

**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, JULY 26, 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 Bill Streeter, Attorney Kevin Day (v), Nick Conrad, Matt Freeman, Mike Friberg, Willie Howe, Jacob Kuban (v), Chief Todd Green, Tammy Johnson, Scott Loftus, Karrie Ross, Kristi Shoemaker, Nicole Staley, Jenny Swanson, Greg Walker (v), and Alicia Woodworth  
Note: (v) = Attended Virtually

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Jarrod Martis of JIMAX Landscape, LLC

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

President Johnson presided and called the meeting to order at 6:07 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 12, 2023 Regular Board Meeting**

Trustee Harant MOVED TO APPROVE the July 12, 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**

Executive Director Cahill stated that with the start of August next week, it has been a fast, eventful summer with lots of fun events. She thanked Scott Loftus, the camp staff and all who worked so diligently to provide a great experience for campers and their outstanding work this summer. The aquatics staff has done a fantastic job in providing a great summer at the pools. Summer festivals will start next month and she expressed her great appreciation to the events staff for their outstanding work in the preparation for these events. They are all doing really great work in contributing to a vibrant community. The District just completed the ICJIA grant fiscal year and the District is looking forward to ramping up the new year.

Trustee Sierra requested an update on the RiverPlex aquatic renovations. Becky Fredrickson stated the contractors are on schedule to wrap up early next week. Once that is complete, staff will complete the final touches in order to open up to the public. In all, it will be just a few more weeks until it is completed in full. The contractor has put forth the effort and committed to completely sandblasting all of the finish off the floors of the pools. The therapy pool has been sandblasted and painted and they are currently working on the leisure pool. This work is all done at the contractor's expense as it is their original work they are repairing. Since the repair work is being done in the summer, many of the displaced swimmers have been able to utilize the YMCA pool.

Trustee Harant asked how yesterday's first ever outdoor pickleball tournament went. Scott Loftus stated that from what staff has told him, everything seemed to have gone really well, with players and participants having a great time and overall, was a successful event.

## **7. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **7.A. Diversity Equity Inclusion and Accessibility Committee - Minutes of June 20, 2023 Meeting**

Trustee and DEIA Committee Chair Sierra presented the June 20, 2023 meeting minutes. Of particular note, the hiring of a DEIA Officer is underway. The process continues with the fielding and acceptance of applications for the role. Once staff identifies qualified applicants, they will report back to the DEIA Committee for the Committee to undergo a process of supporting the staff in identifying a candidate.

Trustee and DEIA Committee Vice Chair Bertschy stated that at the June 20 meeting, the question of committee term limits for non-Park District board members was discussed. The committee voted to recommend to the Board, so there is an understanding that all non-Park District board members, when they serve on the committee, the term is a one-year term, and the DEIA Committee wants to put that into policy. Executive Director Cahill asked if there is a recommended term limit for non-Park District board members. Trustee Bertschy stated that he recommends staff submit at the next Board meeting a recommendation that provides language for the policy manual for a one-year term. At that time, a discussion can be had about term limits. Trustee Sierra stated that at its most recent meeting, the DEIA Committee expressed interest and consensus to move forward with the exploration of having some sort of community-like interaction event to gauge not only internal DEIA efforts, but the DEIA efforts of hiring a professional staff member as well. Trustees Sierra and Bertschy have scheduled a meeting between the two of them to discuss this and present to the DEIA Committee and ultimately, the Board.

Trustee Montez asked what is the salary range of the new DEIA Officer position and is it competitive with other area DEIA Officers. Trustee Sierra stated that staff had conducted their due diligence to present a competitive and descriptive job description as compared to the City and County positions. The salary range is \$65,000 - \$75,000 annually along with a full benefits package.

### **7.B. Golf Advisory Ad Hoc Committee – Minutes of June 12, 2023 Meeting**

Trustee and Golf Advisory Ad Hoc Committee Chair Bertschy presented the June 12, 2023 meeting minutes. He stated that as of the end of May, golf revenues are up 30% year to

date at \$1.3M. Expenses however, are higher because of the need for more irrigation for the courses. There has been much discussion in the meetings about the infrastructure and the operational expenses or irrigation. The monthly committee meetings are held at a different golf course where after the meeting, the committee is given a maintenance tour the course, learning about its infrastructure and facility needs. The next meeting will be held at Newman Golf Course and everyone is invited to attend.

