

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 9, 2026 HELD AT THE BONNIE W. NOBLE CENTER FOR PARK DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, 1125 WEST LAKE AVENUE, PEORIA, IL

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

TRUSTEES ABSENT: Vice President Steve Montez

STAFF PRESENT: Executive Director Emily Cahill, Brianna Cobb, Nick Conrad, Matt Freeman, Becky Fredrickson, Scott Loftus, Karrie Ross, Jennifer Swanson, Willie Howe, Chief Aaron Watkins, Tammy Johnson, Spencer Wilson, Attorney Kevin Day, Austin Detmers, Miles Howley, and Alicia Woodworth

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Johnson presided and called the meeting to order at 6:37 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken.

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

A moment of silence was observed, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. MINUTES

5.A. Approval of Minutes of the July 22, 2026 and August 26, 2026 Regular Board Meetings

Trustee Silver MOVED TO APPROVE the minutes of the July 22, 2026 and August 26, 2026 Regular Board meetings.

Trustee Hill advised that she had emailed proposed revisions to the July 22, 2026 minutes earlier that afternoon. The Board Secretary stated that the requested revisions were substantial and had been received too late to incorporate and redistribute before the meeting. Attorney Day advised that discussion of the proposed changes among Board members by email could implicate the Open Meetings Act and that the discussion regarding the minutes should occur publicly at a Board meeting.

Because the proposed revisions had not been incorporated into the July 22 minutes and several Trustees had not had an opportunity to review them, the Board discussed separating the two sets of minutes so the August 26 minutes could be acted upon while the July 22 minutes were deferred for further review.

Trustee Silver MOVED TO AMEND his motion to approve the minutes of the August 26, 2026 Regular Board meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Trustee Slover and carried unanimously on roll call vote. Trustee Hill MOVED TO DEFER the approval of the July 22, 2026 Regular Board meeting minutes until the next Regular Board meeting on September 23, 2026. Motion seconded by Trustee Sierra and carried unanimously on roll call vote.

6. CITIZEN REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None at this time.

7. STAFF REPORTS

7.A. Executive Director

Executive Director Cahill reported that staff and the Board were in the midst of preparations for the 2027 budget and thanked staff and Trustees for their efforts to date.

7.B. Superintendent of Planning, Design and Construction

Becky Fredrickson presented the monthly Planning, Design and Construction report and offered to answer questions.

7.C. Chief of Police

Chief Watkins presented the August Police report, noting seven crime reports, one crash report, three traffic citations, four ordinance violations, and nine parking citations.

President Johnson discussed continuing efforts to improve safety in District parks and proposed meeting with community members who have direct knowledge of neighborhood concerns, as well as engaging youth and parents. Trustees also discussed learning from the Rockford Park District, possible neighborhood walks with Peoria Police, and the continuing opportunity for Trustees to ride along with Park Police. Executive Director Cahill noted that park safety would also be addressed in a future strategy meeting as part of the 2027 planning process

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

8.A. Finance Committee – Approval of Accounts Payable

Finance Committee Chair Trustee Slover reported that the Finance Committee had examined the bills submitted for payment and, on behalf of the committee, MOVED that the President and Secretary be authorized to issue orders on the Treasurer for payment of the accounts payable in the amounts presented. Motion was seconded by Trustee Silver. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

8.B. Springdale Cemetery Management Authority - Approved Proceedings of July 20, 2026 Meeting

The approved proceedings of the July 20, 2026 Springdale Cemetery Management Authority meeting minutes were presented for Board review.

8.C. Planning Committee - Approved Minutes of August 5, 2026 Meeting

Planning Committee Chair Harant submitted to the full Board for review the approved minutes of the August 5, 2026 meeting.

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.A. Revised Committee Appointments

This item was pulled from the agenda.

9.B. Pre-Travel Authorization for President Johnson to Attend the IAPD Governance & Leadership Forum on Thursday, September 17 at Wilmette, IL

Trustee Harant MOVED TO APPROVE the Pre-Travel Authorization for President Johnson to Attend the IAPD Governance & Leadership Forum on Thursday, September 17 at Wilmette, IL. Motion seconded by Trustee Hill and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

9.C. Peoria PlayHouse Naming Opportunity

This item was pulled from the agenda.

