

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE PLEASURE DRIVEWAY AND PARK DISTRICT OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS, HELD AT 6:00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2007 AT THE PEORIA PARK DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION OFFICE, GLEN OAK PAVILION, 2218 N. PROSPECT ROAD, PEORIA, ILLINOIS.

President Timothy J. Cassidy presided and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Trustees Allen, Hancock, Petty, Ryan, Vice President Cummings and President Cassidy.

TRUSTEES ABSENT: Trustee Johnson.

STAFF PRESENT: Director Noble, Attorney Jim Konsky, Jan Budzynski, Becky Fredrickson, Dennis Mantick, Cyndy McKone, Shalessie Pie, Bill Roeder, Brent Wheeler, Dave Wheeler, Bill Woolard, Joe Atkinson, Ray Boyer, Mary Harden, Pat Magilson and V. Joyce McLemore.

PRESS PRESENT: Terry Bibo, **Journal Star.**

OTHERS PRESENT: Oneita Volz, League of Women Voters, 2038 West Delray, Peoria; Paul Masick, 1629 W. Ayres, Peoria; Maleita King, 1110 E. Arcadia, Peoria; Sara A. Partridge, 3308 N. Atlantic, Peoria; Martin Palmer, 1706 N. California, Peoria; General Parker, General Parker & Assoc., P.O. Box 3026, Peoria.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES: There being no corrections or additions, **TRUSTEE ALLEN MOVED TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 28, 2007 REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARK BOARD TRUSTEES. Motion seconded by Trustee Ryan and carried on unanimous voice vote. (Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays)**

PLANNING/DESIGN CONSTRUCTION DIVISION: Superintendent Fredrickson presented the November report. AFRICA! construction continues despite cold and muddy conditions. Interior painting and rock work is being done.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: **BILLS**
TRUSTEE ALLEN REPORTED THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HAD EXAMINED THE BILLS AND FOUND THEM TO BE CORRECT AND MOVED THE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY BE AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE ORDERS ON THE TREASURER FOR THE SEVERAL AMOUNTS:

Peoria Park District	Friday, December 07, 2007
GENERAL	165,273.06
RECREATION	69,765.78
AUDIT	3,500.00
LIABILITY	1,916.94
MUSEUM	10,158.29
POLICE	9,465.70
BONDED PROJECTS	28,646.41
PAVING & LIGHTING	4,133.13

RIVERFRONT EVENTS	1,207.84
DETWEILLER MARINA	1,975.44
GOLF	9,767.50
HISRA	1,111.62
RIVERPLEX	53,886.88
TOTAL PAYABLES:	360,808.59

PAYROLL #24 11/30/2007	393,209.18
LONGEVITY & WELLNESS PAYROLL	82,400.00

Motion seconded by Trustee Hancock and carried on unanimous voice vote. (Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays)

Minutes of November 28, 2007 Finance Committee meeting were presented.

**RIVERFRONT PROGRAM
& POLICY ADVISORY
COMMITTEE:**

Superintendent Roeder presented minutes of November 6, 2007.

NEW BUSINESS:

2008 MEETING SCHEDULE FOR PARK BOARD AND COMMITTEES

In accordance with Open Meetings Act requirements, Secretary McLemore presented recommended 2008 meeting schedule for adoption.

TRUSTEE HANCOCK MOVED APPROVAL FOR THE 2008 MEETING SCHEDULE OF THE PARK BOARD AND COMMITTEES. Motion seconded by Trustee Petty and carried on unanimous voice vote. (Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays)

President Cassidy deferred deliberations on agenda item #5, Adoption of Initial Park District Register of Historic Places until after the scheduled public hearing on the matter at 6:15 p.m.