Trustee Sierra asked if the committee is exploring alternative irrigation systems and software for irrigation water conservation. Trustee Bertschy stated yes, the committee is looking at a variety of approaches to irrigation. Newman Golf Course is actually located right over an aquifer so water can be pulled from that source. However, the other courses do not have that water supply and therefore, it must be purchased, which of course is costly. The committee looks at all these things in trying to determine the best economical and conservation options.

Vice President Covington asked how much tax subsidy goes to the golf program. Karrie Ross stated that 2021's actual golf fund operating subsidy that does not contain capital funds, was \$380,584 and 2022's revised budget golf fund operating subsidy was \$382,874. The 2023 proposed budget operating subsidy is \$585,182.

President Johnson stated he had a conversation with the President of the Chamber of Commerce asking them why they do not use Park District golf courses for tournaments and events. Vice President Covington stated that she has been on two committees and the reason is that the golf courses do not have a restaurant where a breakfast, luncheon or dinner can be served, nor can a party be held after an event. The restaurant plans for new Golf Learning Center will help a lot with this when completed. Emily Cahill stated that currently however, the Park District hosts many tournaments, at least one per week at the various Park District golf courses, in addition to a planned Park District golf outing planned for September 8. Trustee Bertschy stated that in comparison to other area golf courses, in terms of condition and desirability of playing, he believes that the Park District's courses equal to or better than any others, including private clubs, and this has been the case for quite some time now. Greg Walker stated that comparing where the Park District is in respect to golf outings six years ago to today, the number of golf outings has increased approximately 30%. The biggest hurdle for the District for the larger outings is the lack of a restaurant at the courses. At times, food offerings are catered by local vendors but they are not provided by the District.

## **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 is being presented for review at this time and will be presented to the Board for approval at the next Board meeting.

**8.B. Over Reserve Discussion**

Trustee Bertschy made a motion to approve the staff recommendation (shown below) to utilize the over reserve by dividing it in the recommended three buckets of funds as identified in the memo included in tonight's Board agenda packet. Vice President Covington seconded the motion.

Trustee Harant stated she could support this if the Board could discuss when the District receives the state's grant funds for items in #1 for Glen Oak Park, that some of those funds go to replace the PlayHouse roof. She wants to be sure that when the funds are received, they go to the projects they were originally intended for. Executive Director Cahill stated that the only requirement for that \$4M allocation from the state is that it is transformational and focused on at-risk areas. That direction would come from the Board based upon those items that have been bumped out of order. A long, robust discussion took place concerning what items the Board would want the funds to go towards that aren't noted in the three buckets and what the restrictions are for the \$4M grant funds. Trustee Sierra stated he will vote no to this recommendation is because when this was discussed at a committee level, he thought he made a clear request to have additional options presented. He's not sure if the request was not clear or if it was just ignored by staff but what is presented tonight are not additional options. In addition, Trustees all have different definitions for what could be considered transformational and this should be discussed. He believes it is disappointing and upsetting that more options and discussion were not presented tonight as he requested. As such, he respectfully urges the Board to vote no on this request. There needs to be a clear discussion on what this Board defines as transformational and this Board's priorities are in terms of investing these funds.

Trustee Montez stated that he understands that the projects listed here tonight are things that have to be done. To him, they don't seem transformational as they are capital projects. There is an opportunity to do things different in ways that could be transformational and he does not consider this as such.

Trustee Bertschy stated that he respectfully disagrees. It would be impossible for the Board as a whole to agree on one definition on what is transformational. These items are not things that can wait. The PlayHouse roof is falling apart and it is imperative to have an accessible restroom at the new accessible all-inclusive playground. Also, we have to complete the Golf Learning Center renovations by July 2024.

Vice President Covington stated that she thought at the last Finance Committee meeting when this was discussed, they voted to bring this in its current form to the Board today. In that meeting, Trustee Bertschy had stopped further discussions and stated it will go to the Board for vote and therefore, Trustee Sierra's request for more options was not required. The action step and directive were that it be placed on tonight's agenda in its current form for discussion and next steps.

Trustee Montez stated that he too would like to see a list of options from staff that details the costs of the projects so that Trustees can make a more informed decision when voting on how to spend the over reserve dollars.

