

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, SEPTEMBER 11, 2024 HELD AT THE BONNIE NOBLE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1125 WEST LAKE AVENUE, PEORIA, IL

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Trustees Timothy Bertschy, Laurie Covington, Joyce Harant, Reagan Leslie Hill, Vice President Alexander Sierra, and President Robert Johnson

TRUSTEES ABSENT: Trustee Steve Montez

STAFF PRESENT: Executive Director Emily Cahill, Scott Loftus, Matt Freeman, Karrie Ross, Brianna Cobb, Attorney William Streeter, Attorney Kevin Day, Chief Todd Green, Kristi Shoemaker, Mike Friberg, Miles Howley, and Alicia Woodworth.

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Robert 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

No Trustees requested to attend the meeting electronically.

4. MOMENT OF SILENCE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

5. MINUTES

5.A. Approval of Minutes of August 28, 2024 Regular Board Meeting

Vice President Sierra MOVED TO APPROVE the August 28, 2024 Regular Board meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Trustee Hill and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Bertschy, Covington, Harant, Hill, Vice President Sierra, and President Johnson. (Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Abstain; 0 Nays).

6. STAFF REPORTS

6.A. Executive Director

Executive Director Cahill thanked everyone that was part of the new Glen Oak Park playground ribbon cutting and for attending the Founders Day celebration, both held on Saturday, September 7. It was a great day for the Park District and a great way to celebrate 130 years of service to the community.

In addition, currently there is a community survey out and available for people to complete to help the Park District continue to evolve to meet the needs of our changing community. The District asks participants and patrons across the community, whether they live within the Park District or not, if someone utilizes District services or not, by filling out the survey it can help the District focus efforts in the coming years. The survey can be found on the Park District website and Facebook page.

Trustee Bertschy stated that he thought the playground ribbon cutting was outstanding and Executive Director Cahill's remarks that she made at the event were right on point. Job well done to Executive Director Cahill and Park District staff.

Vice President Sierra stated that he would like to take a moment to commemorate 9/11 and the impact it has made on the country.

Trustee Hill echoed Trustee Bertschy's sentiments and stated she had an opportunity to speak earlier today about preservation and how it overlaps with placemaking. She was beyond thrilled to hear Executive Director Cahill speak of the tree within the playground space and she's honored that the community has this asset and resource.

Executive Director Cahill took a moment to thank Becky Fredrickson and the entire Planning Department staff who facilitated the fully inclusive playground and their help to support that tree in the in the middle of the playground space.

Trustee Harant stated that she shares the same sentiments expressed concerning the inclusive playground ribbon cutting and the Founders Day celebration. She believes the disabled community is very pleased with the playground.

Vice President Sierra stated that as Chair of the DEIA Committee, he's very excited about the playground and it's Peoria's version of the game Shoots and Ladders. The joy and emotion that was experienced in that space are often times untold stories and that he wants to recognize the Committee and community members that were a part of the early conversations.

Executive Director Cahill stated that the playground at the Franciscan Recreation Center will be replaced and a public survey will be sent out to the community and more specifically, West Peoria residents. In addition, a public input session will be held on Tuesday, September 24 at 5:30 pm. The Park District has access to grant dollars that will make the playground bigger and more inclusive.

President Johnson stated that in regards to the Glen Oak Park playground ribbon playground was an amazing event and that many community members thanked him for the all-inclusive and amazing playground.

6.B. Superintendent of Planning, Design & Construction

In Becky Fredrickson's absence, Mike Friberg presented the August 2024 Project Report and stated that currently, there are no projects materially behind schedule. *Please see Attachment A.*

Vice President Sierra asked that Mr. Friberg report about the enhancements that are being done at Morton Square Park. Several people have contacted him about the removal of the bench and prep work being done. Mike Friberg stated that the Park District received a grant from the City of Peoria to install the shelter and new playground there. After those two projects, there were additional funds left over, resulting in the addition of a new version of a tire swing, just like the one at the new Glen Oak Park playground. Surfacing work is scheduled to be completed in early October after which the tire swing will be installed.

In addition, conversations are being held with the City of Peoria concerning the brick sidewalks that need replaced there. Brick sidewalks are not only expensive, but also pose accessibility

challenges. Staff continues to have talks with the City about how to preserve the aesthetics of the brick sidewalks and improve accessibility.

