park or try to hold it but if they had to leave again to go to the restroom that they were done playing for the morning. This of course is all within 90 minutes or so -- they are 4 and 5. The 5-year-old, not wanting to stop playing, begged her dad to let her answer the call of nature in the privacy of nature rather than having to go into the restrooms. I'll let you come to your own conclusion about how that morning ended.

These restrooms are beyond repair and they are NOT accessible. Glen Oak Park is the oldest park in our district. It is our premier park, a destination park, and will be the home of our district's first fully inclusive playground. Yet, although there is more than enough money to build new accessible restrooms, at this time the Board of Trustees is actually considering NOT to do that near the ONLY playground in our entire district where children and adults of all abilities and ages can play together? The ONLY playground in our entire district where MY SON will be able to truly be able to play alongside his siblings, friends, and other peers. The ONLY playground in our entire district in which an adult caregiver who uses a mobility device will be able to navigate the entire playground, including the play structure with their child, niece or nephew or grandchild?

Choosing not to construct new fully accessible restroom facilities in conjunction with the building of the inclusive playground, when the district has the money, is simply wrong. Please, I implore each of you to consider the recommendation of the Park District Staff and to vote in favor of approving the construction of new fully accessible restroom facilities at Glen Oak Park that will be located nearby the new playground.

*Thank you,
Pamela Marshall*

Trustee Hill stated that her vote at the last Board meeting was not a vote against the items noted in the three buckets. She was just seeking an understanding of everything that was needed in the District and then choosing the best things from that list. That was the entire basis for her vote at that time. She was seeking more information and it was not a vote against the recommended projects noted in the three buckets.

Trustee Sierra stated that he still holds all of the same opinions as when this was voted upon at the last Board meeting. His vote was not against any one population or group of people. When this is brought to a vote, he will still vote no and it is not a no against any group. It is a no because he had made a simple request and feels it was not considered. He understands there was a list provided of all the District's needs, but good faith conversations were never had about how the Board could explore alternative options when it comes to the surplus of funding. Another reason why he will not be supporting this is because since the start of these conversations, he believes there has been confusion about

what the proposal actually entails and the action that comes from it. For example, the Board is to be voting on buckets of projects but from the message from the letter that Vice President Covington just read and other Trustee comments, the Board is voting on specific projects. He believes that if that conversation would have been more leveled to create a stronger understanding of what the Board is actually doing, there would be a stronger chance that he would have been more supportive of this. The talks about buckets and projects were never aligned.

Trustee Montez stated that there were questions he had asked about the possibility of being innovative with the over reserve funds. It is a one-time shot and there's no consideration for innovation. It has been pretty much all capital projects that are being funded, instead of spending some time to look at things that help move the Park District forward. He does not see anything like that being addressed.

Vice President Covington stated that by doing some of this expensive work, it should free up other funds. The PlayHouse roof replacement estimate is \$1M and that work should not be delayed any longer. Trustee Harant stated that at the last Board meeting, she was concerned about flexibility of funds and perhaps withholding the \$1M. She has since come to the realization that the items on the list, including bucket two, are really important and her concerns are secondary to the needs on the list and it has been made clear what projects are being funded. The term "buckets" has been used because it's easier than listing everything. The District has professional staff that are amongst the best in the country and she thinks the Board has to take their advice, because she is not able to look through the lens of all of those projects and prioritize them. She understands what Trustee Montez is saying about innovation. The Golf Learning Center project and the all-inclusive playground are great examples of transformational. She understands what he's saying about being innovative of which she is supportive of the idea for other funds.

Trustee Hill stated that bucket two seems to be the most unspecified funding. Will the Board be voting on the type of funding noted in that bucket and later it will be more specified? Emily Cahill stated that the District's goal is to hire a consultant using funds from another grant that will allow the District to do a full evaluation of all the different opportunities to move its position in alternate energy and identify the ones that had the most potential to have transformational impact in the long-term operating expenses. For expenditures for projects in all three buckets, anything that is over the threshold per the purchasing policy, will come back to the Board for approval, just like any project for the District. This just gives staff the approval to go down that path so that efforts can begin to bring more specifics and specific dollar amounts within the areas in the three buckets.