President Johnson stated that until last week, he was in support of staff's current recommendation on how to spend the dollars. His position has now changed. He stated that two years ago, he requested that carpeting and wood flooring be replaced at the Trewyn pavilion because it looked so bad. When he was at Trewyn last week, he saw that the flooring had still not been replaced and its condition is worse than before. In addition, he went to the lower level of the pavilion where the Trewyn Head Start operates, and he saw that mud had flowed across the concrete entryway, where children and staff have to jump across. There was also chipped paint on the walls. He finds this all unacceptable. He had brought this up two years ago, before Peoria Grown starting occupying the space. On top of it all, the pavilion's kitchen is outdated. He called City Councilwoman Denise Jackson to move up funding for the City's plan to improve the infrastructure, i.e., the street curbing replacement and repair. President Johnson stated he is the biggest cheerleader for the Park District and with the current state of things, the Park District is not gold medal ready. He stated that Trewyn, looking like it does on the south side of Peoria in the inner city, and nobody seems to have any answers on why the painting looks as it does. The paint is peeling and shows that there's no care taken whatsoever. Children should not have to live under the conditions at Trewyn. But two years ago, he requested the floors be replaced and it's still not done. As such, he wants to propose the formation of a building and grounds committee, meeting every month. He wants to know firsthand, that this type of thing will not happen again. Our facilities should not be in this shape. He understands that the flooring will be replaced by funding from a Peoria Grown grant, but the Park District owns the building. Not knowing about Trewyn's condition, he believed that all Park District facilities were well kept and maintained. He had the confidence and faith in staff that they were doing a great job. But now it seems he has to go back and do something he did 28 years ago and these types of fights should not still be happening. He's disturbed that at this point 28 years later, he's still having the same types of conversations about the south side facilities. This should not be and not what he would expect for a class 1 park district that we are. This is not gold medal material and he's not happy with the condition of Trewyn Park. He should have to be the one who made the calls to the City and Park District staff to get this taken care of. He wants the building and grounds committee to provide a monthly report on the condition of all Park District facilities and grounds.

President Johnson went on to say that the GLC renovations, Glen Oak Park pavilion roof, and the new restrooms near the all-inclusive playground are all important and they all need funding. But at the same time, he doesn't want his facilities on the south side of Peoria to deteriorate to the point that it currently is. He knows the Park District staff are very good and second to none but he doesn't know why the south side has been neglected and not taken care of. He gets many phone calls from people with problems about the condition and issues of the south side facility rentals.

President Johnson stated that all Trustees were elected to represent their districts and they have a responsibility to know the condition of Park District parks and facilities in their district. As such, President Johnson is recommending the formation of a citizen's advocacy committee where there will be citizens from every district that he will appoint and it will meet at least 3 times a year.

President Johnson stated he didn't think he would have to do this because he personally brought this to staff to take care of two years ago and there's all this money to be spent on very important projects, but yet there's nothing recommended for Trewyn, in the condition it's currently in.

Trustee Bertschy stated that he appreciated President Johnson's comments. He asked if the "reimbursement" money that is being discussed, is it available to do the type of work President Johnson is talking about is based more on location than it is on project? For example, is Glen Oak Park in the at-risk location as required by the grant's reimbursement funding? Executive Director Cahill stated yes. Trustee Bertschy stated that the Park District could then use that reimbursement money on any of the projects currently recommended, as long as it's in the required location. As such, he doesn't view it restricted funds because it can be applied to such a wide area for any capital reason.

Trustee Sierra stated that according to the reserve policy, the over reserves do not have to be used for only capital expenses. Karrie Ross pointed out that Trustees have a copy of the reserve policy at their places tonight in which she read the policy in full. The policy does advise against using the funds for operating (non-capital) costs but it does not prohibit it as currently written and therefore, she agreed that according to policy, the funds do not have to be used for capital expenses only. Trustee Bertschy stated that he is one of the authors of this policy and it was never intended the funds be used on something that would create further financial obligations for the Park District. It was intended that these funds would be spent in a way that would have a one-time impact, whether it be capital or debt reduction, etc.

