

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, AUGUST 27, 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, Nick Conrad, Matt Freeman, Becky Fredrickson, Scott Loftus, Karrie Ross, Jennifer Swanson, Mike Friberg, Tammy Johnson, Max Lakes, Yoginee Nawale, Kristi Shoemaker, Spencer Wilson, Attorney Kevin Day, Miles Howley, and Alicia Woodworth

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Johnson presided and called the meeting to order at 6:32 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 August 13, 2025 Regular Board Meeting

Trustee Sierra MOVED TO APPROVE the Minutes of the August 13, 2025 Regular Board Meeting. Motion seconded by Trustee Harant and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Harant - Aye, Montez - Abstain, Sierra – Aye, Silver - Aye, Vice President Hill - Aye, and President Johnson - Aye. (Results: 7 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 invited Peoria Zoo Director Max Lakes to provide a report regarding animal care updates.

Mr. Lakes explained that a new giraffe feeder was included on the evening's consent docket. The feeder will replace a previous wooden feeder that was damaged when a giraffe pulled it apart. The new design is more durable and includes two hooks that can be raised up to 24–25 feet in height, which is critical for supporting the natural feeding behaviors and physical health of the Zoo's giraffes.

He noted that the Zoo currently houses three giraffes—Emmy, Vivian, and Fitz—with a breeding recommendation in place that may expand the herd. As Fitz grows, he is expected to reach nearly

20 feet tall, and giraffes require the ability to extend their necks and use their tongues to forage at elevated heights to maintain proper muscle development.

The new feeder also incorporates a shade structure and will be accompanied by interpretive signage and video, enhancing the educational experience for Zoo guests. Additionally, Zoo staff are working with the Park District's horticulture team to develop a browse program, including a browse freezer to preserve cut tree limbs for year-round feeding.

The Board expressed appreciation for the update, and Executive Director Cahill thanked Mr. Lakes for his presentation.

7.B. Chief of Police

In Interim Chief Eddlemon's absence, Executive Director Cahill and Matt Freeman provided the July 2025 police report and addressed trustee questions. *Please see Attachment A.*

Clarifications were given regarding terminology in the report, including "soft guns" (plastic pellet/BB-style guns) and "OV" (ordinance violation). Trustees discussed how non-crime reports now provide better documentation of activity, such as abandoned vehicles or found property incidents, that may not have been previously included. July was reported as a busy month for the department, which is consistent with seasonal trends and higher staffing levels compared to June.

President Johnson requested that, in the future, if the Chief is unavailable, another officer working in the field be present to respond directly to operational questions. Executive Director Cahill assured the Board that she and Chief Eddlemon remain in regular communication and that staff are well-informed, but committed to honoring the request for officer representation at future meetings.

It was also noted that a recent gathering at Manual High School had limited police presence due to the short notice of the event.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

8.A. Finance Committee – Approval of Accounts Payable

The Finance Committee Presents the Accounts Payable to the Full Board for Approval

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. Planning Committee – Minutes of July 9, 2025 Meeting

The Planning Committee Presents the Approved Minutes of the July 9, 2025 Meeting

Vice President and Planning Committee Chair Hill presented the approved minutes of the July 9, 2025 Planning Committee meeting.

8.C. Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Accessibility Committee – Minutes of June 17, 2025 and July 15, 2025 Meetings

The Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Accessibility Committee presents the approved minutes of the June 17, 2025 and July 15, 2025 Meetings

Trustee and DEIA Committee Chair Sierra presented the approved minutes of the June 17, 2025 and July 15, 2025 DEIA Committee meetings.

During discussion, Trustee Slover noted he has prepared a proposal related to language within the DEIA pillars document and Procurement Policy. He explained that his intent is to balance District DEIA requirements with community expectations and to clarify how internal and external goals are addressed within the pillars' framework. Trustee Sierra emphasized that the appropriate next step is for the proposal to be reviewed first by the DEIA Committee before any Board consideration.

