

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, JUNE 25, 2025 HELD AT THE BONNIE W. NOBLE CENTER FOR PARK DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, 1125 WEST LAKE AVENUE, PEORIA, IL

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

TRUSTEES ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Executive Director Emily Cahill, Brianna Cobb, Nick Conrad, Scott Loftus, Becky Fredrickson, Matt Freeman, Mike Friberg, Shalesse Pie, Karrie Ross, Jenny Swanson, Kristi Shoemaker, Nicole Staley, Attorney Justin Gunn, Miles Howley, Interim Police Chief Mike Eddlemon, and Alicia Woodworth

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Johnson presided and called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

3. CALL FOR MOTION TO PERMIT TRUSTEE TO ATTEND MEETING ELECTRONICALLY

No request to attend the meeting electronically was received.

4. MOMENT OF SILENCE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

5. MINUTES

5.A. Approval of Minutes of the June 11, 2025 Regular Board Meeting

Trustee Harant MOVED TO APPROVE the Minutes of the June 11, 2025 Regular Board Meeting. Motion seconded by Trustee Silver and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Harant - Aye, Montez - Aye, Sierra - Aye, Silver - Aye, Slover - Abstain, Vice President Hill - Aye, and President Johnson - Aye. (Results: 6 Ayes; 1 Abstain; 0 Nays).

6. CITIZEN REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

7. STAFF REPORTS

7.A. Executive Director

Executive Director Cahill thanked everyone for all their efforts in the Juneteenth event held last week at Glen Oak Park.

7.B. Chief of Police

Interim Chief Eddlemon presented the May 2025 Police Report. Please see Attachment A.

7.C. Superintendent of Human Resources

Shalesse Pie stated that the 2025 scholarship recipients have been selected. Each year, prospective candidates submit detailed applications that include academic performance, career aspirations, personal goals, and involvement in extracurricular activities. The Employee Contributions Fund Committee carefully reviews all submissions and selects recipients for both

the Contributions Fund Scholarship and the Board Scholarship. We are pleased to announce that the following four students have been chosen to receive a \$800 scholarship:

Ellie Cahill – is currently attending Illinois Wesleyan University. She is pursuing her bachelors' degree in Nursing. She has stated that her goal is to become a Nurse Practitioner. She is the daughter of Emily Cahill, Executive Director.

Savannah Grachek – will be attending The University of Wisconsin Whitewater. She will be pursuing her degree in Business Management. She is the daughter of Nicolas Grachek, Vehicle Equipment Service Technician with our Parks Division.

Bailey DeLap – will be attending Saint Francis Medical Center College of Nursing. She will be pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. She is the daughter of Jayson Wiegand, Assistant Manager Bradley Park with our Parks Division.

Tyler Loftus – will be attending Bradley University. He will be pursuing a degree in Engineering. He is the son of Scott Loftus, Superintendent of Recreation.

Total amount of scholarships given this year is \$3,200. Congratulations to all of this year's recipients. Scott Loftus and Shalessa Pie, chair the Employee Contributions Committee. Members of the committee include: Angela Bland, Brianna Cobb, Nyk Sutter-Downs, Elona Mason, Tom Miller, Karen Rodgers.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None at this time.

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.A. Travel Policy Revision

Trustee Sierra MOVED TO APPROVE the Travel Policy Revision. Motion seconded by Vice President Hill.

Trustee Silver then MOVED TO AMEND the Travel Policy Revision as such:

Replace the redlined sentences (shown below) with *"if the amount in question is more than \$500 and if a third party is involved, including but not limited to an employer, childcare provider or medical provider, that third party shall issue in writing a note documenting and corroborating the reason for the Trustee missing the event. This may be a signed written statement or via email from the third party's email, and given to the Board Secretary."* Trustee Harant seconded the Motion to Amend.