There are several benches around Morton Square Park and the cast iron bench that was mentioned was vandalized. Staff is currently awaiting a quote for the spare parts and it is planned to place the bench back in service soon.

6.C. Chief of Police

Chief Todd Green presented the August 2024 Police Report. *Please see Attachment B.*

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

7.A. Planning Committee – Approved Minutes of August 14, 2024 Meeting

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

Trustee and Planning Committee Chair Covington presented the approved minutes of the August 14, 2024 meeting for Board review. No questions or comments were received.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.A. Trustee Travel Meal and Lodging Expenses Policy

First Read

Trustee Bertschy stated that this policy revision comes to the Board from the Finance Committee. He asked Board members if they have any questions or comments on the policy that can be addressed at this time, prior to vote at the next Board meeting. No questions or comments were received.

8.B. Donovan Sculpture Garden

Executive Director Cahill stated that per the original plan presented to and approved by the Peoria Park District Board of Trustees, six total sculptures are currently installed at Donovan Park as part of the Donovan Sculpture Garden. In early 2024, DSG representatives worked with PPD staff to submit the attached grant application to the Community Foundation of Central Illinois.

While this grant was denied by the Community Foundation, it was subsequently submitted to the Gilmore Foundation who has committed \$30,000 to support DSG efforts focused on expansion. As a reminder, DSG is volunteer driven and privately funded and District staff support the effort through participation in DSG committee work and through administration of DSG funds held in the Peoria Park District Foundation. These funds offset costs associated with artist stipends, installation and maintenance of artwork, signage, marketing, and reimbursement to the District for staff labor utilized to install works or signage.

In light of Gilmore's generous commitment, staff recommends that two actions be taken:

1) That the Peoria Park District Foundation accept the donation from Gilmore Foundation in support of this effort, pending Park District action as listed below. And 2) The Peoria Park District Board of Trustees accept the donation of two sculptures from Barry Heheman and approve the expansion of DSG by three additional sculpture pads which will not be permanently installed, but be mobile per the desire of DSG to allow for flexibility in art placement in this park.

Vice President Sierra stated that he's excited about this and loves public private partnerships that allows the creation of more placemaking and intersectionality between green spaces and the

public, and he commends the Donovan Sculpture Garden for taking a very active role in getting funding to help enhance that collaboration. He will go ahead and approve staff's recommendation to accept the donation from the Gilmore Foundation, the two sculptures and expansion of DSG with the addition of three portable sculpture pads. He does however, want to make one amendment to staff's memo similar to what he recommended in the Peoria Park District Foundation meeting, that clarification be made that the Donovan Sculpture Garden submitted the request for funding to the Gilmore Foundation, without Park District staff's participation.

Vice President Sierra MOVED TO APPROVE the Addition of Two Sculptures at Donovan Sculpture Garden and Expansion by Three Additional Portable Sculpture Pads. Motion seconded by Trustee Bertschy and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Bertschy, Covington, Harant, Hill, Vice President Sierra, and President Johnson. (Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Abstain; 0 Nays).

8.C. RiverPlex/YMCA Agreement Renewal

Scott Loftus stated that the Peoria Park District's RiverPlex Recreation and Wellness Center collaborated with the Greater Peoria Area YMCA on a dual access agreement starting in 2022. Due to the very favorable response from the community, it is the desire of both entities to continue the agreement in 2025 with only a few minor changes to the arrangement. The renewed agreement has been approved by the YMCA's Board of Directors.

Trustee Bertschy MOVED TO APPROVE the RiverPlex/YMCA Agreement Renewal. Motion seconded by Trustee Harant and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Bertschy, Covington, Harant, Hill, Vice President Sierra, and President Johnson. (Results: 5 Ayes; 0 Abstain; 0 Nays).

NOTE: Vice President Sierra stepped out of the room during time of roll call vote for this item.

8.D. Lease Agreement Renewal – Junior League of Peoria

Scott Loftus stated that in June of 2023, Junior League of Peoria approached the District staff to lease space for their main office. After reviewing their request, Lakeview Recreation Center was chosen as the suitable location. The Junior League of Peoria entered into a lease for the conference room, a 650-square foot room located on the second floor. Over the past twelve months, this collaboration has proven successful, with the Junior League of Peoria utilizing the space effectively while ensuring that the ongoing programming at Lakeview remained unaffected. As the initial lease term is approaching its end, both parties recommend that the lease be renewed for an additional term. The District will charge the Junior League of Peoria \$7,200 for the renewed lease, reflecting an increase in rent from the previous agreement. As such, staff recommends the approval of the attached twelve-month Lease Agreement between the Pleasure Driveway and Park District of Peoria, IL and Junior League of Peoria for use of space at Lakeview Recreation Center.