REQUEST TO PRUNE PARK DISTRICT TREES ON UPPER SKYLINE DRIVE

On staff recommendation, **TRUSTEE PETTY MOVED APPROVAL OF THE REQUEST FROM ROBERT SHULTZ, 6926 N. UPPER SKYLINE DRIVE, FOR PERMISSION TO PRUNE PARK DISTRICT TREES ADJACENT TO HIS PROPERTY TO ENHANCE THE VIEW OF THE ILLINOIS RIVER VALLEY. ALL WORK WILL BE COMPLETED BY A FULLY INSURED CERTIFIED ARBORIST AT THE EXPENSE OF THE HOMEOWNER AND SUPERVISED BY PARK DISTRICT FORESTRY PERSONNEL. Motion seconded by Trustee Ryan.** Discussion followed with trustees questioned whether this type of pruning work had been done previously, and whether any damage had occurred. Superintendent Baietto stated a previous request from a homeowner on Detweiller Drive had been approved and no damages occurred. **Motion carried on unanimous voice vote. (Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays)**

CALENDAR OF CONSENT: Agenda items #8 and #13 were removed from the Calendar for further consideration.

CALENDAR OF CONSENT: QUOTE: LUTHY GARDEN ANNUALS (continued) On staff recommendation, TRUSTEE HANCOCK MOVED TO ACCEPT THE SOLE QUOTE RECEIVED OF \$13,198.33 FROM JONES COUNTRY GARDENS OF PONTIAC, ILLINOIS. Motion seconded by

Trustee Petty and carried on unanimous voice vote. (Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays)

QUOTE: GOLF RESALE GOODS

On staff recommendation, TRUSTEE HANCOCK MOVED TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF \$15,485.50 IN ASSORTED GOODS FROM THE ANTIGUA GROUP OF PEORIA, ARIZONA. Motion seconded by Trustee Petty and carried on unanimous voice vote. (Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays)

STATE CONTRACT PURCHASE: VEHICLE FOR PARK POLICE

On staff recommendation, TRUSTEE HANCOCK MOVED TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) 2008 FORD CROWN VICTORIA POLICE PURSUIT VEHICLE FROM MORROW BROTHERS FORD OF GREENFIELD, ILLINOIS FOR \$22,987.00 UNDER ILLINOIS STATE CONTRACT 4014905. Motion seconded by Trustee Petty and carried on unanimous voice vote. (Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays)

BID: 2008 FUELS

On staff recommendation, TRUSTEE HANCOCK MOVED TO ACCEPT THE SOLE BID RECEIVED FROM CADY OIL COMPANY OF PEORIA HEIGHTS, ILLINOIS. BASE PRICE WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE OPIS/PETROSTAT FIGURES FOR THE PEORIA AREA. Motion seconded by Trustee Petty and carried on unanimous voice vote. (Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays)

BID: JANITORIAL SERVICE-EQUIPMENT SERVICE CENTER

On staff recommendation, TRUSTEE HANCOCK MOVED TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID OF \$33,600.00 (\$1,400 PER MONTH) FROM COMPLETE CLEANING SERVICE OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS. COST REPRESENTS A TWO-YEAR CONTRACT EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2008. Motion seconded by Trustee Petty and carried on unanimous voice vote. (Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays)

**AGENDA ITEM #8
QUOTE: CROSSING
SIGNALS AT MOSSVILLE
ROAD-RTP TRAIL
PHASE II:**

Superintendent Fredrickson reviewed the background regarding Phase II of a proposed 3 phase project connecting Camp Wokanda to Detweiller Park. The crossing signal systems are needed to provide a safer crossing of Mossville Road for trail pedestrians. Staff recommends accepting the sole-source quote totaling \$11,664.00 for two each two button-actuated pedestrian crossing flasher systems for the Illinois River Bluff Trail. Each crossing system consists of two two-head flashing lights activated by push buttons on either side of the road (much like crosswalks in school zones). The systems utilize solar power, and a wireless connection between lights that will allow for eliminating the typical installation costs of trenching, boring, and power line taps.

There are two separate crossings of Mossville Road, near each of the existing parking lots that provide for a safer connection from Phase 1 to Phase II of the trail development. Brown Traffic Products, Inc. is the regional representative for Carmanah Technologies. Carmanah flashers are the only solar powered systems available that meet MUTCD (Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Device) standards and are crash tested to assure roadside safety. For these reasons, staff requests that the Carmanah pedestrian crossing system, as provided by their authorized regional representative Brown Traffic Products, be considered a sole-source purchase.

