

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, MARCH 27, 2024 HELD AT THE BONNIE NOBLE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1125 WEST LAKE AVENUE, PEORIA, IL

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

TRUSTEES ABSENT: Trustee Timothy Bertschy

STAFF PRESENT: Executive Director Emily Cahill, Attorney William Streeter, Attorney Kevin Day, Brianna Cobb, Becky Fredrickson, Scott Loftus, Willie Howe, Christina Mitchell, Shalesse Pie, Karrie Ross, Kristi Shoemaker (E), Nicole Staley (E), Greg Walker (E), and Alicia Woodworth.
Note: (E) = Attended Electronically

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Robert Johnson presided and called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

3. CALL FOR 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 March 13, 2024 Regular Board Meeting

Trustee Hill requested a modification to the March 13, 2024 Regular Board meeting minutes. Currently, the minutes state in the last paragraph of item 9.D. on page 9, the motion that was made:

Trustee Bertschy MOVED that the Board 1) Adopt option #5 to put a hiatus on the fireworks show on July 3rd for the year 2024; 2) Convene a committee of citizens from the East Bluff and other stakeholders that would start working with the District now to begin to look at what we can do to reimagine this event in 2025, whether that includes fireworks or not; and 3) Staff is directed to come back to the Board immediately with a plan for activities within Glen Oak Park. Trustee Hill MOVED TO APPROVE the March 13, 2024 Regular Board meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Vice President Sierra and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Covington, Harant, Hill, Montez, Vice President Sierra and President Johnson. (Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays).

Trustee Hill stated that the motion included option #2 which was to retain the event on July 3rd but no fireworks. As the minutes are currently written, the motion made by Trustee Bertschy and voted upon makes no mention of option #2 or an event of any type to be held on July 3rd. Trustee Hill requests the minutes be amended to include *option #2 to retain the event on July 3rd with no fireworks* in Trustee Bertschy's motion.

Trustee Hill MOVED TO APPROVE the March 13, 2024 Regular Board meeting minutes as amended per her request. Motion seconded by Vice President Sierra and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Covington, Harant, Hill, Montez, Vice President Sierra and President Johnson. (Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays).

6. STAFF REPORTS

6.A. Executive Director

Executive Director Cahill noted that staff is working on compiling the progress on Q1 2024 strategic goals and objectives and will be sent to the Board for review and discussion in the next week or two.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

7.A. Finance Committee – Approval of Accounts Payable

The Finance Committee Presents the Accounts Payable for Approval

Trustee and Finance Committee Vice Chair Montez reported that the Finance Committee met and has examined the bills and found without exception and 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 Covington, Harant, Hill, Montez, Vice President Sierra, and President Johnson. (Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays)

7.B. Planning Committee – Minutes of February 14, 2024

The Planning Committee Presents the Approved Minutes of its February 14, 2024 Meeting

Trustee and Planning Committee Chair Covington presented the approved minutes of the February 14, 2024 Planning Committee meeting to the Board for review.

7.C. DEIA Committee – Minutes of February 27, 2024 Meeting

The DEIA Committee Presents the Approved Minutes of its February 27, 2024 Meeting

Vice President and DEIA Committee Chair Sierra presented the approved minutes of the February 27, 2024 DEIA Committee meeting to the Board for review.

7.D. Golf Ad Hoc Committee – Minutes of February 12, 2024 Meeting Committee

The Golf Ad Hoc Committee Presents the Approved Minutes of its February 12, 2024 Meeting

The approved minutes of the February 12, 2024 Golf Ad Hoc Committee meeting were presented to the Board for review.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.A. Conduct Ordinance 8.10 Domestic Animals Amendment

Scott Loftus stated that recently, staff reviewed the existing conduct ordinance for Domestic Animals and determined that an update is needed. The current conduct ordinance regulates the presence of both domestic animals and service animals within the park premises. The ordinance outlines specific rules in regards to leash requirements, designated areas for pet activities, and service animals. After consultation with Attorney Streeter, staff recommends changes to the conduct ordinance that updates permitted areas for domestic animals and definition of service animals. This

update was presented to the Board for first read on March 13, 2024 and is presented today for approval.

Vice President Sierra MOVED TO APPROVE the Conduct Ordinance 8.10 Domestic Animals Amendment. Motion seconded by Trustee Harant and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Covington, Harant, Hill, Montez, Vice President Sierra and President Johnson. (Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays).