Trustee Bertschy MOVED TO APPROVE the spending of over reserve funds as outlined in buckets one, two and three, as per staff's recommendation. Motion seconded by Vice President Covington and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Bertschy - Aye, Harant - Aye, Hill - Aye, Montez - Nay, Sierra - Nay, Vice President Covington - Aye, and President Johnson - Aye. (Results: 5 Ayes; 2 Nays).

7.C. Talent Management and Engagement Committee – Board Code of Conduct

Vice President and TME Committee Chair Covington stated that the TME Committee has been meeting concerning the Board Code of Conduct since April of last year. There have been several discussions and revisions addressing Trustees' concerns, as many have attended those meetings. Presented tonight for approval is the final version of the Code of Conduct which takes into consideration all of the comments and concerns previously expressed by Trustees. Trustee Bertschy stated that one question raised by a Trustee was what is the consequence if they violate the Code of Conduct and what power does the Board have. Attorney Streeter had responded to that saying that the Board does not have the power to remove or penalize a Trustee. What the Board can do is censure a Trustee who violates the Code of Conduct. Attorney Streeter agreed and added that unless it was a violation of state law outlined in Ordinance 274 which deals with illegal gifts. But generally, internal censure is the most severe consequence for violation. Censure is basically a public reprimand.

Trustee Sierra stated he had questions concerning the following paragraph from the Code of Conduct:

As examples of the foregoing, providing 2 tickets to a PPD activity for a Trustee and guest are allowed as being in support of the Trustee's duties, while more tickets would not be appropriate. Special parking or seating are allowable where attendance at a PPD event would otherwise be reasonably discouraged, e.g., large public events. The giving of gift cards, seasonal flowers and similar items by the District to Trustees is not allowed. Recreational benefits approved by the Board for Trustees are permitted if use of such benefits is designated by the Board as being in support of official duties. Providing reasonable food and drink for Trustees at the time of any meeting supports official duties and are not in contravention of this policy.

When it comes to providing two tickets to a Trustee for an event, how was the number of two tickets determined? Trustee Bertschy stated that he was the primary drafter of the Code of Conduct and that it was his belief that the Park District wants to encourage Trustees to attend events for the purpose of how the event is held, how public money is being spent, etc. He stated that personally, he is more likely to attend a Park District event if his spouse can go with him. The term spouse can be replaced with partner or significant other.

In reference to the same paragraph, Trustee Sierra stated that the issue of tickets touches on the concept of compensation for Trustees. Previously, it was identified that Trustees receive the same benefit package as full-time staff. Were those benefits considered when drafting this language? For example, the staff's benefits are extended to their entire household, whereas two tickets may not cover a Trustee's entire household. Trustee Bertschy stated that benefits are only given to Trustees that are approved by the Board, as being furtherance of their official duties. However, as in the past, he expects that Trustees would again receive a listing of what benefits are provided to them that are equal to full-time staff's benefits. Those particular benefits are not voted upon by the Board.

In regards to tickets for a Trustee's entire household rather than just two, Trustee Bertschy stated that he thought about this when drafting the code, if should it be two tickets, four tickets, or enough for an entire family. One could make an argument that if, for example, an event is on a Sunday afternoon, should a Trustee be asked to leave their children behind or pay for the extra tickets for them to come with? As the code is currently written, it does not include tickets for children in the home or household.

Trustee Sierra stated he agrees, but he would like to take that a step further. When the Board discusses actions such as this, Trustees should keep in mind that representative politics is expounding across age specifically, and it isn't always a children situation. For example, he has siblings and a mother that he wouldn't always want to leave behind to attend an event. Trustee Sierra stated that he believes the Board should have an intergenerational lens when talking about altering some of these things as it is going to impact who could be interested in joining this Board, specifically. As the Board Code of Conduct is currently written, he doesn't see an intergenerational lens, however, he does understand the reasoning behind the two ticket maximum at the moment.