Trustee documentation will be required stating the reason for their not attending a pre-requested intention to attend a pre-approved conference, meeting, seminar or similar activity, in which Park District expense payments cannot be refunded. The Trustee must submit to the Board Secretary within thirty (30) days of the first day of the missed event, a written and signed statement of circumstances that caused them to not attend the event. ~~If a third party is involved, including but not limited to an employer, child care provider or medical provider, that party should issue in writing a note documenting the reason for the Trustee missing the event. This may be a signed written statement or via email from the third party's email, and given to the Board Secretary.~~ The Board shall consider this documentation in their decision in granting a waiver in part or in whole of expense payment by the Trustee.

Trustee Sierra stated that he will not accept Trustee Silver's amendment to his motion. When the Board first discussed this policy revision, Attorney Day made it clear that without including the

struck/redlined language, if a Trustee was not able to attend an event, that the language that is currently provided allows a Trustee to submit third party documentation in the event that they would choose to submit that. By not including that language, it does not prohibit a Trustee from submitting third party documentation. As such, Trustee Sierra stated he thinks that by including the language, there's no real substantive difference, according to what Attorney Day had advised and just confirmed. In addition, the original stance on this position, after the Board provided consensus to proceed up until this moment and is the third time the Board has reviewed this, Trustee Sierra is of the opinion that it is not only unfair to the Trustee, but unfair to the Trustees' affiliates such as employers, to have an expectation for them to indulge in something that often times is separate from that Trustees' professional life. For example, he cannot imagine asking his full-time employer to go on record and step into a political sphere that they would not otherwise support. Trustee Sierra stated that for those two reasons and more, he will not accept the amendment to his motion.

Trustee Silver stated that to be clear, a Trustee has the option of providing third party input. The point of his including "*if the amount in question is more than \$500*" he's trying to distinguish between the severity of the infraction. He believes if a Trustee is spending \$500 of the taxpayers' money just because a Trustee didn't feel like going to something, it's not enough, in his opinion, to just have a Trustee's word that they couldn't attend for a particular reason. If the Park District loses \$500 or more, he believes deserves the second extra step of getting corroborating evidence.

Trustee Sierra stated that he appreciates that and that he's never witnessed a Trustee just say that they don't want to go to something. Whether it's \$1 or \$500 or more, the fiduciary responsibility that Trustees have is to safeguard the Park District, per the oath of office they all took. That oath of office that they all took serves as legitimate enough and important enough for Trustees to take the word of one another as professional elected colleagues. To suggest that corroborating evidence to support anything is needed, suggests that there is distrust and disrespect amongst Trustees. Trustee Sierra stated that he is fine with accepting the word of one of his colleagues, without having to get corroborating evidence in order for him to believe their excuse.

Trustee Slover stated that if there is no need for the corroborating evidence, then there's really no reason to have the (waiver of) reimbursement policy included. There has to be some due diligence into the process. He does not believe it's a matter of trust. If there is a policy, then there should be some sort of ability to enforce it with reasons germane to the cancellation.

Trustee Harant stated that for her, this is about due diligence to the taxpayer and the public, that Trustees are doing due diligence when there's an expense in excess of \$500, that was a commitment by a Trustee. She believes the Board has that responsibility to the taxpayer to have that extra step.

Vice President Hill stated that she echoes what Trustee Sierra stated and that as a single mother and business owner, she has always felt that this prohibits individuals like herself from participating in events. She has been honest about the fact that she has a situation that she often times, at the last minute, finds out something is not as she had planned and cannot attend. She does not think that her cancellation, or any Trustee's cancellation would be dependent upon how much it cost the Park District. Bringing third party statements into public record is egregious. She feels it is disrespectful to not trust a Trustee's word. It essentially inhibits Trustees like herself

and Trustee Sierra from even participating. As such, does the Board consider the fact that they are comfortable with some Trustees just not be able to attend, or future Trustees in similar positions not able to attend? Why do any Trustees attend? Why are thousands of dollars spent attending something that Trustees don't necessarily come back and deliberate about or implement any information from. Vice President Hill stated that she hopes that the Board is fair when it comes to what is considered fiscally responsible. She would like to put it on record that she thinks if this Board, which is predominately made up of individuals not with young children, that are not full-time employees, do not heed the perspective of individuals that are different, that have different situations, that's disappointing.