Trustee Covington MOVED TO APPROVE the Junior League of Peoria Lease Agreement Renewal. Motion seconded by Trustee Harant and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Bertschy, Covington, Harant, Hill, and President Johnson. (Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Abstain; 0 Nays).

9. CALENDAR OF CONSENT ITEMS

9.A. Bid – Grain Products and Wood Shavings for the Peoria Zoo

9.B. Purchase of a 2024 Ford Transit 15 Passenger Van per State of IL Contract

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

10. PENDING BUSINESS

None at this time.

11. CITIZEN REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None at this time.

12. COMMUNICATIONS

Thank you notes from Bradley University's OLLI program and a Peoria County Board member were received and filed.

13. OTHER BUSINESS

Trustee Harant requested from Superintendent Scott Loftus a brief description of the philosophy of how the fees and charges were structured for 2025. Scott Loftus stated that in the agenda packets from tonight's Programming Committee meeting, the proposed 2025 fees and charges were provided. Those numbers were thoughtfully put together with careful considerations. Of note, there are still adjustments being made with the RiverPlex and Golf budgets.

When determining the fees and charges, staff takes several factors into account. First and foremost, they look at the actual cost to the Park District to provide certain programs and services that includes recent minimum wage increases. Also evaluated is the impact of each program on the pillars of the District (DEIA, Vibrancy, and/or Environmental Sustainability). In addition, demand for each program or service compares to the cost of similar offerings in the local market.

Some highlights of the key fee changes that will be proposed for 2025 include: all District summer camps will see an increase of \$10 per week, most sports leagues and dance programs will be increased by \$5 per program, starting in May 2025 contracted ice rental at Owens Center will increase \$10 per hour as part of the new hockey season, shelter rental rates will increase \$25 per day, and finally, park rentals will transition from a daily rate to an hourly rate with a proposed change of \$40 per hour with a four (4) hour minimum. Renters will receive an hour free before and after for setup and teardown.

Executive Director Cahill stated that as fees and charges are a critical part of the approval of a balanced budget, staff does ask if Trustees have any questions or comments to please submit them by the end of September.

14. ACTION STEPS REVIEW

None noted at this time.

15. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:58 pm Trustee Covington MOVED TO ADJOURN. Motion seconded by Trustee Hill and carried by unanimous aye of those present.

Full discussion can be viewed at the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OCDRpqAB1X4>