As such, Trustee Sierra asked where will there be future opportunities to have conversations about what are the things that may draw and attract future leaders across the age spectrum? President Johnson stated that Trustee Sierra raises a very good point. President Johnson asked if this item could be brought back to the Board for more discussion? Trustee Bertschy stated yes, that can be done and he thinks that's fair. He stated that another issue had come up that needs to be brought to a resolution. In the past, sometimes Trustees have asked for a larger number of tickets, for the purpose of giving to city council members and other elected officials. In that situation, those aren't gifts from a particular Trustee but from the Park District. Trustees need to make sure that as a Board, they understand who they will be providing tickets to and then establish a policy around that. Then, those tickets go out from the Park District to those elected officials. If those are tickets that the Board decides jointly, how many goes to whom for each event, it comes from the Park District as opposed to an individual Trustee.

Trustee Bertschy stated that post the approval of the Board Code of Conduct, the TME Committee could discuss and recommend to which city and county officials receive tickets going forward. In addition, the TME Committee could also discuss the intergenerational issue Trustee Sierra discussed. Trustee Sierra stated that as this process is discussed and implemented, there has to be identified a way that the Board can monitor this.

So as to clarify, President Johnson stated that this item will now go back to the TME Committee for discussion.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.A. Proposed New Policy – Rules and Regulations: Part II, Section I – Personnel: 39.00 – Pregnancy Discrimination

Shalesse Pie stated that on June 27, 2023, the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act went into effect. This legislation requires employers with fifteen or more employees to provide reasonable accommodations to pregnant workers, much as they are required to do under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). To comply with this new law, PDRMA supplied new language and our corporate counsel has reviewed and approved it. This proposed policy was presented for review at the last Board meeting on July 26 and is presented tonight before the Board for approval.

Trustee Sierra MOVED TO APPROVE the New Policy – Rules and Regulations: Part II, Section I – Personnel: 39.00 Pregnancy Discrimination. Motion seconded by Trustee Bertschy and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Bertschy, Harant, Hill, Montez, Sierra, Vice President Covington, and President Johnson. (Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays).

8.B. Proposed Policy Revision – Committee Member Term Length

Emily Cahill stated that per direction of the Board, staff presents the policy revision for Board review and approval focused specifically on term length for community members who serve on committees. The proposed policy revision consists of the addition of: “(C) Appointed members serve one-year terms, whether they are board members or community members. They may be re-appointed at the discretion of the President of the Board.”

8.C. License of Agreement between The Pleasure Driveway and Park District of Peoria and Detweiller BMX, Inc.

Matt Freeman stated that after Board approval of the prior agreement, USA BMX requested to amend the agreement to include dual indemnification based on their experience operating and maintaining BMX tracks on property owned by another entity. The updated language holds each entity responsible for the work that entity completes on the agreed upon property.

Trustee Bertschy MOVED TO APPROVE the License of Agreement between The Pleasure Driveway and Park District of Peoria and Detweiller BMX, Inc. Motion seconded by Trustee Harant and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Bertschy, Harant, Hill, Montez, Sierra, Vice President Covington, and President Johnson. (Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays).

8.D. Land Acquisition – Forest Park Foundation Parcels

Becky Fredrickson stated that Forest Park Foundation is sun-setting its operations this year and would like to donate the four parcels noted below to the Peoria Park District. The parcels are adjacent to current Park District property or have potential uses in the future for the Park District. The acquisition of none of these parcels will cause any extraordinary expenses, expenses that would go beyond what would normally be anticipated for a wooded parcel.

Tract 1:

09-29-476-012 (adj. to Robinson Park) 3 acres

09-29-476-013 (adj. to Robinson Park) 6 acres

Tract 2:

14-10-152-010 (near Koch Dr.) 1.4 acres

14-10-152-011 (near Koch Dr.) 1 acre

Tract 3:

14-10-352-026 (near Upper Skyline Dr.) 0.3 acres

Tract 4:

14-09-478-003 (off High Point Terrace) 0.5 acres

Emily Cahill took the opportunity to extend gratitude and thank the Forest Park Foundation for their many years of generous support of the Peoria Park District and the District appreciates their service to the community as well.

