

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE RESCHEDULED 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 19, 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, Petty, Ryan, Vice President Cummings and President Cassidy.
- TRUSTEES ABSENT:** Trustees Hancock and Johnson.
- STAFF PRESENT:** Director Noble, Attorney Jim Konsky, Ray Boyer, Jan Budzynski, Becky Fredrickson, Cyndy McKone, Shalessie Pie, Brent Wheeler, Dave Wheeler, Bill Woolard, Joe Atkinson, Dave Schmidt and V. Joyce McLemore.
- PRESS PRESENT:** None.
- OTHERS PRESENT:** Oneita Volz, League of Women Voters, James Flanigan, Artist, 823 W. Moss Avenue, Apt. C., Peoria; Leith Robotham, Caterpillar Foundation, Peoria.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** All stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
- PRESENTATION:** **Caterpillar Foundation, Leith Robotham**  
President Cassidy introduced and welcomed Leith Robotham of Caterpillar Foundation. On behalf of the hard working men and women of Caterpillar, Mr. Robotham presented a \$150,000 check to the Peoria Park District Board of Trustees, to assist in the acquisition of 28-acre "Tawny Oaks" property located adjacent to Singing Woods Nature Preserve. President Cassidy accepted the check and both he and Director Noble genuinely thanked Caterpillar for the donation, which was the last piece of the funding puzzle to make this important acquisition possible.
- Artist Maquette "Oak Leaf", James Flanigan**  
Local artist James Flanigan presented the maquette for the large scale outdoor sculpture entitled "Oak Leaf" to be placed on the Riverfront, near the RiverPlex this spring. According to Mr. Flanigan, a student in the BFA program at Bradley University, "Oak Leaf" is meant to represent the unending relationship between the Peoria Park District and the Peoria River. (A PowerPoint presentation showed detail of the sculpture piece being created.) The finished piece measures 10 foot by 5 foot by 6 foot and is composed of a stylized oak leaf, iconic of the District, and reaches out and forms a cradle to catch a six-foot water droplet, an embodiment of the Illinois River. The artist credited the generous donation of materials for the sculpture by Lucas Steel. The Board warmly thanked Artist Flanigan for his gift.
- MINUTES:** There being no corrections or additions, **TRUSTEE PETTY MOVED TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 12, 2007 REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARK BOARD TRUSTEES. Motion seconded by Trustee Allen and carried on unanimous voice vote. (Results: 5 Ayes; 0 Nays)**
- CLOSED SESSION MEETING MINUTES:** **TRUSTEE ALLEN MOVED TO APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DISPOSITION OF CLOSED MINUTES NOTED FOR RELEASE. Motion seconded by Trustee Petty and carried on unanimous voice vote. (Results: 5 Ayes; 0 Nays)**

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

**GFOA Certificate of Achievement for Excellence**

Again this year, the Peoria Park District has received a Certificate of Excellence in financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). This award recognizes the District's comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR).

**HEART OF ILLINOIS  
SPECIAL RECREATION  
ASSOCIATION:**

Director Hogan presented November 27, 2007 minutes of the HISRA Board meeting.

**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 THURS., DECEMBER 13, 2007**

<b>GENERAL</b>	<b>1,231,300.01</b>
<b>RECREATION</b>	<b>65,983.96</b>
<b>LIABILITY</b>	<b>564.87</b>
<b>MUSEUM</b>	<b>7,291.20</b>
<b>POLICE</b>	<b>1,364.17</b>
<b>BONDED PROJECTS</b>	<b>18,750.50</b>
<b>PAVING &amp; LIGHTING</b>	<b>574.16</b>
<b>RIVERFRONT EVENTS</b>	<b>51,601.84</b>
<b>DETWEILLER MARINA</b>	<b>2,602.23</b>
<b>GOLF</b>	<b>22,266.09</b>
<b>HISRA</b>	<b>7,916.35</b>
<b>RIVERPLEX</b>	<b>36,437.03</b>

**TOTAL PAYABLES: \$1,382,645.98**

**PAYROLL #25 \$394,201.03**

**Motion seconded by Trustee Petty and carried on unanimous voice vote.  
(Results: 5 Ayes; 0 Nays)**

Minutes were presented of the December 12, 2007 Finance Committee meeting.