Trustee Sierra clarified the distinction between the DEIA Commitment document and the Procurement Policy, noting that Trustee Slover's concerns primarily relate to procurement language previously adopted by the Board. Trustee Sierra reiterated that the concerns Trustee Slover has are individual concerns expressed by Trustee Slover and not the consensus of the full Board.

Trustee Slover acknowledged this, adding that he has incorporated feedback from Trustee Harant into his draft and looks forward to further discussion in committee.

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.A. Conduct Ordinance Amendments

First Read

The first reading of proposed amendments to the Conduct Ordinance was presented for Board consideration. Trustees noted that the item had been scheduled for discussion at a prior meeting but was not reached on that agenda.

During deliberation, there was not consensus among trustees to proceed directly with a first reading at this time. Trustee Montez raised questions regarding whether the current draft language might require further revision and whether discussion in committee would be the more appropriate next step. Trustees clarified the distinction between deferring the first reading to a later Board meeting versus referring the subject matter back to committee for additional review.

After clarification, Trustee Montez MOVED TO REFER the Conduct Ordinance Amendments to the next Strategy Ad Hoc Committee meeting for further discussion and possible revision prior to resubmission to the full Board for first read and approval. 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.B. OSLAD Grant Application – Chartwell Park Improvements

Becky Fredrickson stated that staff are preparing an Illinois Department of Natural Resources Open Space Land Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) grant for the development of recreational amenities in Chartwell Park. The OSLAD application requires that development

projects on previously acquired land must certify that they were acquired using certain processes, that they were acquired before 1971, or that there was no intention or plans to apply for OSLAD grant assistance. As such, staff recommends certifying the Acquisition History and Certification form OS/DOC-2A in order to apply for the OSLAD development grant.

Trustee Sierra MOVED TO APPROVE the Certification of the Acquisition History and Certification form OS/DOC-2A in order to apply for the OSLAD Development Grant Application for Chartwell Park Improvements. 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.C. Peoria Grown Lease Agreement

Executive Director Cahill stated that as discussed at the August 13, 2025 Board meeting, the next step in finalizing the District's relationship with Peoria Grown for the long-term use of Trewyn Pavilion to serve as a wellness and nutrition hub in south Peoria is the execution of a long-term lease for the use of that facility by Peoria Grown to support their use of Trewyn Pavilion to facilitate its Market 309 produce market, which will be able to expand under this new agreement. As such, staff recommends approval and execution of the Lease Agreement with Peoria Grown.

Trustee Sierra MOVED TO APPROVE the Peoria Grown Lease Agreement. 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 - Abstain, and President Johnson - Aye. (Results: 6 Ayes; 1 Abstain; 0 Nays).

10. CALENDAR OF CONSENT ITEMS

10.A. Bid - Peoria Zoo Giraffe Shade/Feeding Structure

10.B. Bid – RiverPlex Whirlpool Deck Repairs

10.C. Bid – RiverFront Path Replacement

10.D. Bid – Rock Island Greenway Culvert Replacement

10.E. Quote – Grandview Drive Service Building Repairs

10.F. Purchase of Two Polaris Ranger Utility Vehicles per Sourcewell Contract

Trustee Harant MOVED TO APPROVE Calendar of Consent Items 10.A. through 10.F. 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).

11. PENDING BUSINESS

11.A. Revised Commitment to DEIA Document

Motion to Defer to DEIA Committee for Further Review and Discussion

Trustee Sierra reminded the Board that, at the Strategy Committee meeting held two weeks prior, the Committee voted to forward a revised DEIA Commitment document to the full Board for review and approval. For context, the revision consolidated Pillar Two (internal workforce focus) and Pillar Four (community workforce support) into a single pillar, streamlining the framework and modernizing the structure being developed by the committee. It was noted, however, that recent federal executive orders necessitate further review before Board adoption.

