

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE PLEASURE DRIVEWAY AND PARK DISTRICT OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS, HELD AT 6:30 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 23, 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 (v), Alexander Sierra (v), Ron Silver, Mark Slover, Vice President Reagan Leslie Hill, and President Robert Johnson
Note: (v) = Attended Virtually

TRUSTEES ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Executive Director Emily Cahill, Brianna Cobb, Nick Conrad, Scott Loftus, Becky Fredrickson, Matt Freeman, Willie Howe, Shalesse Pie, Karrie Ross, Jenny Swanson, Max Lakes, Mary Harden, Tammy Johnson, Tim Stedman, 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 6:40 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

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

Trustee Harant MOVED TO PERMIT Trustee Sierra attend the meeting electronically due to work purposes. Motion seconded by Trustee Silver and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Harant - Aye, Silver - Aye, Slover - Aye, Vice President Hill - Aye, and President Johnson - Aye. (Results: 5 Ayes; 0 Abstain; 0 Nays).

Trustee Harant MOVED TO PERMIT Trustee Montez attend the meeting electronically due to personal illness. Motion seconded by Trustee Silver and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Harant - Aye, Sierra – Aye, Silver - Aye, Slover - Aye, Vice President Hill - Aye, and President Johnson - Aye. (Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Abstain; 0 Nays).

NOTE: Trustees Sierra and Montez attended the meeting virtually via Zoom. While both were able to hear the proceedings, technical difficulties prevented them from being consistently heard throughout the meeting. As a result, their comments and votes on some agenda items could not be heard or officially counted.

4. MOMENT OF SILENCE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

5. MINUTES

5.A. Approval of Minutes of the July 9, 2025 Regular Board Meeting

Trustee Harant MOVED TO APPROVE the Minutes of the July 9, 2025 Regular Board Meeting. Motion seconded by Trustee Slover and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Harant - Aye, Montez - *due to technical difficulties, Trustee Montez's vote could not be heard*, Sierra – *due to technical difficulties, Trustee Sierra's vote could not be heard*, Silver - Aye, Vice President Hill - Aye, and President Johnson - Aye. (Results: 5 Ayes; 0 Abstain; 0 Nays).

6. CITIZEN REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None at this time.

7. STAFF REPORTS

7.A. Executive Director

Executive Director Cahill stated that former Superintendent of Recreation and retiree Dennis Mantick recently passed away. The Park District sends their sincere condolences, thoughts and prayers to his friends and family during this time.

Nick Conrad reminded everyone that the River City Soul Fest will be held on August 1 and 2. India Fest will be held August 16 at the CEFCU Center Stage. Irish Fest will be held August 22-24. Oktoberfest will be held September 19-21. The Fine Art Fair will be held September 27-28.

Max Lakes introduced new staff member and Chief Advancement Officer. Mr. Stedman addressed the Board stating he is excited and appreciates the opportunity to be part of the Park District and thanked everyone for all they do.

Trustee Harant asked if the microphone connection is working for Trustees Sierra and Montez, who are attending virtually? It's hard to have a discussion if two Trustees cannot speak. Executive Director Cahill stated that Trustees Sierra and Montez can be heard on the YouTube channel, but not in the meeting room and staff is working to restore their connection.

At 6:53 PM, President Johnson briefly paused the meeting to allow staff to rectify the connection/technical difficulties. During this time, staff worked to rectify the situation and restore Trustees Sierra's and Montez's microphone connection. With the technical issues resolved, the meeting resumed at 6:58 PM.