Trustee Sierra MOVED TO APPROVE the land acquisition of the four noted parcels. Motion seconded by Trustee Hill and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Bertschy,

Harant, Hill, Montez, Sierra, Vice President Covington, and President Johnson. (Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays).

8.E. Establishment of Peoria Park District's Citizen Advisory Committee

Emily Cahill stated that at President Johnson's direction, a memo communication is provided, stating he has determined that it is in the best interest of the Peoria Park District to create a Citizens Advisory Committee focused on gathering feedback from community members who represent a cross-section of the communities served. The committee will be created with an ad hoc status until its focus and function have been refined by board and staff. If that focus and function require it, the committee will be added to the policy manual as a standing committee. *Please see Attachment B.*

Trustee Harant stated that with the way this is presented/written, she has serious concerns about many aspects of this committee. She believes this should go back to a committee for discussion, perhaps in the Strategy Ad Hoc Committee. She is not certain what the purpose is for the committee, when unelected individuals would be a direct liaison between the District and the community, as she thought that was her job as Trustee. As proposed, committee members would have three-year terms, where all other committee members, including non-Trustees, have a one-year term.

Vice President Covington asked if this is a committee that President Johnson appoints the members to or would the Board vote upon them? Attorney Streeter stated that the Park District policy provides that when the Board of Trustees as a whole determines that a project would benefit from additional input, an ad hoc committee, possibly including citizens, may be created on an ad hoc basis. Based on the policy, it appears that the Board of the whole, all Trustees, creates that committee. The Board President appoints the members of that committee.

Vice President Covington stated that she is uncomfortable with the citizen advisory committee. In reading the description of the committee, it is exactly what Trustees were elected to do. She visits most of the parks and facilities in the northern district on a regular basis and she sees things that need to be done. However, she realizes that in reality, there are budgets and some things are urgent and other not as urgent but necessary. If she was a staff member, she would feel that everyone was out looking for something to be wrong, reporting it to the President. If someone is looking for something wrong, they will always find it. Especially if they've been asked to be on a committee for the sole purpose of finding something wrong to report. The "secret shopper" concept makes her very uncomfortable. It feels like a "gotcha".

President Johnson stated that a "gotcha" is not the idea for the committee. He thinks the "secret shopper" idea is a great one. As with the former Recreation Advisory Committee, it would be made up of a cross section of citizens that would provide ideas and feedback, just like when Trustee Harant was working with a group on the near northside. The members of this committee would bring their ideas and feedback to the Board, but no replace the role of a Trustee.

Vice President Covington stated that some Trustees, actually have meetings with constituents for this very purpose. Since that is already being done, she agrees with Trustee Harant in her concerns and doesn't believe a citizen advisory committee should be formed. However, if it is to be formed, she believes Trustees in each district should have input on who to appoint.

President Johnson stated that the policy states the President appoints members to a committee, just like what is done currently with all committees. Trustees can make their recommendations to him, but he would make the final decision for whom to appoint. He stated that most park districts that belong to the Illinois Association of Park Districts have a citizen advisory committee. If we're to have input from citizens from all walks of life from the entire Park District, this committee is the best way to facilitate that. Vice President Covington asked if as President, does he already get a lot of that input and feedback since he is at-large? President Johnson stated that yes, he does get a lot of phone calls. However, what he's trying to propose is a way that people know the Board is being transparent and can speak to them on their terms on a committee.

Trustee Bertschy stated that there are certain things he's ok with and certain things he's not in relation to the formation of this committee. He understands some of the things President Johnson is trying to accomplish and he supports that. However, he sees a few potential problems. The members of this committee would serve as an advisory group at the request of the Park Board and act as a sounding board. They would act as a direct liaison between the District and the community. He would be shocked and very upset if he got a communication that members of this committee in his district are holding a community meeting to talk about the Park District as the direct liaison between the District and the community. The committee members could interfere with his relationship with his constituents. They would be not just a liaison, but a direct liaison between the District and the community. Trustee Bertschy is very concerned about the responsibility of assisting Board and staff in identifying and considering parks and recreation issues and exploration of future initiatives for parks and recreation in the District. That is a Board directed function Trustees have by virtue of their vote. He is very concerned about the extent to which the members, however well intended, end up being pseudo-Trustees, who would interfere with a Trustee's relationship with their constituents, holding meetings saying they're a direct liaison to the District, and would be going to the Executive Director's office on a routine basis because they have direct access to staff. Trustee Bertschy stated that he has no problem with the concept, he thinks it just needs some work.