Trustee Harant stated that because of the restrictions that the grant reimbursement funds would have placed on them, she would like to retain the flexibility that is had with the over reserve funds, even for capital expenses. As such, she asked Trustee Bertschy if he would accept an amendment to his original motion "to approve the staff recommendation (shown below) to utilize the over reserve by dividing it in the recommended three buckets of funds as identified in the memo included in tonight's Board agenda packet" to do only bucket one and do the Golf Learning Center reimagination with excess funds that are needed for that from bucket three, and then continue the discussion about the remaining funds and then when the District receives the grant funds, we could have a conversation about those altogether? Trustee Bertschy stated possibly, but he wants to talk a moment first about Owens Center. Everyone knows that freon is no longer allowed in new construction and the District will eventually not be able to purchase it for the current ice maintenance at Owens Center. Youth hockey is extremely important to the community and Owens Center has to continue to be able to provide for it, with over 200,000 visitors per year. Executive Director Cahill stated that those dollars wouldn't come from the over reserves. The District would have to make it a part of the capital budget for 2024 to do the planning as the scope of that project is \$8-12M. Eventually, staff will be coming to the Board to have conversations around issuing additional debt to make it happen as it is outside of the scope of the normal \$5M annual bond issue. Owens Center does not just need a change from freon, but a total reinvigoration and assessment of what all needs to happen for Owens.

Trustee Bertschy stated he'll amend his original motion to moving to approve only buckets one and three at this time. Trustee Harant stated she would agree to his amended motion. Trustee Sierra stated that the Board is not fighting over these funds and he's disappointed that it would even be perceived that way, because it is not his intent to even give that perception. This item was brought before the full board tonight only to have a conversation. It was not to take a formal action to identify the "guiding rails" as has been discussed. But now with Trustee Bertschy's motion, the Board has stepped away from that intent which is how a vote is even being considered. As he heard the phrase earlier, he believes it is "unfair" that his request for more options was not adhered to and ignored. When he has conversations with constituents, he cannot say confidently that he decided to invest in the three buckets because he doesn't even know what any other buckets or options there are. As a result of the opinions that have been expressed by now a majority of this Board tonight, just goes to show the Board is not ready to move forward with a vote. He is not saying personally that environmental sustainability and DEIA are not essential to the District. What he's saying is that the Board has a responsibility to do its due diligence as a Board and some are saying that due diligence has been done and others like himself are saying it has not been done. As such, he believes there should not be a formal action that takes place on this item of business at all and should go back to the Finance Committee for discussion so it doesn't give off the impression that the Board is fighting over the use of the funds. He urges the Board to vote no on any motion to move forward with any plan tonight regarding over reserve funds.

Trustee Bertschy amended his original motion and MOVES TO APPROVE ONLY BUCKETS ONE AND THREE at this time, and thereby leaving \$1M for the Board to discuss at a later time. Vice President Covington seconded the amended motion.

Trustee Hill stated that in light of President Johnson's concerns at Trewyn, are the three buckets recommended by staff the only things that are wrong in the District. Are these the only things that need attention? Because she doesn't know where they even rank in priority. She can appreciate all the things that need to be done but she's not sure where the three buckets are in comparison to everything else the District needs. Trustee Bertschy stated that he had a discussion with staff about the suggested three buckets. He believes the items contained in the buckets are items that have been discussed for a couple years now, excluding the GLC golf upgrades. The District has a capital schedule that is created containing the predicted, over time, what will be needed in the capital expenditure budget, which is approximately \$5M per year. In a way, the items listed in that \$5M capital budget, ranks the important emergent capital needs of the District. Trustee Hill appreciated this, but stated that she had been to Trewyn recently and thought it looked great but didn't realize the problems downstairs that existed. As such, she has reservations about spending any money anywhere because she doesn't know what she's looking at and if there's another bigger fire that needs tended to, she is concerned about voting tonight. She doesn't disagree with or devalue the need for the suggested three buckets, she just doesn't know the entire picture of needs and wants a clear picture of how big the fire is.