Trustee Sierra stated that he had amendments to the July 9, 2025 Regular Board meeting minutes that he had emailed to Secretary Woodworth earlier in the day where he requested amendments as follows:

1. Clarify that he was the one who identified the two corrections from the June 25 board meeting referenced in the motion. As the minutes currently read, it appears that Trustee Slover pointed out the second correction, which was not the case.
2. On page 3, paragraph 2. After it states that he asked if there was a need for the Board tonight, it should also reflect that Matt Freeman's initial response was "no," prior to continuing with additional context.
3. On page 3, paragraph 4. As it currently reads, the sentence says, "...there needs to have some extent some professional courtesy around the horseshoe." It should read, "...there needs to be some extent of professional courtesy around the horseshoe."
4. On page 4, first paragraph under *Other Business*. There should be commas between "process(,) communication(,) and trust."
5. On page 5, paragraph 1. The sentence should read: "...and ensure their requests and perspectives are not only heard but respected and adhered to."
6. In the *Action Items Review* section. It currently omits an important follow-up item: *staff will identify a mandatory training that all staff involved in external communication—particularly when those communications intersect with culturally sensitive topics—will complete*. In regards to this omitted action item, Trustee Sierra stated that he requested this action item in his statement that he read in Other

Business that reads: *"The second thing that I want to ask for is for us, and I think we may be doing with Brianna (Cobb) our Director of Equity and Inclusion, for us to consider some sort of mandatory training that all staff involved in external communications, particularly when those communications intersect with culturally sensitive topics consider. And this includes addressing protocols and consulting impacted community leaders before any public response is issued."*

7.B. Chief of Police

Interim Police Chief Mike Eddlemon presented the June 2025 Police Report. Please see *Attachment A*. Mr. Eddlemon noted that offers have been extended to three Police Officers for full-time positions. The Police Department will be fully staffed with the addition of the officers.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

8.A. Finance Committee – Approval of Accounts Payable

Trustee and Finance Committee Chair Slover stated that the Finance Committee has examined the bills and moves that the President and the Secretary be authorized to issue orders on the Treasurer for the several amounts. 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).

8.B. Finance Committee – Write-Off of Aged Receivable

Trustee and Finance Committee Chair Slover MOVED TO APPROVE from the Finance Committee's recommendation to Write-Off the Aged Receivable. Motion seconded by Trustee Silver.

Discussion:

Trustee Sierra stated that he wished to offer a comment on this item. He noted that he had briefly discussed the matter with Executive Director Cahill and President Johnson. While he supports removing the aged receivable from the books, he does so with some hesitation, which he had shared with both individuals. His concern stems from potential conflicts between this action and the existing Code of Conduct Ordinance, as well as the recently amended Trustee Travel Policy.

He acknowledged that Executive Director Cahill had provided reassurance that the amended policy represents an opportunity for Trustees to reset and move forward on a stronger foundation. Nonetheless, Trustee Sierra felt it important to highlight that the current Conduct Ordinance—particularly its provisions regarding the number of tickets Trustees may receive—could create unintended consequences.

He referenced President Johnson's generous effort to provide tickets to members of the community in need, which Trustee Sierra believes was a necessary and appropriate act on behalf of the Board. However, due to the way the ordinance is currently written, that action resulted in personal accountability for President Johnson, which Trustee Sierra does not believe was warranted. He emphasized the need to remain mindful of how existing policies may at times conflict or lead to outcomes not aligned with the Board's intent.

Trustee Slover expressed partial agreement with Trustee Sierra's comments and noted the importance of finding ways to include individuals whose support or endorsement is valuable to the District—such as through involvement in Park District events or festivals—without it becoming a matter of personal interest or benefit. Trustee Slover suggested this topic warrants

further discussion and emphasized that addressing it in this manner would be preferable to creating potential conflicts.

Motion 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. NEW BUSINESS

9.A. Acceptance of Artwork: Donovan Sculpture Garden

Executive Director Cahill stated that Donovan Park is home to the Donovan Sculpture Garden, which is funded and managed by a private group as approved by the Peoria Park District Board of Trustees. In 2024, the Board approved the acceptance of grant dollars from the Gilmore Foundation to add three new sculpture sites to the garden. As part of the planning for implementation of these new sites, discussion was had about adding a new permanent piece to the collection. Artist and DSG Board member Fisher Stolz has offered to donate his Transformation sculpture (picture provided below) and a portable pad upon which the piece will install to be placed on the hill overlooking Cyd's in the Park. Staff has consulted with Cyd's ownership and they are excited for the opportunity. As such, staff recommends acceptance of Transformation and a portable pad to be placed at Donovan Park from artist Fisher Stolz.