Trustee Montez stated that there's not a great price to the smaller events/programs that Trustees may attend. Most of them are under \$500. The larger financial costs are usually associated with national or state conferences. He believes the Board's fiduciary responsibility still requires Trustees to believe, but verify. If it's not verified, then the Board is not really doing their job. The larger cost once a year conferences are mostly what is being discussed here. If a Trustee has to cancel and can provide verification, they do not have to reimburse the District if a proven reason why they cancelled is provided. Trustee Montez stated that he does not think it is a barrier to people running for Trustee. Trustee Sierra responded saying it is a barrier because by using the word "shall" it makes providing verification a requirement.

In proper order, Trustee Silver MOVED TO AMEND the Travel Policy Revision as noted previously. Motion seconded by Trustee Harant and failed to pass on the following roll call vote: Trustees Harant - Aye, Montez - Aye, Sierra - Nay, Silver - Aye, Slover - Abstain, Vice President Hill - Nay, and President Johnson - Nay. (Results: 3 Ayes; 1 Abstain; 3 Nays).

Trustee Sierra MOVED TO APPROVE the Travel Policy Revision. Motion seconded by Vice President Hill and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Harant - Aye, Montez - Nay, Sierra - Aye, Silver - Nay, Slover - Aye, Vice President Hill - Aye, and President Johnson - Aye. (Results: 5 Ayes; 0 Abstain; 2 Nays).

9.B. Appointment of Trustees to Standing Committees

President Johnson presented the 2025 Standing Committee Appointments effective July 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 as follows:

Finance Committee

Chair – Trustee Mark Slover

Member – Trustee Ron Silver

Planning Committee

Chair – Vice President Reagan Leslie Hill

Member – Trustee Ron Silver

Program Committee

Chair – Trustee Joyce Harant

Member – Trustee Steve Montez

Diversity Equity Inclusion and Accessibility Committee

Chair – Trustee Alexander Sierra

Member – Trustee Mark Slover

Strategy Ad Hoc Committee/Board of the Whole
All Trustees serve on the Strategy Ad Hoc Committee

Peoria Park District Foundation
All Trustees serve on the Foundation Board

Springdale Cemetery Management Authority
Member – Trustee Joyce Harant

Heart of Illinois Special Recreation Association (HISRA) Board
Member – Trustee Steve Montez
Member – Executive Director Emily Cahill

Peoria Zoological Society (PZS) Board
Member – Vice President Reagan Leslie Hill

9.C. Lease Agreement – Peoria Players Theatre

Mike Friberg stated that the Peoria Players have been located in Lakeview Park since 1958, prior to the land becoming a park. What has followed has been a nearly 70-year successful partnership between the Peoria Park District and the Peoria Players to bring community theater to Peoria residents. The current lease agreement expires in July 2025. The proposed lease agreement has been updated to reflect changes to insurance and indemnification, music licensing, lease payments, and includes a three-year term with a single three-year extension. The lease has been reviewed by legal counsel. As such, staff recommends executing the Peoria Players lease agreement for an initial three-year term with a single three-year extension.

Trustee Sierra requested that clarification be made in the lease agreement that the rent amount to be paid is a monthly payment. Mike Friberg stated he will make that clarification in the agreement before full execution.

Trustee Sierra MOVED TO APPROVE the Lease Agreement with Peoria Players Theatre. Motion seconded by Trustee Slover and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Harant -Aye, Montez - Aye, Sierra - Aye, Silver - Aye, Slover - Aye, Vice President Hill - Aye, and President Johnson - Aye. (Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Abstain; 0 Nays).

9.D. Contract Agreement – Top Tracer at Golf Learning Center

Becky Fredrickson stated that as part of the Golf Learning Center improvements and addition of a 21 bay hitting facility, this approval will allow for the use of the Toptracer system including ball-tracking and gaming software and licenses as well as Toptracer hardware including sensors, servers, screens, routers, switches, server racks, mounts, and related infrastructure. This ball-tracking software will be an on-going operating expense based on 21 bays. As such, staff recommends approving the attached contract with Topgolf USA, Inc. for the Toptracer ball-tracking software for the Golf Learning Center. This will be an on-going monthly operating expense of \$4,620.00.