Accordingly, Trustee Sierra MOVED TO DEFER the Revised Commitment to DEIA Document back to the DEIA Committee for Further Review and Discussion. 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).

12. COMMUNICATIONS

12.A. HISRA July 2025 Impact Report

HISRA's July 2025 Impact Report was presented to the Full Board for review.

13. OTHER BUSINESS

Trustee Sierra offered condolences on behalf of the Board and the District to the family of Datikka "Tika" Peebles, a dedicated member of the NAACP executive board and strong supporter of Park District community outreach initiatives, including the Power Lunch program. Ms. Peebles passed away unexpectedly earlier in the week.

Trustee Sierra also commented on recent incidents of violence in the South Side of Peoria, emphasizing the importance of intentional language when referencing the community and noting that these events highlight the challenges faced by many constituents. He thanked District staff for their responsiveness and support during these difficult times and encouraged continued active engagement to help address community needs.

Trustee Harant shared information regarding the work of Cody Birley, an occupational therapist and founder of Prairieland Adaptive, who is organizing an Adaptive Recreation Expo on September 27 at Bradley's Markin Center. The event will feature demonstrations of adaptive recreational opportunities, including basketball and pickleball. Trustee Harant expressed appreciation for Mr. Birley's efforts to expand inclusive programming and support for individuals with disabilities.

14. ACTION STEPS REVIEW

1. Refer the proposed Conduct Ordinance Amendments to the next Strategy Committee for further review.
2. Trustee Slover will provide his draft edits related to the DEIA documents will to be circulated to the Board for review.

15. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:10 pm Vice President Hill MOVED TO ADJOURN. Motion seconded by Trustee Sierra and carried by unanimous aye of those present.

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

Respectfully Submitted by Alicia Woodworth
Executive Assistant and Board Secretary

POLICE ACTIVITY SUMMARY - JULY, 2025



TOTAL NUMBER OF ALL REPORTS 2025: 32

TOTAL NUMBER OF ALL REPORTS-JULY 2024- 23

CRIME REPORTS

| <i>Location</i> | <i>Date/Time</i> | <i>Offense Type</i> | <i>Case#</i> |
|------------------------------------|------------------|---|--------------|
| Glen Oak Park | 07/02/25 18:45 | Disturbance Case Summary: Large Group-Family Dispute. Area Secured OV issued | 25-105 |
| Detweiller Park | 07/05/25 00:58 | Revoked Driver, Uninsured Vehicle Case Summary: Unoccupied Vehicle After Hours OV issued | 25-108 |
| Sommer Park | 07/07/25 16:20 | Bullying, Welfare Check Case Summary: Unknown Juveniles Bullied Same Scene Cleared | 25-110 |
| Glen Oak Park Zoo | 07/09/25 10:30 | Criminal Damage to Property, Burglary Case Summary: Unknown Suspect Stole Wheelbarrow | 25-118 |
| Constitution Park | 07/09/25 15:42 | Criminal Sexual Assault Case Summary: Unknown Person Assaulted Female | 25-111 |
| Lakeview Park | 07/10/25 13:50 | Attempted Kidnapping Case Summary: Unknown Couple Attempted Child Abduction, Forwarded to City for Follow Up | 25-114 |
| Riverfront, Gateway Building | 07/15/25 11:14 | Criminal Defacement of Property Case Summary: Graffiti at the Gateway, Unknown Person | 25-116 |
| Pioneer Parkway & N. Sommar St. | 07/16/25 14:40 | Services to Other Agency Case Summary: Deception using Fake Money | 25-119 |
| Kellogg Golf Course | 07/16/25 17:00 | Criminal Trespass to Property Case Summary: Cleared by Adult Arrest | 25-120 |
| Lakeview Recreation Center | 07/17/25 10:14 | Juvenile Threats to School & Camp Case Summary: Search of Suspects Residence, Cleared and Referred to States Attorney's Office for Review | 25-122 |
| Jefferson St. & Morgan | 07/17/25 21:30 | Aggravated Fleeing & Eluding, Reckless Driving Case Summary: City Assisted Attempted Stop, Case Pending | 25-124 |
| Mark Woodlands Park | 07/18/25 12:49 | Damage to Property Case Summary: Unknown Suspect Damaged Porta Potty | 25-125 |
| Glen Oak Park | 07/18/25 17:44 | Juvenile with Orby Gun Case Summary: Cleared by Adult Arrest | 25-126 |
| Proctor Center | 07/20/25 19:25 | Aggravated Battery, Mob Action Case Summary: Known and Unknown Suspect(s) Assaulted Person with BB gun, Charges Pending | 25-127 |