Artist Fisher Stolz addressed the Board, providing an Artist Statement of his sculpture Transformation:

Resembling a cocoon and an emerging winged form, Transformation references growth and development. The spherical element invites entry through drawn-back curtains or doors into a sanctuary. In the interior, light dapples through the random but somewhat bilaterally symmetrical web of bronze that defines the surface of the sphere. A section in the orb, opposite the entry, opens like a skylight lined with the rhythmic pattern of the complementary shape. Like the architecture of a cathedral, the space is meant to elevate the spirit and, upon emerging, inspire positive change.

Those who live with the sculpture will observe a change in the surface of the bronze from a fresh swirl polish through a progressive patina naturally applied by the environment that Transformation inhabits.

Transformation

16'L x 10"W x 12'H

stainless steel, bronze

2012

\$33,000

Vice President Hill MOVED TO ACCEPT Artwork at Donovan Sculpture Garden. Motion seconded by Trustee Sierra 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.B. Fire and Security Alarm Monitoring, Maintenance and Testing Request for Proposal

Nicole Staley stated that due to the current five-year contract for fire and security alarm monitoring, maintenance and testing expiring in the near future, a request for proposal was

released for a new five-year contract. Proposals were solicited from ten vendors which resulted in submissions from two firms, Remco Alarm and Marmic Fire & Security Co., Inc. A five-member evaluation committee independently reviewed and scored the proposals based on key criteria outlined in the RFP: proponent profile, approach to performing the scope of work, references, commitment to diversity, and proposed cost. Following review of the proposals, both firms were invited to interview with the committee to further provide information about their companies, their submitted proposals and each was allowed to ask questions of the committee. Once interviews were complete, the committee discussed all aspects of the proposals and interviews and unanimously selected Marmic Fire & Safety Co., Inc. to recommend to the Board for approval.

Included in the service agreement/contract are the daily system monitoring, routine maintenance, and inspections/testing, per applicable codes, for the intrusion and fire alarm systems. Routine maintenance will be assigned by purchase order issuance and billed at proposed hourly rates that are all inclusive. Locations may be added or removed to the agreement as required by the District. The agreement is for five years beginning on or around August 1, 2025.

As such, staff recommends approval of the service agreement for fire and security alarm monitoring, maintenance and testing with Marmic Fire & Security Co, Inc. of Mackinaw, IL at an approximate total cost for the contracted period of \$271,050.00 for the monitoring and testing.

Trustee Slover MOVED TO APPROVE the Fire and Security Alarm Monitoring Maintenance and Testing Request for Proposal from Marmic Fire & Security Co., Inc. 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).

9.C. PAWW Lease Extension

Executive Director Cahill stated that PAWW's lease extension for use of Central Park Pool is set to expire on July 31, 2025. Staff asks for an additional extension for PAWW access to the facility through September 15, 2025. As such, staff recommends a one-month continuation of the current lease terms with PAWW.

Trustee Slover MOVED TO APPROVE the PAWW Lease Extension. 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).

10. CALENDAR OF CONSENT ITEMS

10.A. Bid – Columbia Park Improvements

10.B. Bid – HISRA Parking Lot Renovation

10.C. Bid – Golf Learning Center Furniture

Trustee Sierra noted his disappointment that, despite proactive efforts by staff and the DEIA Committee, the contracts for Columbia Park and the HISRA Parking Lot did not reflect an increase in minority- and women-owned business participation. He acknowledged ongoing DEIA Committee discussions around strengthening procurement policies to be more intentional, especially in encouraging prime contractors to diversify their workforce when MBE/WBE contract

awards are not possible. He expressed concern that there is untapped capacity within the region or state that could be better utilized.

In response, Becky Fredrickson clarified that for the Columbia Park contract, the awarded contractor demonstrated significant minority and female workforce representation. Subcontracting efforts included outreach to women- and minority-owned businesses for electrical, trucking, and concrete work. She directed Trustees to the minority/women-owned contact sheet and subcontractor workforce plan included in the meeting packet.