Trustee Sierra MOVED TO APPROVE the Contract Agreement with Top Tracer at Golf Learning Center. Motion seconded by Vice President Hill and carried on the following roll call vote:

Trustees Harant -Aye, Montez - Aye, Sierra - Aye, Silver - Aye, Slover - Aye, Vice President Hill - Aye, and President Johnson - Aye. (Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Abstain; 0 Nays).

9.E. Bid – Columbia Playground

Becky Fredrickson stated that in the fall of 2024, the City of Peoria approved the allocation of Community Development Block Grant funds for park improvements to Columbia Park. The Park District entered into an agreement on January 15, 2025 with the City of Peoria to complete the proposed improvements. The recommendation is for the purchase and installation of new playground equipment and poured-in-place rubber safety surfacing at Columbia Park. Three designs were brought forward for public vote to decide on the final playground design. Voting for the three designs was held on social media, as well as a public input session held in Columbia Park. After considering input, Option #3 was the chosen with an additional climber added to the design. As such, staff recommends accepting the bid totaling \$314,407.40 from Gametime for the purchase and installation of the new playground and safety surfacing for Columbia Park.

Trustee Harant MOVED TO APPROVE the Bid from Gametime for the Columbia Park Playground. Motion seconded by Trustee Silver and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Harant - Aye, Montez - Aye, Sierra - Aye, Silver - Aye, Slover - Aye, Vice President Hill - Aye, and President Johnson - Aye. (Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Abstain; 0 Nays).

10. CALENDAR OF CONSENT ITEMS

10.A. Bid – Cassidy Park Walkway Replacement

10.B. Bid – Woodruff Outfield Fence Replacement

Trustee Sierra MOVED TO APPROVE Calendar of Consent Items 10.A. and 10.B. Motion seconded by Trustee Montez and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Harant -Aye, Montez - Aye, Sierra - Aye, Silver - Aye, Slover - Aye, Vice President Hill - Aye, and President Johnson - Aye. (Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Abstain; 0 Nays).

11. PENDING BUSINESS

None at this time.

12. COMMUNICATIONS

Various communications were presented for receive and file.

13. OTHER BUSINESS

None at this time.

14. ACTION STEPS REVIEW

1. Provide year/month comparison in monthly Police Reports.

15. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:48 pm Trustee Slover MOVED TO ADJOURN. Motion seconded by Trustee Silver and carried by unanimous aye of those present.

Full discussion can be viewed at the following link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X_eVIOOLb9s

Respectfully Submitted by Alicia Woodworth
Executive Assistant and Board Secretary

POLICE ACTIVITY SUMMARY – MAY, 2025



TOTAL NUMBER OF ALL REPORTS: 23

CRIME REPORTS

<i>Location</i>	<i>Date/Time</i>	<i>Offense Type</i>	<i>Case #</i>
NE. Perry St.	05/01/25 18:08	Service to Other Agencies	25-57
Bradley Park	05/02/25 17:32	Battery Case Summary: Unknown suspects in physical altercation, fled the scene, area secured	25-58
Carver Center	05/08/25 17:30	Domestic Battery Case Summary: Adult Arrested	25-62
Endres Park	05/13/25 18:11	Animal Control Act Failure Case Summary: Juvenile was bitten by an off leash dog, suspect unknown	25-65
Glen Oak Park	05/14/25 17:54	Verbal Altercation Case Summary: Unknown Juveniles using Foul Language toward other Juvenile Park Patrons, scene cleared	25-66
Prairie Vista Apartments	05/15/25 18:32	Service to Other Agencies Case Summary: Vehicle Break In, Unknown Suspects	25-67
Glen Oak Park	05/17/25 17:00	Aggravated Assault Case Summary: Assault on Security Officer, Minor Released to Parent, Mother Arrested by City on Unrelated Charges	25-69
Robinson Park	05/21/25 17:38	Criminal Damage to Property Case Summary: Unknown Person(s) Damaged bathrooms at Robinson Park	25-70
Detweiller Park	05/22/25 14:22	No License or Valid Permit Case Summary: Traffic Citation Issued and Tow	25-71
Glen Oak Park	05/26/25 17:15	Theft Case Summary: Unknown Suspect(s) stole Bicycle & Kid Carrier	25-76
Logan Park	05/30/25 14:41	Aggravated Assault Case Summary: Known juvenile Suspect assaulted park patron, case pending	25-80
Giant Oak Park	05/30/25 18:31	Noise Complaint Case Summary: Verbal Warning issued	25-81

