OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF A MEETING OF THE STRATEGY AD HOC COMMITTEE/BOARD OF THE WHOLE OF THE PLEASURE DRIVEWAY AND PARK DISTRICT OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS, AT 5:30 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2026 HELD AT THE BONNIE NOBLE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1125 WEST LAKE AVENUE, PEORIA IL

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Trustees Joyce Harant, Reagan Leslie Hill, Alexander Sierra, Ron Silver, Mark Slover, Vice President Steve Montez, and President Robert Johnson

TRUSTEES ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Executive Director Emily Cahill, Brianna Cobb, Nick Conrad, Matt Freeman, Becky Fredrickson, Scott Loftus, Shalesse Pie, Karrie Ross, Jennifer Swanson, Willie Howe, Attorneys Kevin Day and Justin Gunn, and Alicia Woodworth

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Johnson presided and called the meeting to order at 5:38 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken.

3. MOTION TO PERMIT TRUSTEE TO ATTEND MEETING ELECTRONICALLY

No request to attend meeting electronically was received.

4. MINUTES

4.A. Approval of Minutes of February 25, 2026 Strategy Ad Hoc Committee Meeting

Trustee Sierra MOVED TO APPROVE the minutes of the February 25, 2026 Strategy Ad Hoc Committee meeting. Motion seconded by Trustee Silver and carried by roll call vote as follows: Trustee Harant – Aye, Trustee Hill – Aye, Trustee Sierra – Aye, Trustee Silver – Aye, Trustee Slover - Abstain, Vice President Montez – Aye, President Johnson – Aye. Results: 6 Ayes; 1 Abstain

5. POLICY/PROCESS UPDATES

5.A. Trustee Attorney Communications Policy Discussion

Staff presented the third iteration of the Trustee Attorney Communications Policy, noting revisions were made based on prior committee feedback.

Discussion included:

- Clarification that the policy aims to manage and provide consistency in trustee communication with legal counsel, including cost considerations for legal services.
- Staff noted annual general corporate legal services approximate $100,000 depending on usage.
- Trustees discussed the need for clarity, transparency, and consistency in communication protocols.

The committee expressed support for advancing the policy. Staff indicated the item would proceed to the full Board for formal consideration following the standard two-meeting approval process.

5.B. Rental Policy Public Demonstrations

Staff provided clarification regarding revisions to the rental policy related to public demonstrations.

Key points included:

- The application form was removed from the policy document, as it is administrative rather than policy-level.
- The intent is to ensure individuals or groups seeking to hold public demonstrations are subject to the same processes as other park district renters.
- Staff is coordinating with legal counsel to ensure consistency across contracts and applications.

The committee supported moving the policy forward to the Board for further consideration.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.A. Parks Day at the Capitol May 5, 2026

Staff announced plans for participation in Parks Day at the Capitol.

Discussion included:

- Trustees will have opportunities to meet with legislators to advocate for continued state funding.
- Topics will include the impact of the Golf Learning Center and potential future legislative initiatives.
- Staff will prepare informational materials and coordinate meetings with legislators.
- President Johnson will appoint up to two trustees to work with staff in advance to develop legislative priorities and strategy.

6.B. Historic Resource Information Update

Staff reported that the item remains under review with legal counsel and will return at a future meeting.

6.C. Amendment to Easement Agreement – Relocation of Bike Trail Along Detweiller Marina

Staff provided an overview of a proposed amendment to an existing easement agreement involving the Detweiller Marina bike trail.

Key discussion points included:

- The original easement (1990) allowed the trail to exist on Detweiller Trust property but was never formally recorded.
- The property is currently under contract for sale, prompting the need to formally document and amend the easement.
- The proposed amendment would relocate portions of the trail to accommodate the new property owner's plans while maintaining trail continuity.
- Staff emphasized priorities of:
    - Maintaining uninterrupted public trail access
    - Securing a properly recorded easement
    - Negotiating improved trail width (targeting 12–14 feet where possible to meet IDOT/AASHTO standards)
- Trustees discussed the importance of due diligence, transparency, and ensuring long-term public access.

Public Comment (Taken During Discussion)
Several members of the public addressed the Committee regarding:

- The historical and cultural significance of the riverfront area
- Concerns about loss of public access and environmental impacts
- Desire for increased public engagement and transparency in the process

Staff and legal representatives noted:

- The Park District does not own the property but holds easement rights
- The goal is to preserve access and improve clarity through a recorded agreement
- Negotiations with the property owner and trust have been cooperative and ongoing

This item was presented for informational purposes only. A finalized easement agreement will be brought to the Board for formal approval at a future meeting.

7. PENDING BUSINESS

None at this time.

8. CITIZEN REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Handled during Item 6.C. discussion.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

9.A. Approval of Motion to Convene into Closed Session Under Illinois Open Meetings Act Section 2(c)(2) Concerning Collective Negotiating Matters Between the Public Body and its Employees or Their Representatives, or Deliberations Concerning Salary Schedules for One or More Classes of Employees

At 6:23 PM, Trustee Harant MOVED TO CONVENE Closed Session Under Illinois Open Meetings Act Section 2(c)(2) Concerning Collective Negotiating Matters Between the Public Body and its Employees or Their Representatives, or Deliberations Concerning Salary Schedules for One or More Classes of Employees. Motion seconded by Trustee Silver and carried unanimously on roll call vote.

At 6:34 PM President Johnson reconvened the Strategy Ad Hoc Committee Meeting.

10. ACTION STEPS REVIEW

None noted.

11. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:35 PM, Trustee Sierra MOVED TO ADJOURN. Motion seconded by Trustee Harant and carried unanimously on voice vote.

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Submitted by Alicia Woodworth
Executive Assistant and Board Secretary