**RIVERFRONT PROGRAM  
& POLICY ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE:**

Superintendent Roeder presented minutes of the November 26, 2007 committee meeting. Roeder feels this committee is on the right track.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**ACCEPTANCE OF TAWNY OAKS PARCEL/ACQUISITION**

Staff recommends authorizing James Konsky to represent the Peoria Park District at the closing on this property, and direct the President of the Board of Trustees and its Secretary to sign documents pertaining to the acquisition of Tawny Oaks. At the Board meeting of June 28, 2006, the Board adopted a Resolution of Authorization to purchase the Tawny Oaks property. The closing date on the property is expected near the end of this month.

The Park District received a \$600,000 OSLAD Grant (50/50) from IDNR to acquire the 28 acres with significant improvements and with an appraised value of \$1,200,000. Trustee James Cummings was instrumental with presenting the PPD proposal to the IDNR Review Board. Since receiving the IDNR grant, the Park District has received notification of matching grants totaling \$600,000 from three

**TAWNY OAKS PARCEL:  
(continued)**

other sources: Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation Grant, \$300,000; Forest Park Foundation Grant \$150,000; and Caterpillar Foundation \$150,000.

**TRUSTEE ALLEN MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY TO SIGN LAND PURCHASE DOCUMENTS. Motion seconded by Trustee Petty.**

Discussion followed with regard to funding sources, previous Illinois Clean Energy Grants received by the District, and the Trust for Public Land (Greenspan) cooperation in helping put funding package together

**MOTION CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE: Trustees Allen, Petty, Ryan, Vice President Cummings and President Cassidy voting "Aye," no "Nays." (Results: 5 Ayes; 0 Nays)**

President Cassidy specifically thanked Director Noble for getting the funding package together; noting the time and effort involved to make sure the grant funding came together. He feels this is a very historic acquisition, with little or no public tax dollars used. Trustee Allen also believes this to be a major acquisition for the District, and very important for providing access to the District's Singing Woods Nature Preserve, the second largest nature preserve in Illinois.

At 6:20 p.m., President Cassidy announced the next agenda item to be a public hearing to receive comments on the proposal to sell \$3.95 Million General Obligation Park Bonds and \$750,000 Tax Anticipation Warrants.

**PUBLIC HEARING RE:  
INTENT TO SELL 2008  
BONDS AND WARRANTS:**

**TRUSTEE PETTY MOVED TO RECESS THE RESCHEDULED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND CONVENE THE PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING THE PARK DISTRICT'S INTENT TO SELL \$3.95 MILLION GENERAL OBLIGATION PARK BONDS AND \$750,000 TAX ANTICIPATION WARRANTS. Motion seconded by Trustee Ryan and carried on unanimous voice vote. (Results: 5 Ayes; 0 Nays)**

There were no comments or written letters received.

**ADJOURNMENT  
OF PUBLIC HEARING:**

On conclusion of the public hearing, **TRUSTEE PETTY MOVED TO ADJOURN THE PUBLIC HEARING AND RECONVENE THE RESCHEDULED MEETING OF THE BOARD. Motion seconded by Trustee Ryan and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Allen, Petty, Ryan, Vice President Cummings and President Cassidy voting "Aye," no "Nays". (Results: 5 Ayes; 0 Nays)**

(Secretary's Note: refer to attached minutes regarding the conduct of this Public Hearing.)

**ORDINANCE #292  
TAX ABATEMENT OF  
\$4.25M 1998 SERIES  
ARS BONDS:**

Abatement ordinances provided by bond counsel Chapman and Cutler and on recommendation of staff, **TRUSTEE RYAN MOVED TO ADOPT TAX ABATEMENT ORDINANCE #292 REGARDING ABATING THE TAX LEVIED FOR THE YEAR 2007 TO PAY DEBT SERVICE ON \$4,245,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION PARK BONDS (ALTERNATIVE REVENUE SOURCE, SERIES 1998). Motion seconded by Trustee Allen and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Allen, Petty, Ryan, Vice President Cummings and President Cassidy voting "Aye," no "Nays). (Results: 5 Ayes; 0 Nays)**