MONTHLY TOTAL – CRIME REPORTS: 12

NON-CRIME REPORTS

Location	Date/Time	Offense Type	Case #
Lorenz Park	05/01/25 11:01	Abandoned Vehicle Case Summary: Disabled Trailer Towed off Property	25-55
Donovan Park	05/01/25 16:30	Dogs Off Leash Case Summary: Park Patron experienced Random Off Leashed Dogs, with Owners (walking far behind) on Multiple Occasions	25-56
Richwoods High School	05/03/25 15:00	Services to other Agencies Case Summary: Assisted Patron with their Vehicle	25-59
Glen Oak Park	05/07/25 21:12	Damage to Property Case Summary: Park Vehicle vs. Gate	25-60
Glen Oak Park	05/08/25 15:19	Found Property Case Summary: Vape Pen found at Playhouse	25-61
Glen Oak Park	05/08/25 21:31	Found Property Case Summary: Stroller found in Parking Lot	25-63
John Gwynn Park	05/12/25 09:52	Found Property Case Summary: 2 Fire Extinguishers Found	25-64
Newman Golf	05/15/25 21:47	Abandoned Vehicle Case Summary: Disabled Vehicle Towed off Property	25-68
Martin Luther King Park	05/23/25 17:00	Verbal Argument Case Summary: Couple arguing loudly, scene cleared	25-75
John Gwynn Park	05/29/25 17:52	Recovered Property Case Summary Bookbag returned to Owner	25-79

MONTHLY TOTAL – NON-CRIME REPORTS: 10

TRAFFIC CRASH REPORTS

Location	Date/Time	Tickets Issued	Case #
Sheridan Rd. & Lakewood	05/23/25 18:00	Car vs. Other Car & Curb Case Summary: Citation Issued	25-74

MONTHLY TOTAL – TRAFFIC CRASH REPORTS: 1

TRAFFIC CITATIONS

Location	Date/Time	Offense	Ticket #
Endres Park	05/02/25 21:40	Suspended Motor Vehicle Registration	25-4400
Charter Oak Park	05/18/25 17:00	Speeding	25-4976
Detweiller Park	05/21/25 18:50	Expired Permit	25-5145
		Uninsured Motor Vehicle	25-5144
Livingston St. & W. Krause Ave.	05/22/25 19:31	Uninsured Motor Vehicle	25-5187
Sheridan Rd. & Lakewood	05/25/25 19:07	Improper Lane Usage	25-5240

MONTHLY TOTAL – TRAFFIC CITATIONS: 6

ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS

<i>Location</i>	<i>Date/Time</i>	<i>Offense</i>	<i>Case #</i>
Bradley Park	05/22/25 21:30	Parked in Handicapped Zone Ticket # A31019	25-21

MONTHLY TOTAL – ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS: 1

PARKING VIOLATIONS

<i>Location</i>	<i>Date and Time</i>	<i>Offense</i>	<i>Ticket #</i>
Glen Oak Park	05/07/25 20:47	Abandoned Vehicle	06741
Newman Golf Course	05/15/25 17:58	Abandoned Vehicle	05707
Newman Golf Course	05/16/25 21:18	Abandoned Vehicle	05709
Bradley Park	05/22/25 21:27	Abandoned Vehicle	06742
Stadium Park	05/30/25 16:41	No Parking Zone, Improper Parking, Parked on Grass	06743

MONTHLY TOTAL – PARKING VIOLATIONS: 5

Reviewed by:  Date: 06-17-25