Vice President Covington stated that she feels it would put staff in a very awkward position. She would never think she could run the Park District as staff does and having the committee members have access to staff would be very difficult and cumbersome, especially with 15 more people that staff would have to report to. It would imply that Trustees don't have time to serve and deal with constituents.

President Johnson stated that that's not his intention. He's seen advisory committees through the state. He does think however, that there needs to be transparency and feel a part of the Park District and provide meaningful insight on what it does. It's not his intent that the members would take the place of Trustees.

Vice President Covington suggested that since it has to be voted upon by the Board of the whole, maybe it should go to the Strategy Ad Hoc Committee for more discussion and review, in which President Johnson agreed.

Trustee Harant stated that she appreciates that that is not President Johnson's intent and suggested that before the Board meets to review and discuss, they could get a copy of the policies that guide other park districts so they have something to compare it with. In addition, the District currently has processes about citizen input in various documents that have been adopted this past year. The Board has moved toward that in terms of recognizing that not everything requires citizen input to certain extents. How does that all fit together? President Johnson stated that there was citizen input when considering the all-inclusive playground and creating pickleball courts. Trustee Harant agreed, stating that those were for a specific issue. President Johnson stated that if there was a citizen advisory committee, that input would be on a continual basis.

Trustee Sierra stated that he understands and realizes the intent of the committee, in that everything that the Board does, is inclusive of residents, no matter how large or small the issue is. He believes there is a way to incorporate some of the committee language into the committee structure policy. With the wide range of areas this committee could address, he would like to know that once the issues arise, how are they pipelined to make sure they are addressed. He understands and agrees with the intent. He agrees with taking it to Strategy Ad Hoc Committee to discuss how the Board can expound the policy to ensure that it is reflected.

President Johnson stated that he has a problem with the central district, more specifically, the Sterling School area as he's been receiving many calls and complaints from that area. Trustee Harant asked that when he receives those calls, could he please let Trustees know. President Johnson stated that it's the Trustee's responsibility to serve their district and he shouldn't be receiving those calls in the first place if they were doing their job. If a citizen from that area is a member of the citizen advisory committee, then that area will be covered.

- 9. CALENDAR OF CONSENT ITEMS**
- 9.A. Bid – Glen Oak Park Site Work**
 - 9.B. Bid – Districtwide Chip and Seal**
 - 9.C. Proposal – Generator Radiator Repair**
 - 9.D. Change Order – RiverPlex Locker Room Project**
 - 9.E. Ratification of Phone Poll Dated August 3, 2023 for Bike Trail Bridge Repair Change Order**

Trustee Bertschy requested item 9.B. be pulled for individual vote. Trustee Bertschy also requested item 9.D. be pulled.

Trustee Sierra MOVED TO APPROVE Calendar of Consent items 9.A., 9.C. and 9.E. Motion seconded by Trustee Harant and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Bertschy, Harant, Hill, Montez, Sierra, Vice President Covington, and President Johnson. (Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays).

Trustee Sierra MOVED TO APPROVE Calendar of Consent item 9.B. Motion seconded by Trustee Montez and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Bertschy - Abstain, Harant - Aye, Hill - Aye, Montez - Aye, Sierra - Aye, Vice President Covington - Aye, and President Johnson - Aye. (Results: 6 Ayes; 1 Abstain; 0 Nays).

In regards to item 9.D., Trustee Bertschy asked for more information about the change order. Becky Fredrickson stated that when the men’s steam room was demoed, there were unforeseen conditions discovered. As a result, the initial tile work was to be going back onto the block wall. Unfortunately, with what was discovered, they will have to actually grind the walls down, replace with insulation board and metal lath, which requires much more additional labor and materials. Based on the conditions found, staff thought this was the best option in order to secure the best outcome and last the longest.