Executive Director Cahill stated that there's always a fire when you have a park district as big as the Peoria Park District. That is just the reality of it. She is happy to talk with each Trustee offline about Trewyn. She's also happy to share with the Board as was shared with

President Johnson, that the District is addressing those issues. There were timing challenges and the District looked at outside funding sources for some of those modifications at Trewyn and with that, it changed the focus. She doesn't want to relitigate that in this space, but those issues are being addressed. Some of the things that happened with the lower level happened because the sidewalk was replaced and after it rained, water went in places it didn't normally go and created the mud. So now, the District is addressing and fixing it because staff didn't know it was going to happen when the sidewalk was replaced. Every day, it is a mechanism of a phone call that said overnight this thing broke. Overnight this tree fell down. Overnight this thing happened. The air conditioning doesn't work. The fire alarm won't go off. That is what the people sitting behind her do every day is that balancing act. The things that are contained in the three buckets, are those big projects that are large enough to not allow the process to function effectively. They are being recommended because they are really important, large things. They are big and require much planning and effort that can't come out of the \$5M capital improvement plan and bond issue in 2024. The three buckets help the District to keep moving and make improvements. Just like every other park district in this country of any size, the Peoria Park District has deferred maintenance. We have a park district that is very big for a community of our size. This is a good thing but it is also a challenge. As such, every day, staff is doing its best to make the right decisions. The three buckets before the Board, are items that make it such that we can keep moving as a park district and focus on the things that are important. Executive Director Cahill apologized to Trustee Sierra, stating it was her understanding was that his concerns had been addressed and she did not know that they hadn't been. She didn't know there was additional communication that was to come to him, and she apologizes for that. With the three buckets, staff is trying to give the Board the best possible options and make the park district better together.

President Johnson asked how much longer will Trewyn Park have deferred maintenance. He hears what Executive Director Cahill is saying but there's no excuse for it taking this long. Executive Director Cahill stated that those things at Trewyn are being fixed this week for which President Johnson replied that it should have already been done and wasn't until he saw it last week. It's been two years now. He's tired of hearing about deferred maintenance. It's been over two years and now he's being told that there's all these buckets when there's another facility that's needing repairs. He's sick and tired of the south side of Peoria always getting neglected. Executive Director Cahill stated that is not fair. The carpet that he is referencing is in a space that is not open to the public and is used by staff. She did not know about what was going on downstairs with the paint and mud coming in. If she had known about the mud, it would have been addressed immediately. Staff was not aware that mud was coming in. It is now being addressed.

President Johnson stated that it will be checked now because he's putting together a grounds and facilities committee. He wants something done where every month, he's told what's going on in the Park District. What else is out there that he doesn't know about? Deputy Director Wheeler stated there's a lot. There's a lot of problems through this district. He doesn't mean that disparagingly, but in a realistic way. This is not a south side issue. The District has just made tremendous investments in that park. We can go to every facility, every park in this District and you will absolutely find blemishes. The Park District



no longer has 210 employees. The reality is that the District's resources are stretched so that that not everything is taken care of all the time.

At 7:51 pm, Trustee Bertschy suggested the meeting take about a 5-minute break so that everyone can take a moment to regroup. He appreciates all points raised and everyone's passion surrounding the District and the people Trustees represent.

At 8:03 pm, the Regular Board meeting reconvened.

Trustee Bertschy restated his amended motion and MOVES TO APPROVE ONLY BUCKETS ONE AND THREE in which Vice President stated she seconded the motion. The amended motion DID NOT CARRY on the following roll call vote: Trustees Bertschy - Aye, Harant - Aye, Hill - Nay, Montez - Nay, Sierra - Nay, Vice President Covington - Aye, and President Johnson - Nay. (Results: 3 Ayes; 4 Nays).

Trustee Bertschy MOVED TO SET ASIDE THE OVER RESERVE FUNDS AND NOT SPEND IT THIS YEAR. Motion seconded by Vice President Covington.