Trustees questioned whether the signals would “stop” traffic. Fredrickson stated no, but the signals would activate flashing lights to assist trail users in crossing from either side of the road. Trustees inquired about construction status of Phase II. Fredrickson noted the trail is about 2/3’s complete with the trail being well signed and with a mulched surface. Access to the trail is at Mossville Road and Robinson Park.

Trustee Allen noted Eagle Scout volunteers have assisted in building trails, and noted the Caterpillar Treasury Group is looking for a volunteer project. Director Noble will have Park District staff contact the activity group.

On staff recommendation, **TRUSTEE ALLEN MOVED TO ACCEPT THE SOLE-SOURCE QUOTE TOTALING \$11,664.00 FOR TWO EACH TWO BUTTON-ACTUATED PEDESTRIAN CROSSING FLASHER SYSTEMS FOR THE MOSSVILLE ROAD CROSSINGS OF THE ILLINOIS RIVER BLUFF TRAIL. Motion seconded by Trustee Petty and carried on unanimous voice vote. (Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays)**

**AGENDA ITEM #13
REQUEST FOR USE
OF FACILITIES:**

Supervisor Ray Boyer noted this is an annual request from Lakeview Museum to conduct a fundraiser walk/run at Detweiller Park. The race route will circle the fields and return to the north shelter. A \$50 Park User fee is paid, and the Museum provides a certificate of insurance and endorsement for \$1,000,000 naming the Peoria Park District as an additional insured.

On staff recommendation, **VICE PRESIDENT CUMMINGS MOVED APPROVAL OF THE REQUEST FROM LAKEVIEW MUSEUM OF ARTS & SCIENCES TO CONDUCT THE 10TH INTERPLANETARY 5K WALK/RUN ON SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 2008 AT DETWEILLER PARK FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 10:30 A.M. Motion seconded by Trustee Hancock and carried on unanimous voice vote. (Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays)**

**CONVENE PUBLIC
HEARING RE:
INITIAL PARK
DISTRICT REGISTER
OF HISTORIC
RESOURCES:**

At 6:15 p.m., President Cassidy called for a motion to recess the public meeting and convene into public hearing for the purpose of accepting oral or written comments from interested persons regarding the initial Park District Historic Resource Register.

TRUSTEE PETTY MOVED TO CONVENE THE PUBLIC HEARING. MOTION SECONDED BY TRUSTEE ALLEN AND CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE: TRUSTEES ALLEN, HANCOCK, PETTY, RYAN, VICE PRESIDENT CUMMINGS AND PRESIDENT CASSIDY VOTING “AYE”. (Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays)

Superintendent Baietto gave the background concerning the initial inventory of District-owned resources. President Cassidy invited public comment concerning the proposed list of Park District Historic Resources.

Sara Partridge, 2207 N. Atlantic

Mrs. Partridge stated her belief that the whole of Glen Oak Park should be designated on the Park District’s Register of Historic Resources. She spoke at length regarding her perception of Glen Oak Park as a memorial park, a regional park, and her perception of Glen Oak land being bartered away.

Martin Palmer, 1706 N. California

Mr. Palmer complimented the Park District Board and Staff on the initial Register. He suggested the Glen Oak Lagoon should be added to the list.

Maleita King

Mrs. King stated her belief that the whole park should be designated on the District's Historic Register. She wants the Board to stop the changes in Glen Oak Park and further she would like to see the lower park entrance restored.

Paul Masick

Mr. Masick prefaced his comments by stating he was strictly speaking from a personal side, and congratulated staff and the Board on the restoration work done at Bradley Park's Japanese Bridge and the Pergola in lower Glen Oak Park. Mr. Masick has encouraged citizens to file nomination applications for the individual sites they would like to see added to the Park District Historic Register.

President Cassidy thanked Mr. Masick for his volunteer service on behalf of the Park District's Historic Preservation Ordinance Ad Hoc Committee.