Trustee Bertschy MOVED TO APPROVE Calendar of Consent item 9.D. Motion seconded by Trustee Hill and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Bertschy, Harant, Hill, Montez, Sierra, Vice President Covington, and President Johnson. (Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays).

10. PENDING BUSINESS

None at this time.

11. CITIZEN REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None at this time.

12. COMMUNICATIONS

None at this time.

13. OTHER BUSINESS

President Johnson stated that with the climate in the city, he requests that a Park Police Officer be available for every Board meeting. Emily Cahill stated that she will ensure an officer is present for all Board meetings.

Trustee Bertschy stated he watched a report on an issue with pickleball, where there are communities that are concerned about the constant “ping” noise associated with playing. As such, has the Park District received any such complaints? Emily Cahill stated no, not to her knowledge. Trustee Harant stated that pickleball noise issues typically arise when new courts were constructed in subdivision/residential areas and noise wasn’t an original consideration. If courts are not positioned correctly with too many surrounding homes, noise can be a big issue.

Trustee Bertschy stated that he is interested in exploring the concept of renaming Donovan Park to a Native American name. As has been pointed out, trust and transparency are important amongst fellow Board members. As such, Trustee Bertschy stated he contacted a local Native American who is head curator at Dickson Mounds in Lewistown, IL. He then directed Trustee Bertschy to the Chief of the Peoria Indian tribe in Oklahoma, to whom Trustee Bertschy sent an email on the topic. Trustee Bertschy made it clear that he was not writing at the request of the Board, but as a Trustee who has an interest in this and has not yet received a response. At a previous meeting, President Johnson asked staff to send the Board a bio of Leo Donovan and all the work he has done for the

Park District. Trustees confirmed they have received it. President Johnson stated that Leo Donovan was a Board member and did great things for the Park District and community. Trustee Bertschy agreed and stated that at this point, he is not suggesting changing the name of Donovan Park. President Johnson stated that he wants to be mindful of what Leo Donovan has done for the community and is not in favor of changing the name of Donovan Park. Trustee Bertschy stated that he means no disrespect to the Donovan family, nor does he mean any disrespect by mentioning the renaming of the park. He does however, have a great deal of disrespect for public bodies that seem bent on making sure that from time and memorial, the community knows who they are and what they did. For example, if you go to virtually any public building in this community, the public body that was voted to spend public money to build a building, feel it essential to put their name on a bronze plaque on the building and spent public money to do this. It is memorializing oneself and that is not why we're here.

Trustee Sierra stated that he wants to clarify a remark that he made in a past meeting in regards to the spending of the over reserve funds. He had used the term "the belief of good faith." Upon reflection of what it means to have good faith, he believes it is to have sincerity and integrity with the approach. He doesn't believe the term he had used was appropriate at the time because he believes that every conversation that a Trustee brings and contributes to is in good faith. He stated that while he is disappointed, he does not think that anyone was acting in bad faith.

Trustee Sierra gave kudos to Proctor and District staff for supporting the Night Out Against Crime events along with neighborhood associations, City of Peoria Police, and other stakeholders.

Trustee Harant stated that a constituent notified her that over the past few weeks there has been a particle-like haze inside RiverPlex and that they thought it was related to the sanding repairs and maintenance work being performed on the pool. Trustee Harant asked for feedback on this. Becky Fredrickson stated that that was part of the sandblasting of the pool that was loud and went on for several days. The contractor tried sealing off the area as best possible. The project has been completed.

14. ACTION STEPS REVIEW

1. Ensure there is a Park Police representative available at all Board meetings.
2. The Citizen Advisory Committee recommendation and request for additional information will go to a future Strategy Ad Hoc Committee meeting for discussion.
3. The Board Code of Conduct will go to a future Talent Management and Engagement Committee meeting for discussion and review.

15. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:50 pm Trustee Sierra MOVED TO ADJOURN. Motion seconded by Trustee Hill and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Bertschy, Harant, Hill, Montez, Sierra, Vice President Covington, and President Johnson. (Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays).