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| Bradley Park | 07/20/25 20:25 | Aggravated Fleeing & Eluding Case Summary: Violation of Park Rental Agreement, Multiple Park Ordinance Violations Issued | 25-128 |
| Green Valley Camp | 07/24/25 10:30 | Criminal Defacement of Property Case Summary: Graffiti by 3 Unknown Females | 25-129 |
| Bradley Park | 07/24/25 16:20 | Aggravated Fleeing & Eluding Case Summary: Dispatched Suspect Information to City, Pending Future Contact | 25-130 |
| Riverplex | 07/24/25 18:10 | Intoxicated Female Case Suspect: Suspect Arrested | 25-131 |
| Detweiller Park | 07/24/25 02:30 | Adult Sex Offender on Property Case Summary: Suspect Arrested | 25-132 |
| Detweiller Golf Course | 07/25/25 19:15 | Criminal Defacement of Property Case Summary: Vandalism to Park Property by Unknown Person | 25-135 |

MONTHLY TOTAL – CRIME REPORTS: 20

CRIME REPORTS - JULY 2024 - 13

NON-CRIME REPORTS

| <i>Location</i> | <i>Date/Time</i> | <i>Offense Type</i> | <i>Case #</i> |
|------------------------|-------------------------|--|----------------------|
| Forrest Park | 07/03/25 13:59 | Sick Cared For Case Summary: Disabled Vehicle, Park Patrons Transported to Hospital for Underlying Health Issues | 25-106 |
| Bradley Park | 07/04/25 17:10 | Sick Cared For Case Summary: Patron Transported to Hospital for Heat Exhaustion | 25-107 |
| Detweiller Park | 07/05/25 12:01 | Found Property Case Summary: Plastic Tub Found in Road | 25-109 |
| John Gwynn Pool | 07/09/25 16:43 | Sick Cared For Case Summary: Patron Transported to Hospital for Heat Exhaustion | 25-112 |
| John Gwynn Park | 07/10/25 10:21 | Found Property Case Summary: Miscellaneous Drugs in Bag, by Unknown Person | 25-113 |
| Detweiller Park | 07/10/25 19:00 | Other Investigation Case Summary: Possible Water Contamination in Drinking Fountain. Secured Area and Cleared | 25-115 |
| Rocky Glen Park | 07/17/25 22:00 | Services to Other Agencies Case Summary: Peoria County Sherriff's Office had Patron Transported to Hospital for Mental Health Incident | 25-123 |
| Lakeview Recreation | 07/24/25 22:12 | Found Property Case Summary: Found Pink Backpacks, Property Issued back to Parents | 25-133 |
| Bradley Park | 07/26/25 14:19 | Sick Cared For Case Summary: Patron Transported to Hospital for Existing Condition Treatment | 25-136 |
| Rock Island Trail | 07/31/25 11:01 | Sick Cared For Case Summary: Assisted Peoria Fire Dept. of Person Transported to Hospital for Treatment for Loss of Control on E-Bike | 25-137 |