**ADJOURN PUBLIC
HANCOCK
HEARING:**

At 6:45 p.m. hearing no further requests for comment, **TRUSTEE**

MOVED TO ADJOURN THE PUBLIC HEARING AND RETURN TO THE PUBLIC MEETING. Motion seconded by Trustee Ryan and carried on unanimous voice. (Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays)

**NEW BUSINESS:
(continued)**

**ADOPTION OF INITIAL PARK DISTRICT REGISTER OF
HISTORIC RESOURCES**

TRUSTEE RYAN MOVED TO APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATION FOR LISTING OF INVENTORY OF PARK DISTRICT HISTORIC RESOURCES INTO THE HISTORIC REGISTER. Motion seconded by Trustee Petty.

Discussion followed with the question of the effect of designating the whole of Glen Oak Park as historic. Trustee Cummings questioned the difference between a park being designated on the National Historic Register versus the Park District Historic Register. Staff explained how the National Register application process works. Staff further explained the restrictions of the National Register versus the Park District Register. A lengthy discussion followed with concerns being raised regarding the effect of designating the entire park as historic with relation to the new zoo construction project. Trustee Hancock pointed out his concern for potential future financial obligations for repair and maintenance of structures designated as historic.

President Cassidy noted a Point of Order, the Board is deliberating the designation of Glen Oak Park on the historic register, but the question is whether to approve the inventory of resources.

Staff noted a nomination application filed by Sara Partridge for designating the whole of Glen Oak Park. Staff does not recommend the designation. President Cassidy acknowledged the nomination and removed his Point of Order.

Attorney Konsky reviewed the language of the preservation ordinance and stated the designation wouldn't apply retroactively but the ordinance

mandates any changes or additions to the park that had not been approved by the Board would have to come back before the Board.

Superintendent Fredrickson spoke of the potential costly effect on future zoo construction phases, the American Zoological Association's mandates for animal exhibits, and the effect on any improvements planned for Luthy Garden.

President Cassidy stated he doesn't believe the Zoo would qualify as historic, that Glen Oak Park today is not the same Glen Oak Park of 118 years ago. He suggested this matter be given further thought and deliberation, and instead of rejecting the Partridge nomination consider it separate from the initial register inventory.

Trustee Hancock complimented the work of the Park District Historic Preservation Ordinance Ad Hoc Committee and the citizens who participated on the committee. He would support all 22 items on the list, but looking ahead to capital improvement plans he expressed concern whether or not these historic resources would increase costs. Vice President Cummings questioned which of the 22 items on the historic resource list would require substantial repair within the next 10 years. Staff suggested the Decorative Stone Fort, Small Animal House, Robert Ingersoll Statute and Iron Suspension Bridge.

With the elimination of word "historic" from the Grand View Drive Park resource listing, **Trustees concur with staff's recommendation.**

Motion carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Allen, Hancock, Petty, Ryan, Vice President Cummings and President Cassidy voting "Aye," no "Nays." (Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays)

VICE PRESIDENT CUMMINGS MOVED TO DEFER A DECISION ON STAFF RECOMMENDATION REGARDING THE GLEN OAK PARK NOMINATION APPLICATION, AND REQUEST STAFF RETURN WITH A MORE DETAILED REPORT. Motion seconded by Trustee Petty and carried on unanimous voice vote. (Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays)

President Cassidy requested staff notify the citizens present for the public hearing be notified when this matter comes back before the Board.

**PENDING BUSINESS:
CITIZEN REQUEST
TO ADDRESS BOARD:**

None.

President Cassidy invited anyone present to address the Board.

Sara Partridge

Mrs. Partridge re-summarized her comments at the public hearing.

Martin Palmer

Mr. Palmer stated his opinion regarding project change orders and the effect historic designation of Glen Oak Park would have on the zoo project.

Maleita King

Mrs. King gave her best holiday wishes to the Board and asked them to take care of the parks.

COMMUNICATIONS: Communications were received as submitted.

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: At 7:21 P.M., C.S.T., upon conclusion of agenda items, **TRUSTEE ALLEN MOVED TO ADJOURN. Motion seconded by Trustee Petty and carried on unanimous voice vote. (Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays)**

V. Joyce McLemore
Secretary, Board of Trustees