Trustee Bertschy stated that currently, the Board cannot agree on this. There are some major projects that are at issue but he believes the Board would like staff to establish a list of capital projects that are essentially already provided for in the three buckets. He feels there's no reason to go back and redesign what's already been designed. The Board just voted down the concept of instructing staff where to spend the over reserve. The policy assumes that there's several steps that can be taken with respect to the over reserve. One is to not spend the over reserve and let it carry over to the next year, granted the over reserve exists next year. Therefore, he does not think there is any reason to discuss this any further as it has already been discussed at length. Vice President Covington stated that a new roof and restrooms at Glen Oak Park are still desperately needed. It also disturbs her greatly that the Park District isn't chipping in with the amazing funding coming from our state government for the GLC upgrades. There is an expectation that we finish what is started. Why do it if it won't be done right? Trustee Harant stated that when the roof was deferred, it was at President Johnson's request that staff find a way to pay for it and this is the way that was found by staff to do that. Trustee Bertschy stated that it is the Board's job to provide guidance to staff. Staff came to the Board and recommended to spend the money on the roof. The Board just voted no on that a moment ago. Staff came to the Board and recommended to spend the money on the bathroom. The Board just voted no on that a moment ago. Staff came to the Board and recommended to spend the money on the Golf Learning Center. The Board just voted no on that a moment ago. Staff came to the Board and recommended to spend the money on planning for the reimagination of Owens Center. The Board just voted no on that a moment ago. At this point, staff has told the Board what they think should occur, what more is there to discuss? Trustee Sierra stated that what was behind his vote was that there was a request to staff to do due diligence so that he can feel more comfortable with moving forward and that request hadn't been fulfilled.

Trustee Harant stated that she believes it's irresponsible to have no regard at all for buckets one and three for which President Johnson responded – with no regards to Trewyn

Park? You want to speed up other items and still leave people with the condition of Trewyn Park? Trustee Harant stated she doesn't view it that way.

Trustee Bertschy stated that President Johnson had recommended the issue go back to the Finance Committee so that's where it will go. Out of respect for President Johnson, Trustee Bertschy WITHDREW his MOTION TO SET ASIDE THE OVER RESERVE FUNDS AND NOT SPEND IT THIS YEAR and take it back to the Finance Committee for discussion.

**9. CALENDAR OF CONSENT ITEMS**

**9.A. Morton Square Park Shelter and Improvements**

**9.B. Logan Park Shelter and Improvements**

**9.C. Purchase of 2023 Ford Ranger via Spot Market Allowed Under Resolution 144-13**

President Johnson requested items 9.A. and 9.B. be pulled.

Trustee Sierra MOVED TO APPROVE Calendar of Consent item 9.C. 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).

President Johnson asked what was the status on the Morton Square Park and Logan Park improvements. Becky Fredrickson stated that the shelters is part of the grant that the City helped the District acquire as part of the community development COVID block grant money. This will be the new shelter/amphitheater at Morton Square along with some other additional site improvements. Logan Park is also part of the community development COVID block grant that includes a new playground and shelter and some additional sidewalk.

Trustee Sierra MOVED TO APPROVE Calendar of Consent items 9.A. and 9.B. Motion seconded by Trustee Montez 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**

**12.A. President Johnson Appointment to PACVB**

Trustee Bertschy congratulated President Johnson on his appointment to the Peoria Area Convention and Visitors Bureau board, stating he is especially qualified for this position. One of the major reasons people come to Illinois and in particular, Peoria, is the Park District and his role as President of the park District plays a major role in that.

**12.B. Kroger Rewards**

**13. OTHER BUSINESS**

Trustee Sierra applauded staff for their work with the Gilmore Foundation to attract the NFL tailgate event that will be happening August 14.

Trustee Sierra stated that at last night's City Council meeting, the proposed riverfront plan was presented. He believes the Park District should begin having conversations as well as how the transformations and investments in that park could impact the Park District. Trustee Harant stated that those things are contractual with the City so it's not adding to the maintenance of Park District land but it's contractual with the City. Executive Director Cahill stated that as City Manager Urich and Director Powers said last night, the Park District will be working with them to define the scope of maintenance and work that the District would be asked to take on with the new improvements there.

Trustee Bertschy stated that immediately after the DEIA Committee meeting on July 18, a group met at Donovan Park for a track chair demonstration. Track chairs are all terrain motorized tracked wheelchairs to use by those with mobility issues to enjoy parks. The chairs were accessible to all terrains at Donovan Park. Costs and maintenance issues were discussed with the manufacturer. It will go back to the DEIA Committee for discussion and review and he is hopeful that it will go to the Board in the not-so-far future for consideration.

**14. ACTION STEPS REVIEW**

None noted at this time.

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:25 pm Trustee Bertschy MOVED TO ADJOURN. Motion seconded by Trustee Sierra 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/m7Q8CLAdQN/>

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Respectfully Submitted by Alicia Woodworth  
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