Full discussion can be viewed at the following link: <https://fb.watch/mHnkGYMW8e/>

Respectfully Submitted by Alicia Woodworth
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**PLANNING, DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION DIVISION
MONTHLY PROJECT REPORT
JULY 2023**

PROJECTS IN PLANNING AND/OR DESIGN	PROJECTS OUT TO BID/QUOTE	PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION	COMPLETED PROJECTS
Bike Trail Repave North Section Bradley Ballfield Dugout Improv. Bradley Upper Slide Replace Camp Wokanda Lodge Siding - Ph. 2 Cassidy Walking Paths Cassidy Pier Upgrades Charter Oak Path Replace - Ph.1 Detweiller North Road Inlets Replace Detweiller Restroom Building Improvements Detweiller Connect to Public Water - Bore Donovan Covered Storage Bldg Donovan Pump House Roof Replace FPNC Valley Loop Trail Bridges - Upgrades FRC Sidewalk by Concession Bldg GLC Main Tee Improvements GLC Improvements - DCEO Grant Golf Cart Path Improvements Gun Range Road Improv. Gun Range Asphalt Overlay Gun Range Fence/Striping Improvements GVD Lower Bridge Column Repair GVD Lower Sediment Basin Improvement GVD Pavilion Move GVD Pavilion Floor Repairs Gwynn Asphalt Paths Kellogg Culvert Replace on #1 Kellogg Serv. Bldg Siding Repairs/Staining Lakeview Family Aquatic Center - Demo Lakeview Park Reline Culvert Lakeview Splashpad Luthy Conservatory Boiler Burner Replace Madison Extend Irrigation on #2 Madison Lean-To on Service Building Madison Concrete NE of Clubhouse Repl. Morton Sq. Sidewalks Morton Sq. Fence Replace Newman Replace Irrigation Pump Newman Replace Steps on Tee #1 Noble Center Exterior Building Paint Noble Center Ice/Snow Guards - Serv. Entr. Owens Back Bridge Decking Replace Peoria Zoo Path Lights PlayHouse Slate Roof Replace Pond Aerators Proctor Skylights Improv.	Bike Trail Underdrains at Bishop Detweiller Mill & Repave N. Road Edges Districtwide Chip & Seal 2023 Glen Oak Site Work GVD Erosion Repair at Grand View Ave Kellogg Walking Bridge on #2 Owens Interior Paint Owens Generator Radiator Replace Proctor Gym Roof	Bicycle Safety Town Bridge Handrail Upgrade Camp Wokanda Iroquois Cabin Windows Camp Wokanda Shower House Furnace Repl. Camp Wokanda Replace Well Transformer ESC A/C Unit Over Planning FPNC Shelter FPNC ADA Access Improvements FPNC Exterior Door Replacement FRC Door Replacements Glen Oak Electric Train Glen Oak Lagoon Path Glen Oak Lagoon Fence Removal Glen Oak Swing Gates on Roads (2) Golf - Three Forward Tees GVD Full Depth Patching Kellogg Pump House B/F Preventor Repl. Logan Shelter Logan Site Improvements Logan Playground Morton Square Site Improvements Newman Storage Bldg Noble Center Lower NW Doors Repl Owens Interior Painting Owens HVAC Repairs Owens Gas Heaters over Rink #1 Players Boiler Replace RiverPlex Resurface Pools RiverPlex Locker Room Renov. Ph. 2 Rock Island Greenway Bridge Repair	Detweiller House Carpet Detweiller Cross Country Bridge/Culvert ESC Vestibule Roof FPNC Office Floor Replace FRC Recoat Roof GVD Storage Building Roof Replacement Gwynn Pool Painting Kellogg Lake Drain Tube on #6 Kellogg Pump House Door Kellogg Storage Bldg Logan HVAC Rooftop Unit Madison Pump House B/F Preventor Repl. Newman Chemical Bldg Newman Replace Isolation Valves Newman Irrigation Control/Satellite Boxes Noble Center Front Doors Owens Front Doors Peoria Zoo Red River Hog Fence Improv. Players Basement Dewatering Syst. Players 3-Way Valve Replacement PlayHouse Parking Lot Improv - Ph. 2 Proctor Auditorium Partial A/C Repl. Proctor Roof Tile Purchase Riverplex Flat Roof Coating - Ph. 2 Tawny Oaks Shed Roof Zoo Tiger Paths Zoo Boardwalk Decking Repl.
		<p align="center">Bold Type indicates projects that have moved to a new column since last month.</p>	