MONTHLY TOTAL – NON-CRIME REPORTS: 10

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TRAFFIC CRASH REPORTS

| Location | Date/Time | Tickets Issued | Case # |
|----------------------------------|------------------|---|---------------|
| Carver Center | 07/15/25 14:58 | Car vs. Parked Car Hit and Run, Charges Pending | 25-117 |
| Newman Golf Course & W. Nebraska | 07/25/25 18:39 | Car vs. Golf Ball to Windshield | 25-134 |

MONTHLY TOTAL – TRAFFIC CRASH REPORTS: 2

TRAFFIC CRASH REPORTS - JULY 2024 - 2

TRAFFIC CITATIONS

| Location | Date/Time | Offense | Ticket # |
|---------------------------|------------------|--|-----------------|
| Charter Oak Park | 07/02/25 18:11 | Speeding | 25-6867 |
| Bradley Park | 07/02/25 17:00 | Plates Suspended Uninsured Motor Vehicle | 25-6863 |
| Donovan Park | 07/02/25 16:52 | Expired Registration No Seatbelt on Child | 25-6860 |
| Donovan Park | 07/04/25 13:50 | Speeding | 25-6927 |
| Bradley Park | 07/04/25 13:22 | Expired Registration | 25-6926 |
| Newman Golf Course | 07/04/25 01:50 | Weaving in and out of Traffic | 25-7060 |
| Detweiller Park Riverside | 07/05/25 00:58 | Revoked License Uninsured Vehicle | 25-6942 |
| Detweiller Park | 07/06/25 16:11 | Titles & Registration Offenses | 25-6970 |
| Charter Oak Park | 07/10/25 19:57 | Speeding | 25-7110 |
| Detweiller Park | 07/17/25 20:00 | No Child Restraints under age 8 & and age 4 | 25-7453 |
| Donovan Park | 07/27/25 19:00 | Speeding | 25-7867 |

MONTHLY TOTAL – TRAFFIC CITATIONS: 11

Monthly Total – JULY Traffic Citations 2024 - 15

ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS

| Location | Date/Time | Offense | Case # |
|---------------------|------------------|---|---------------|
| Kellogg Golf Course | 07/16/25 16:00 | Disorderly Conduct Ticket# A31445 | 25-120 |
| Glen Oak Park | 07/17/25 17:44 | Firearms Ticket# A31024 | 25-126 |
| Bradley Park | 07/20/25 9:15 | Possession/Under Influence of Cannabis Ticket# A31447 After Hours Use of Park Ticket# A31448 Firearms Ticket# A31449 Littering Ticket# A31201 Use/Possession of Alcohol/Alcohol to Minor Ticket# A31446 | 25-128 |
| Riverplex | 07/24/25 18:20 | Use/Possession of Alcohol Ticket# A31024 Under Influence of Alcohol Ticket# A31276 | 25-131 |

MONTHLY TOTAL – ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS: 9

Monthly Total – JULY Ordinance Violations 2024 - 3

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PARKING VIOLATIONS

| <i>Location</i> | <i>Date and Time</i> | <i>Offense</i> | <i>Ticket #</i> |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Becker Park | 07/03/25 20:44 | Abandoned Vehicle | 04137 |
| Bradley Park | 07/09/25 21:25 | Abandoned Vehicle | 04471 |
| Grandview Drive | 07/09/25 22:03 | Abandoned Vehicle | 04472 |
| Camp Wokanda | 07/15/25 18:47 | Abandoned Vehicle | 10504 |
| Grandview Drive | 07/13/25 21:22 | Abandoned Vehicle | 05712 |
| Riverplex | 07/13/25 21:45 | Abandoned Vehicle | 05713 |
| Bradley Park | 07/24/25 21:46 | Abandoned Vehicle | 06745 |
| Riverplex | 07/24/25 21:28 | Abandoned Vehicle | 06744 |
| Riverplex | 07/25/25 11:01 | Overnight Parking | 05740 |

MONTHLY TOTAL – PARKING VIOLATIONS: 9

Monthly Total – JULY Parking Violations 2024 - 15

Reviewed by:  Date: 8-11-25