10. CALENDAR OF CONSENT ITEMS

- 10.A. Bid - Proctor Recreation Center Lift**
- 10.B. Bid – Glen Oak Park Pickleball Lights**
- 10.C. Bid – RiverPlex Network Cabling**
- 10.D. Quote – Golf Learning Center Nets**

Trustee Harant requested item 10.B. be pulled for discussion.

Trustee Silver MOVED TO APPROVE Calendar of Consent items 10.A., 10.C., and 10.D. Motion seconded by Trustee Silver and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Trustee Harant expressed support for the Glen Oak Park pickleball lighting project and noted that lighting would allow all eight courts to be used later in the evening. Staff explained that lighted amenities may remain open beyond dusk, generally until 11:00 p.m. during the warmer season and until 9:00 p.m. during cooler months, while unlighted areas of a park close at dusk.

Trustees discussed lighting at Logan Park and John H. Gwynn Jr. Park, the relationship between extended hours for lighted pickleball/tennis courts and unlighted basketball courts, and the importance of providing recreational opportunities for youth. Staff agreed to check the timers/operation of existing lights and noted that future lighting needs would be evaluated through the District capital improvement process.

Trustee Harant MOVED TO APPROVE Calendar of Consent item 10.B. Motion seconded by Trustee Silver and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

11. PENDING BUSINESS

None at this time.

12. COMMUNICATIONS

- 12.A. Contact Us Communication**
- 12.B. Thank You from Holy Family Church**

Communications received presented to the Board for review.

13. OTHER BUSINESS

Trustee Sierra stated that he had two items of Other Business.

Trustee Sierra reported that residents associated with the Detweiller Marina Neighborhood Association and the Detweiller Marina Playground Protectors contacted him and had asked the Board to consider further action to preserve the marina/playground area, public river access, and the Rock Island Greenway. He read a statement from the residents asking the District to consider seeking court reconsideration of the prior decision affecting the property and noting their understanding that a limited period remained in which a petition could potentially be filed.

The Board discussed its prior consideration of the matter, the District's historical involvement with the Detweiller property, the 1990 easement, public access and trail concerns, the proposed commercial use of a portion of the property, potential legal standing, possible legal expense, and whether petitioning the court would be an appropriate use of District resources. Trustees expressed differing views regarding the likely effect of the property transaction and whether the District should become involved, while other Trustees emphasized the request from residents and the importance of determining whether legal options remained available.

President Johnson stated that he wanted additional information regarding a recent meeting involving the City, a state senator, and other parties before the Board determined how to proceed. He indicated he would seek information about what had been discussed and whether any agreement or resolution had been reached.

Attorney Day advised that he had previously been directed to take no further action on the matter and therefore did not have current information regarding the court proceedings, deadlines, filings, the District's present standing, the prudence or feasibility of a petition, or potential cost. He further advised that because the Detweiller matter was raised under Other Business and was not specifically listed as an agenda item, the Board could discuss it but could not take final action at this meeting.

Trustee Sierra clarified that he was not seeking final action that evening. He requested that the matter be placed on a future agenda and that legal counsel provide information for the Board's consideration, including what a potential petition to the court could look like, the District's standing and current procedural posture, applicable time constraints, and counsel's recommendation. The Board discussed whether to call a special meeting or address the matter at the next Strategy meeting. Consensus was to prepare for discussion on September 23. Hearing no objection, Attorney Day confirmed that he would prepare a draft of a potential petition for Board review and discussion, together with legal guidance regarding its validity and potential success.

Trustee Sierra then followed up on a concern he had raised at the August 12, 2026 Strategy Ad Hoc Committee meeting. He stated that he had since learned Trustee Slover had drafted a proposed censure and submitted it to President Johnson, and he asked for the status of the matter and whether he would receive formal notice. President Johnson stated that the proposed censure would not move forward through him. Trustee Sierra confirmed his understanding of that response.

14. ACTION STEPS REVIEW

District legal counsel will prepare information for the September 23, 2026 Strategy Ad Hoc Committee Meeting regarding the Detweiller Marina matter, including a draft of a potential petition, the District's standing and current procedural posture, any applicable time constraints, and legal guidance regarding the feasibility and potential success of pursuing further court action.

15. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:48 PM Trustee Sierra MOVED TO ADJOURN. Motion seconded by Trustee Hill and carried unanimously on voice vote.

Full discussion can be viewed at the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=so42slxV7Ts>

Submitted by Alicia Woodworth
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