MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE PLEASURE DRIVEWAY AND PARK DISTRICT OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS HELD AT 4:00 PM ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2025 AT THE BONNIE W. NOBLE CENTER FOR PARK DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, 1125 WEST LAKE AVENUE, PEORIA, IL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Trustee and Chair Mark Slover, Trustee and Vice Chair Ron Silver, and Executive Director Emily Cahill

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Trustees Joyce Harant, Steve Montez, Alexander Sierra, Ron Silver, Mark Slover, Vice President Reagan Leslie Hill, and President Robert Johnson

STAFF PRESENT: Executive Director Emily Cahill, Nick Conrad, Becky Fredrickson, Matt Freeman, Scott Loftus, Karrie Ross, Jenny Swanson, Kristi Shoemaker, Attorney Kevin Day, and Alicia Woodworth

1. CALL TO ORDER

Trustee Slover presided and called the meeting to order at 4:03 pm, expressing appreciation to staff, particularly Board Secretary Alicia Woodworth, for her work in coordinating meetings and supporting the Board.

2. ROLL CALL

Roll call confirmed the presence of all committee members.

3. CALL FOR A MOTION TO PERMIT MEMBER TO ATTEND MEETING REMOTELY

No committee member requested remote attendance.

4. MINUTES

4.A. Approval of August 27, 2025 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

Trustee Silver MOVED TO APPROVE the minutes of the August 27, 2025 Finance Committee meeting. Motion seconded by Executive Director Cahill and carried by unanimous Aye vote of all members present.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.A. Review of Accounts Payable

During review of the credit card and list of bills, several items were discussed in detail:

• STEAM Program at Proctor Center – Development of a dedicated STEAM lab supported by a donor. The lab enhances the Dream² after-school program and includes new TVs, whiteboards, and a smart board led by certified teacher Julie Craighead.
• ICJIA and STEAM Funding – ICJIA grant funds Dream²; donation funds the STEAM lab.
• Technology Upgrades – $9,700 spent on new microphones and hardware for hybrid meetings.
• Walk-In Freezer – Replacement at the Zoo’s Browse facility for giraffe feeding storage.
• Electric Utility Costs – Illinois Power Marketing is the energy supplier; Ameren handles distribution.
• Kellogg Water Study – Final report pending completion.
• Forestry Vehicle Purchase – $65,000 for a standard F-350 truck for the Forestry Department.

• Candy Purchases – $3,000 spent for event candy across 10 stations, partly sponsor-funded.
• Donovan Sculpture Garden – Artist payments reimbursed through the Park District Foundation.

Following discussion, Trustee Silver MOVED TO FORWARD the Accounts Payable to the full Board for approval. Motion seconded by Executive Director Cahill and carried unanimously.

5.B. Review of Monthly Financials

Karrie Ross reported that August 2025 revenues and expenditures are tracking as expected. Key points included:
• Summer of Fun Program ended with $89,000 in equitable access admissions.
• Irish Fest had strong attendance.
• DCEO reimbursement of $1.2M received for Golf Learning Center construction.
• All funds self-sustaining; no interfund loans.
• Investments shifted into higher-yield accounts.
• Property tax second installment ($5.2M) received in September.

5.C. 2026 Fees and Charges Review

Staff presented the 2026 Fees and Charges Chart. Discussion highlights:
• Most fees unchanged or increased $1–$5.
• Peoria PlayHouse memberships unchanged.
• Golf fees held steady to remain competitive.
• New and canceled programs noted (e.g., adult kickball removed).
• Trustees discussed timing of fee review relative to budget cycle.

Committee agreed by consensus to advance the fee schedule to the full Board for review with the 2026 budget.

6. PENDING BUSINESS

None at this time.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

Trustee Montez requested a 2024 post-audit report comparing 2023 and 2024 operating fund data. Staff will redistribute the report.

President Johnson reported discussion with Matthew White, Senior Operations Manager for Illinois American Water Company, regarding possible discount programs for municipal users. Staff will schedule a meeting.

8. ACTION ITEMS REVIEW

None noted at this time.

9. ADJOURNMENT

At 4:57 pm, Executive Director Cahill MOVED TO ADJOURN. Motion seconded by Trustee Silver and carried on a unanimous aye of members present.

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Respectfully Submitted by Alicia Woodworth
Executive Assistant and Board Secretary