8.B. Contract – AMJ Spectacular Events

Scott Loftus stated that he District has been notified that it will be awarded a Tourism grant through the State of Illinois' Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) to promote tourism opportunities. After the success of the 2023 Park-A-Palooza, staff is planning to focus the use of this grant opportunity on a revised version of Park-A-Palooza on June 6-8, 2024 on the Peoria RiverFront. 2024's Park-A-Palooza will feature programming and recreational opportunities in the Adventure portion of the festival. Activities will include a Ninja Warrior course, a rock wall, Fun on the Run inflatables, an inflatable zip line, and an extreme air jumper. These attractions will replace the bounce house and obstacle course from Big Bounce America that were a part to the 2023 event. This portion of Park-A-Palooza will be open to the public on Friday, June 7th from Noon-4pm and Saturday, June 8th from 11am-7pm. All projected costs for the event will be submitted to the DCEO grant staff for approval and will be reimbursable to the District, following the reporting period. As such, staff recommends the acceptance of the AMJ Spectacular Events contract for \$25,316.25.

Vice President Sierra MOVED TO APPROVE the contract with AMJ Spectacular Events. Motion seconded by Trustee Harant and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Covington, Harant, Hill, Montez, Vice President Sierra and President Johnson. (Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays).

8.C. President Johnson Remarks

After viewing the 2010 and 2024 Peoria Park District Gold Medal submission videos, President Johnson stated that in his 29 years on the Board of Trustees of the Peoria Park District, he is very concerned. He knows that staff is very capable and has done a tremendous job in carrying out what the Board wants. He showed the videos because they were filmed 14 years apart and there's a big difference between them. He noted that the current video did not include our local legislators. We need to continue to have a good relationship with our legislators for funding opportunities. There are three major areas he would like to talk about: 1. The Peoria Zoo AZA accreditation – he believes it's very important and he wants to see us move in the direction of completing the AZA accreditation process. 2. Glen Oak Park is also very important and we need to continue the capital work there. 3. Owens Center – major renovations and upgrade of the ice rinks is very important and necessary with the limited availability and high cost of freon. This will take major capital funding. He doesn't want the community to think the Park District has an abundance of funds to complete these projects. He's not sure what the future holds, but he does want to make sure that we continue to be financially conservative but invest in these capital projects for not only current enjoyment, but for future patrons as well. We still have to maintain that we will keep the Park District

intact for future generations. As such, he's very concerned about the Park District and it's very important to him that the Park District continue to be #1 in the state.

9. CALENDAR OF CONSENT ITEMS

- 9.A. Design Proposal – Glen Oak Park Inclusive Restroom Building**
- 9.B. Bid – Prefabricated Restroom Building – Lakeview Splashpad**
- 9.C. Bid – Pool Chemicals**
- 9.D. Purchase of a 2025 Ford Explorer Interceptor per State of IL Contract**
- 9.E. Purchase of John Deere Mower per IL Association of County Board Members and Commissioners Contract**

Trustee Harant requested that item 9.A. be pulled for further discussion.

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

In relation to item 9.A., Trustee Harant asked if gender neutral restrooms are now the trend. Becky Fredrickson stated yes, and this particular restroom design is part of the inclusive playground project at Glen Oak Park. This inclusive restroom design has four single restrooms, all of which have their own separate toilet and sink and separate entrance.

Trustee Harant MOVED TO APPROVE Calendar of Consent Item 9.A. Motion seconded by Vice President Sierra and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Covington, Harant, Hill, Montez, Vice President Sierra and President Johnson. (Results: 6 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

Vice President Sierra expressed gratitude to Jonelle McCloud and staff of Proctor Recreation Center for their coordination of offering free haircuts to the community. This is a very important event not only for youth, but for the Southern District residents as well.

Vice President Sierra stated that he would like to circle back to his request for having conversations about the RiverPlex. He stated it was introduced in January and he wants to make sure that it stays at the top of the agenda for discussion.

President Johnson thanked Trustee Bertschy for his efforts in discussing funding for track chairs at Donovan Park with Carle Health. President Johnson thinks track chairs are very important for the

disabled population and appreciates the time Trustee Bertschy took to try to find funding for these chairs.

14. ACTION STEPS REVIEW

None noted at this time.

15. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:47 PM Trustee Montez MOVED TO ADJOURN. Motion seconded by Trustee Covington and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees, Covington, Harant, Hill, Montez, Vice President Sierra and President Johnson. (Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays).

Full discussion can be viewed at the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fuCBMouJRss>

Respectfully Submitted by Alicia Woodworth
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