**PLANNING, DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION DIVISION
MONTHLY PROJECT REPORT
AUGUST 2024**

PROJECTS IN PLANNING AND/OR DESIGN	PROJECTS OUT TO BID/QUOTE	PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION	PROJECTS MATERIALLY BEHIND SCHEDULE	PROJECTS COMPLETED
Bike Trail - Growth Cell 1A Section Bradley Serv. Bldg Restroom/Sewer Connect Bradley Sidewalks Bradley Softball Infield Bradley Dry Run Creek Retaining Wall Engr. Cassidy Pier Upgrades Detweiller Restroom Building Improvements Detweiller Connect to Public Water - Bore Detweiller Drainage Improve off Rt 29 Donovan Storage Bins Donovan - Cyd's Lower Roofs Replace ESC - Purchasing Office Improv FPNC Valley Loop Trail Bridges - Upgrades FRC Sidewalk by Concession Bldg FRC Playground Replace Giant Oak Park Fence GLC Irrigation Improvements Golf Cart Path Improvements GVD Lower Sediment Basin Improvement GVD Pavilion Move GVD Erosion Repairs near Country Club Gwynn Asphalt Paths Kellogg Culvert Replace on #1 Kellogg Drainage in front of 7 & 9 Greens Exec Kellogg - Consult for Storm Water Capture Lakeview Family Aquatic Center - Demo Lakeview Rec Elevator Engineering Luthy Storage Area Fence Luthy Conservatory Boiler Burner Replace Madison Concrete NE of Clubhouse Repl. Morton Sq. Sidewalks Newman Replace Steps on Tee #1 Noble Center Ice/Snow Guards - Serv. Entr. Owens Back Bridge Replace Peoria Players Rooftop Unit Engineering Peoria Zoo Path Lights Peoria Zoo Path Improvements - Ausi Peoria Zoo Generators (Biocenter & Giraffe) Peoria Zoo Viewing Window Repl - Ph. 2 Peoria Zoo Lodge Thatch Roof Coating Pond Aerators Proctor Polish Locker Room Floors RiverPlex Whirlpool Replace RiverPlex Vestibule Air Curtains Sommer Farm Living History Utility Improv. Tawny Oaks Visitor Center A/C	Camp Wokanda Lodge Siding - Ph. 2 Camp Wokanda Cherokee Cabin Siding FPNC Parking Lot Renovation - Ph 1 Glen Oak Restroom Building	Bike Trail Underdrains at Bishop Charter Oak Path Replace Chartwell Path/Culvert Repair Detweiller Mill & Repave Edges of N. Road-Ph 2 Donovan Covered Storage Bldg Glen Oak Electric Train Glen Oak Electric Train Shelters Glen Oak Lagoon Path Glen Oak Tennis Court Lights - Upgrade Glen Oak Shelter GLC Improvements - DCEO Grant Golf - Add 3 Forward Tees Gun Range Road Improv. GVD Full Depth Patching Lakeview Splashpad Equipment Lakeview Prefab Restroom Building Lakeview Swings Lakeview Splashpad Logan Path Replacement Logan Exercise Equipment Logan Kickball Surface Re-seal Morton Square Arch Swing Noble Center Front Window Replacement Newman Replace Irrigation Pump PlayHouse Slate Roof Replace PlayHouse Inlet Replace RiverPlex Refinish Wood Gym Floor RiverPlex Women's Steam Room Renov. Trewyn Swings Trewyn Fascia Painting Zoo Africa Nighthouse Roof Coatings Zoo Spider Monkey Exterior Exhibit Zoo Boardwalk Staining Bold Type indicates projects that have moved to a new column since last month.		Bradley Ballfield Dugout Improv. Bradley Upper Playground Improv. Camp Wokanda Replace Well Transformer Camp Wokanda Cherokee Roof Camp Wokanda Road/Hill Improv Cassidy Walking Paths Charter Oak Path Culverts Replace Charter Oak Tennis Court Crack Repair Detweiller North Road Inlet Replace Detweiller Septic Tank Replace Events Walk-in Cooler FPNC Dumpster Pad Glen Oak Site Work Glen Oak Playground Perimeter Fence Glen Oak Playground Replacement GVD Erosion Repair at Grand View Ave HISRA Roof Coating Kellogg Pump House B/F Preventor Repl. Kellogg Canopy/Cart Parking Renovation Kellogg Irrigation Panel Installation Lakeview Park Repair Storm Sewer/Culvert Lakeview Rec Refinish Wood Gym Floor Lakeview Rec Gym Painting Logan Site Improvements Luthy Inlet Replace Madison Storage Building Morton Square Site Improvements Newman Storage Bldg Newman Pump House Door Installation Noble Center Exterior Painting Ph. 2 Owens Zam Garage Door Repl Owens Locker Room Painting Proctor Wood Gym Floor Refinish Proctor Ext Window Trim Repair Proctor Pool Paint RiverPlex Pool Heat Exchangers Rock Island Greenway Asphalt - Chanute Stadium Roadway Improve - Ph. 3 Trewyn Main Room Floor Replace Zoo Tiger People Barrier Zoo Swift Fox Exterior Exhibit Zoo Cooler/Freezer