Trustee Sierra appreciated the clarification and acknowledged that if the described efforts are accurately reflected in the documentation, they are commendable and indicative of progress in the District's procurement practices. He also thanked Executive Director Cahill for pointing out the broader racial representation in the contractor's workforce.

Trustee Slover added his support for staff's efforts, emphasizing the importance of balancing community equity goals with cost-effective, qualified contracting. He encouraged thoughtful discussions moving forward and highlighted the need to remain responsive to both fiscal responsibility and community expectations.

President Johnson thanked Trustees Sierra and Slover for their comments and reaffirmed the Park District's ongoing progress in DEIA efforts, including hiring and contracting practices. He acknowledged the challenges staff have faced and expressed appreciation for their continued commitment to equity and inclusion.

Trustee Sierra MOVED TO APPROVE Calendar of Consent Items 10.A. thru 10.C. 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

12.A. Kroger Rewards

Q2 Kroger Rewards of \$59.10 were received by the Park District Foundation.

13. OTHER BUSINESS

President Johnson requested that an item be added to the next agenda to facilitate a conversation with PAWW, expressing interest in hearing their concerns and perspectives. Trustees discussed the most appropriate venue for this discussion and agreed that the Strategy Ad Hoc Committee would be the preferred setting for such a conversation.

President Johnson extended appreciation to a new partner affiliated with the Zoo, expressing enthusiasm for the ongoing capital campaign and commending the new Zoo Director for his strong leadership and growing community recognition. He thanked all staff and partners for their continued work and dedication, especially in the face of current national challenges. He reaffirmed his confidence in the Peoria Park District, noting its distinction as the oldest and largest park district in Illinois by population.

Trustee Harant shared an update on the reinstated Program Committee. The first meeting under the new format is scheduled for August 5 at 5:30 PM at Luthy Botanical Garden, near the pickleball and tennis courts in Glen Oak Park. This meeting will focus on community engagement around specific recreational programs, beginning with pickleball and tennis. Trustees were encouraged to attend and informed that additional details would be shared soon.

14. ACTION STEPS REVIEW

None noted at this time.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Prior to adjournment, Attorney Gunn reminded the Board that the minutes (July 9, 2025 Meeting Minutes) in question had already been approved. If any Trustee wishes to address or revise those minutes at a future meeting, a formal motion to amend will be required at that time.

At 7:22 pm Trustee Silver MOVED TO ADJOURN. Motion seconded by Trustee Harant and carried by unanimous aye of those present.

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

Respectfully Submitted by Alicia Woodworth
Executive Assistant and Board Secretary

POLICE ACTIVITY SUMMARY – JUNE, 2025



TOTAL NUMBER OF ALL REPORTS JUNE 2025: 20

TOTAL NUMBER OF ALL REPORTS JUNE 2024: 32

CRIME REPORTS

<i>Location</i>	<i>Date/Time</i>	<i>Offense Type</i>	<i>Case #</i>
Columbia Park	06/02/25 12:13	Battery Case Summary: Juveniles fought. No injuries Reported at Playground.	25-84
Glen Oak Park	06/06/25 18:04	Battery Case Summary: Juvenile shooting Orby gun at other Juveniles. Referred to Detention.	25-85
Martin Luther King Jr. Park	06/09/25 11:32	Aggravated Battery Case Summary: Unknown Suspect attacked by Former Friend	25-87
Proctor Center	06/11/25 17:00	Disorderly Conduct Case Summary: Unknown Suspects Fighting	25-88
Glen Oak Park	06/12/25 19:30	Found Property Case Summary: 9mm Pistol found in Lagoon, Suspect Unknown	25-89
Riverplex	06/13/25 11:45	Battery Case Summary: Patron was pushed by Unknown Suspect	25-92
Glen Oak Park	06/19/25 15:20	Theft Case Summary: Hat taken by Unknown Suspect	25-93
Glen Oak Park	06/21/25 15:37	Illegal Trespassing Case Summary: Park Ordinance Violation	25-95
Logan Park	06/25/25 19:30	Battery/Civil Disturbance Case Summary: Unknown Suspect Pepper Sprayed Crowd as City Officers had simultaneous incident. Resulting in Park Closure	25-103
Leslie Rutherford Park	06/23/25 08:45	Property Damage Case Summary: Vehicular Damage to Field, Suspect Unknown	25-96
John Gwynn Aquatic Center	06/25/25 15:45	Park Ordinance Violations Case Summary: Unknown Suspect, Trespassed & Verbally Threatened Officer	25-97
Glen Oak Park	06/27/25 19:10	Park Ordinance Violation Case Summary: ATV on Grass, Cleared by Adult Arrest	25-100
Glen Oak Park	06/29/25 08:15	Building Burglary Case Summary: Garage Broken into by Unknown Suspect.	25-101