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<p>Proctor Library Carpet Proctor Polish Locker Room Floors Proctor Balcony Upgrade RiverPlex Pool Heat Exchangers Sommer Farm Living History Utility Improv. Tawny Oaks Visitor Center A/C Tawny Oaks House Garage Roof Zoo Cooler/Freezer Repl.</p>			



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MEMO

DATE: August 4, 2023

TO: Park Board of Trustees

FROM: President Robert Johnson Sr.

SUBJECT: Establishment of Peoria Park District's Citizen Advisory Committee

As described in the following attachment, I have determined that it is in the best interest of the Peoria Park District to create a Citizens Advisory Committee focused on gathering feedback from community members who represent a cross-section of the communities served.

The committee will be created with an ad hoc status until its focus and function have been refined by board and staff. If that focus and function require it, the committee will be added to the policy manual as a standing committee.



Peoria Park District Citizen Advisory Committee

Purpose:

The CAC provides a valuable communication channel between the Park District and the citizens of the communities served by the Peoria Park District. CAC members provide an independent perspective on parks and recreation issues affecting the community with each member representing only themselves and not any organization they may belong to. With the help of the CAC, the Park District is better able to assess community needs and expectations necessary to carry out its mission.

The CAC is made up of 15 members who must be Peoria Park District residents. They are appointed by the President of the Peoria Park District Board of Trustees to serve staggered three-year terms. Members may be re-appointed for two total terms of service. Membership must be balanced to represent all parts of the District:

Southern District: 2 Central District: 6 Northern District: 4 At large: 3

At the outset, members will be scheduled for 1, 2, or 3-year terms in order to build out the succession plan necessary to maintain viability and value of the Committee. If a member is assigned a shortened term to start, they may serve two full terms beyond their initial assignment.

Responsibilities of the CAC:

- a. Serve as an advisory group, at the request of the Park Board, and acts as a “sounding board” in alignment with the Peoria Park District’s mission and commitments.
- b. Act as a direct liaison between the District and the community
- c. Assist in the solicitation of resident feedback
- d. Help the District to better understand citizen concerns and to be responsive to community needs
- e. Assist Board and staff in identifying and considering parks and recreation issues and exploration of future initiatives for parks and recreation in the District
- f. Collect information and data as needed and provide fresh ideas and insights to the District’s decision-making process
- g. Review and analyze information and data provided by the District
- h. Serve as “secret shoppers” attending selected District events or activities and providing feedback

Meeting Schedule:

The CAC will meet quarterly in January, April, July, and October. Agendas will be set by PPD staff with the input of the Board of Trustees and the CAC chair/membership.

Desired Skills and Interests:

Members of the CAC will represent a general “cross-section” of the community with a diverse range of interests. The CAC will not include a member merely representing a specific viewpoint or a specific user group. Members are users of parks and recreation in our communities. Additionally, it is helpful that members of the CAC have skills or experience related to matters relevant to the District, such as:

1. Information gathering and market research
2. Public policy and governance
3. Fundraising and not-for-profit development
4. Transportation planning
5. Urban planning and design
6. Information technology
7. Leisure, recreation, health and tourism
8. Diversity, Equity Inclusion and Accessibility
9. Financial planning
10. Historic preservation

Application for consideration:

A draft application is included on the following page.

Applicant Information:

First Name:

Last Name:

Home Address:

City, State, Zip:

Resident District (Southern, Central, Northern):

Professional Affiliation:

Employer Name:

Business Address:

City, State, Zip:

Primary Phone:

Secondary Phone:

Email Address:

Date of Birth (month/date/year):

Tell us about yourself. How do you currently use the Peoria Park District?

Why are you interested in serving on the Peoria Park District Citizen Advisory Committee?

Please share your most relevant experiences that will inform your participation on the CAC?

Please share any time limitations or potential conflicts of interest that might affect your ability to serve on this committee.