POLICE ACTIVITY SUMMARY – August, 2024



TOTAL NUMBER OF ALL REPORTS: 30

CRIME REPORTS

Location	Date/Time	Offense Type	Case #
Sommer Farm	08/02/24 13:50	Ordinance Violation Case Summary: Dogs off leash; owner cited	24-134
Forest Park Nature Center	08/02/24 15:05	Public Indecency Case Summary: Adult Arrested	24-135
Logan Park	08/05/24 19:45	Assault Case Summary: Juvenile Fight	24-137
Gwynn Park	08/07/24 09:15	Criminal Trespass to State Supported Land Case Summary: Adult Trespassed; Arrested	24-140
Cassidy Park	08/10/24 20:09	Violation of Park Ordinance Case Summary: Operating vehicle off road	24-143
Corn Stock Theatre	08/12/24 20:26	Attempted motor vehicle theft Case Summary: Unknown suspect attempted to steal a parked car	24-148
Logan Park	08/13/24 12:15	Criminal Damage to Property Case Summary: Unknown suspect damaged property	24-149
Robinson Park	08/16/24 22:00	Vehicle Burglary Case Summary: Unknown suspect burglarized car	24-152
Detweiler Park	08/17/24 11:13	Vehicle Burglaries Case Summary: Unknown suspect burglarized cars	24-153
Detweiler Park	08/19/24 13:31	Reckless Discharge of firearm; Criminal Damage to Property Case Summary: unknown suspect discharged firearm at garbage can	24-155
Green Valley Camp	08/22/24 10:08	Criminal Damage to Property Case Summary: unknown suspect damaged property	24-156
Kellogg Golf Course	08/24/24 13:30	Assault Case Summary: Dispute between golfers; verbal threat made	24-159
Logan Park	08/25/24 15:14	Mob Action Case Summary: large fight between unknown subjects	24-162
Logan Park	08/25/24 16:05	Park Ordinance Violation; Traffic Case Summary: Reckless driving, operating with no valid license; operating motor vehicle off road/adult cited	24-161

MONTHLY TOTAL – CRIME REPORTS: 14

NON-CRIME REPORTS

<i>Location</i>	<i>Date/Time</i>	<i>Offense Type</i>	<i>Case #</i>
Bradley Park	08/04/24 08:30	Abandoned Vehicle Case Summary: Vehicle in no parking zone, in traffic	24-136
Detweiller Park	08/06/24 08:49	Mental Case Case Summary: Adult male experiencing a mental health episode	24-138
Logan Park	08/06/24 19:11	Found Property	24-139
Bradley Park	08/08/24 13:00	Other Investigation Case Summary: Patron Dispute	24-141
Bradley Park	08/08/24 21:09	Other Investigation Case Summary: Officers secured unlocked door	24-142
Peoria County	08/11/24 22:01	Service to other agencies Case Summary: Aggravated Battery/Strong arm robbery	24-145
Forest Park	08/12/24 08:30	Trespass Service Case Summary: Served Trespass Notice	24-146
Riverplex	08/12/24 15:21	Other Investigation Case Summary: Patron Dispute	24-147
Sommer Farm	08/14/24 12:10	Other Investigation Case Summary: Transport Mental Health Case	24-150
Lakeview Park	08/16/24 08:32	Found Property	24-151
Glen Oak Park	08/18/24 19:15	Found Property	24-154
Bradley Park	08/23/24 19:56	Services to Other Agency Case Summary: Stolen Vehicle, suspects in custody	24-158
Morton Square Park	08/24/24 19:07	Services to Other Agency Case Summary: City Police Arrested Subject	24-160
Riverplex	08/26/24 10:05	Found Property	24-163

MONTHLY TOTAL – NON-CRIME REPORTS: 14

TRAFFIC CRASH REPORTS

<i>Location</i>	<i>Date/Time</i>	<i>Tickets Issued</i>	<i>Case #</i>
Glen Oak Park	08/11/24 16:00	None	24-144
Main St. & Farmington Rd	08/26/24 19:05	#38433 Illegal Lane Usage #38434 Suspended License	24-157

MONTHLY TOTAL – TRAFFIC CRASH REPORTS: 2

TRAFFIC CITATIONS

Location	Date/Time	Offense	Ticket #
Charter Oak Park	08/06/24 17:25	Speeding	24-4616
Detweiler Park	08/31/24 21:00 17:07	Uninsured Vehicle Speeding	24-5101 24-5092

MONTHLY TOTAL – TRAFFIC CITATIONS: 3

ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS

Location	Date/Time	Offense	Case #
Forest Park	08/02/24 15:05	Public Indecency Disorderly Conduct	24-135
Logan Park	08/25/24 16:05	Reckless Driving No Valid License	24-161

MONTHLY TOTAL – ORDINANCE CITATIONS: 2

PARKING VIOLATIONS

Location	Date and Time	Offense	Ticket #
Lower Bradley Park	08/04/24 08:30	No Parking Zone	01532
Bradley Park Dog Park	08/07/24 21:00	Improper Parking	02407
Lower Bradley Park	08/15/24 20:48 20:48	Improper Parking	02408 02409

MONTHLY TOTAL – PARKING VIOLATIONS: 4

Reviewed by:  Date: 08/05/24