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Bradley Park	06/30/25 20:15	Traffic Stop Case Summary: License Suspended, Resulting in Adult Arrest	25-104
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MONTHLY TOTAL – CRIME REPORTS: 14
CRIME REPORTS 2024: 15

NON-CRIME REPORTS

Location	Date/Time	Offense Type	Case #
Martin Luther King Jr. Park	06/07/25 20:31	Sick / Cared For Case Summary: Patron transported to OSF for Further Treatment	25-86
Riverplex	06/13/25 12:49	Sick / Cared For Case Summary: Patron transported to OSF for Further Treatment	25-90
Schmoeger Park	06/20/25 20:00	Illegal Camping Case Summary: Patron Cleared without Incident	25-94
Noble Center	06/25/25 20:34	Sick Cared For Case Summary: Patron transported to Carle Health for Further Treatment	25-98
Glen Oak Park	06/26/25 19:40	Park Ordinance Case Summary: Child left Unsupervised, Parent located	25-99
Glen Oak Park	06/29/25 12:05	Damage to Property Case Summary: Gate Damaged by Unknown Vehicle	25-102

MONTHLY TOTAL – NON-CRIME REPORTS: 6
NON-CRIME REPORTS 2024: 14

TRAFFIC CRASH REPORTS

Location	Date/Time	Tickets Issued	Case #
-NONE-			

MONTHLY TOTAL – TRAFFIC CRASH REPORTS: 0
TRAFFIC CRASH REPORTS 2024: 3

TRAFFIC CITATIONS

Location	Date/Time	Offense	Ticket #
Knoxville & Alta Rd.	05/02/25 21:40	Reckless Driving, Speeding, Fail to Stop at Intersection, Violation of Curfew	25-5618
Charter Oak Park	06/05/25 15:46	Speeding	25-5784
Detweiller Park	06/12/25 18:28	Expired Registration	25-8901
Detweiller Park	05/22/25 19:31	License Revoked No Insurance	25-6129
Detweiller Park	06/28/25 16:27	License Revoked No Valid Registration Uninsured Motor vehicle	25-6687

Grandview Park	06/29/25 22:30	No Vehicle Registration	25-6270
Bradley Park	06/30/25 20:15	Failure to Stop at Stop sign Suspended License	25-6766

MONTHLY TOTAL – TRAFFIC CITATIONS: 7

Monthly Total Traffic Citations 2024 - 15

ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS

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

MONTHLY TOTAL – ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS: 1

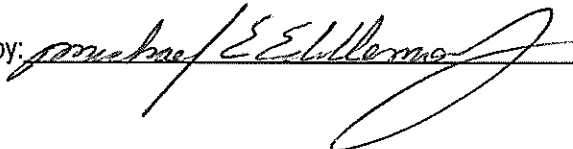
Monthly Total – Ordinance Violations 2024: 3

PARKING VIOLATIONS

Location	Date and Time	Offense	Ticket #
Detweiller Park	06/05/25 18:50	Abandoned Vehicle	04135
Logan Park	06/05/25 19:50	No Parking Zone	04136
Noble Center	06/11/25 14:30	Handicapped Parking	10801

MONTHLY TOTAL – PARKING VIOLATIONS: 3

Monthly Total – Parking Violations 2024: 15

Reviewed by:  Date: 7-9-25

