

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE OF THE PLEASURE DRIVEWAY AND PARK DISTRICT OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS HELD AT 11:00 AM ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2026 AT THE BONNIE W. NOBLE CENTER FOR PARK DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, 1125 WEST LAKE AVENUE, PEORIA, IL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Trustee and Chair Alexander Sierra, Trustee and Vice Chair Joyce Harant, and Executive Director Emily Cahill

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Trustees Joyce Harant and Alexander Sierra, and President Johnson (in at 11:15 AM)

STAFF PRESENT: Executive Director Emily Cahill, Becky Fredrickson, Kristi Shoemaker, Willie Howe, Ryne Schafer, Greg Walker, Jacob Kuban, and Alicia Woodworth

1. CALL TO ORDER

Trustee Sierra called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM.

2. ROLL CALL

All committee members were present. The Committee voted unanimously to suspend the District's public engagement rules for the meeting to permit interactive discussion with members of the public, should any attend.

3. MOTION TO PERMIT COMMITTEE MEMBER TO ATTEND MEETING ELECTRONICALLY

No request to attend meeting electronically was received.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 20, 2026 PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE MEETING

Trustee Harant MOVED TO APPROVE the minutes of the August 20, 2026 Programming Committee Meeting. Motion seconded by Executive Director Cahill and carried on a unanimous voice vote.

5. CITIZEN REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE

None at this time.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.A. Evaluation, Categorization and Prioritization of Identified Items of Public Input: Golf

Staff reviewed the status of golf-related comments and suggestions received during the spring Talk About It Tuesday public engagement session. An update and feedback survey had been emailed to the golf database. Completed improvements included addressing non-golfers walking on the courses, distinguishing nine- and eighteen-hole leagues on schedules, restoring 100-yard markers, addressing maintenance concerns at Kellogg, and providing a separate schedule of school golf matches. Staff reported improvements in tee-time management and weather-related course access, and discussed ongoing irrigation work and the planned replacement of approximately 80 golf carts in 2027.

Items remaining under consideration included enlarging Kellogg tee boxes, golf cart safety reminders, accessibility and marketing at the Golf Learning Center (GLC), and opportunities for youth golf. Staff described a planned October 22 virtual-golf scramble, future social events and offseason leagues, and the use of GLC bays in junior instruction. Staff noted that dynamic pricing was not currently warranted because tee times were filling at established rates.

The Committee discussed partnerships with middle and high school golf programs, including a recent middle school girls' sectional at Madison, and the need to balance school use and golf outings with public access and revenue. Staff discussed opportunities to pair Kellogg outings with dining at Fairways at the GLC. Trustee Sierra indicated that he would connect staff with high school golf coaches interested in further collaboration.

6.B. Review of Fees and Charges List

Staff presented an overview of the proposed 2027 Fees and Charges schedule, explaining that individual fees were reviewed for cost recovery, access, demand, market comparisons and long-term sustainability. Golf fees would receive a separate presentation. Proposed changes included modest increases in Zoo and PlayHouse admission, generally \$5-per-week increases for camps, targeted membership adjustments, revised RiverPlex personal training and pickleball/open gym rates, youth sports and swim lesson adjustments, and changes to shelter, facility and event rental rates.

The Committee discussed affordability, scholarships and access, the cost of staffing and providing programs, and the need for appropriate fees for exclusive use of District facilities. Staff answered questions regarding individual categories and the rationale for proposed increases. The Committee's comments would be incorporated into the schedule for further review by the Strategy Committee and the full Board, with final approved rates to be included in the 2027 Budget Book. No final approval of the fee schedule was recorded at this meeting.

7. PENDING BUSINESS

None at this time.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

Trustee Harant asked for an update regarding Soulful Sundays at Proctor Park following public comments at a prior Board meeting. President Johnson reported continued contact with event participants and concerns regarding the event. Committee members discussed the need for a separate facilitated meeting involving organizers, nearby residents, Park District representatives, and the City to address safety, event operations, and future use of the park. Executive Director Cahill indicated staff would identify appropriate contacts, coordinate with City police, continue reviewing rental and event procedures, and develop a timeline for a public input meeting. Members emphasized the goal of finding a workable approach for future events.

Trustee Sierra asked about golf fund performance and opportunities to improve revenue. Executive Director Cahill stated that a broader discussion covering golf operations, maintenance, traditional golf, and entertainment golf would be presented to the Strategy Committee the following week.

Trustee Sierra also requested an update on ICJ/ICJIA grant funding and its support for District programs and staffing. Executive Director Cahill explained that the District anticipated a gradual reduction in state funding in future years, was budgeting to preserve affected positions, and was pursuing alternative grant and fundraising sources. Discussion included grant-writing capacity, potential partnerships, and support for youth and summer programming. A more detailed report on funded positions, programs, budget implications, and grant strategies was planned for an October Board Strategy Committee session.

9. ACTION STEPS REVIEW

1. Staff will incorporate Committee feedback into the proposed 2027 Fees and Charges materials for the upcoming Strategy Committee review
2. Staff will work toward a coordinated meeting and timeline concerning Soulful Sundays at Proctor
3. Trustee Sierra to share high school golf coaches' contact information with staff.

10. ADJOURNMENT

At 12:32 pm, Trustee Harant Cahill MOVED TO ADJOURN. Motion seconded by Executive Director Cahill and carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Submitted by Alicia Woodworth
Executive Assistant and Board Secretary