**ORDINANCE #293  
TAX ABATEMENT OF  
\$5M 2000A SERIES  
ARS BONDS**

As provided by Chapman and Cutler and on recommendation of staff, **TRUSTEE ALLEN MOVED TO ADOPT TAX ABATEMENT ORDINANCE #293 REGARDING ABATING THE TAX LEVIED FOR THE YEAR 2007 TO PAY DEBT SERVICE ON \$5,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION PARK BONDS (ALTERNATIVE REVENUE SOURCE, SERIES 2000A).** Motion seconded by Trustee Petty and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Allen, Petty, Ryan, Vice President Cummings and President Cassidy voting "Aye," no "Nays". (Results: 5 Ayes; 0 Nays)

President Cassidy deferred action on agenda items #8 Development Agreement, and #9 Annexation Ordinance.

**APPROVAL OF HISRA  
ADMINISTRATIVE AGREEMENT AND BYLAWS:**

On staff recommendation, **TRUSTEE RYAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE HISRA ADMINISTRATIVE AGREEMENT AND REVISED 2007 BYLAWS.** Motion seconded by Trustee Allen and carried on unanimous voice vote. (Results: 5 Ayes; 0 Nays)

**APPROVAL OF USE OF  
BEVERAGE CARTS ON  
GOLF COURSES,  
INCLUDING BEER  
SALES:**

**VICE PRESIDENT CUMMINGS MOVED TO DEFER ACTION ON THIS ITEM UNTIL THE FULL BOARD WAS PRESENT.** Motion failed for lack of a second.

**TRUSTEE ALLEN MOVED TO EXTEND THE SALE OF ALCOHOL THROUGH THE USE OF BEVERAGE CARTS ON ALL COURSES WITH THE EXCEPTION OF DETWEILLER GOLF COURSE.** Motion seconded by Trustee Ryan.

Discussion followed. Staff explained this change would allow customers to purchase and consume alcohol on the course during their round. The additional revenue generated could offset future deficits and improve available funding for special projects. Staff anticipates additional net revenues of approximately \$50,000. Sales would continue from the clubhouse on a daily basis and expand to a beverage cart on weekends, holidays, and special events. Staff does not anticipate any difficulties with implementation of this change.

Vice President Cummings spoke of his objections to the sale of alcohol on the courses. He spoke of District policy against alcohol in the parks, except by exception. He feels the sale of alcoholic beverages on courses to be a big exception and represents a hypocrisy. At best it would be a tremendous impact on the long-time policy of the District. Cummings spoke of his personal convictions regarding use of alcohol. He spoke at length regarding his perceptions that alcohol isn't healthy. Cummings believes this Board and staff should be able to come up with ideas other than sale of alcohol to increase golf revenues. He believes one good, big event could generate the kind of revenues staff is looking for. The overall policy of the District is against alcohol in the parks, exposing children. He really thinks this vote should be held when the full Board is present.

Trustee Petty asked Cummings what type of golf event he had in mind. Cummings thinks this District could create a golf tournament to raise funds. Trustee Allen thinks staff arguments are good in favor of the beverage carts. Allen doesn't believe golfers of the community are going to get drunk having one or two beers. There are plans and he assumes it will be done to educate people that drive golf carts to make sure there is no over-indulgence. Unless he hears otherwise, this is just an accommodation and he's in favor of this change.

Trustee Petty stated if this doesn't work out; the Board can always remove the alcohol.

**MOTION CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE: TRUSTEES ALLEN, PETTY, RYAN AND PRESIDENT CASSIDY VOTING "AYE," VICE PRESIDENT CUMMINGS VOTING "NAY." (Results: 4 Ayes; 1 Nay)**

**PENDING BUSINESS:** None.

**CITIZEN REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:** President Cassidy invited anyone wishing to address the Board to do so.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Communications were received as submitted.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** At 6:32 P.M., C.S.T., upon conclusion of agenda items, **TRUSTEE PETTY MOVED TO ADJOURN. Motion seconded by Trustee Allen and carried on unanimous voice vote. (Results: 5 Ayes; 0 Nays)**

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V. Joyce McLemore  
Secretary, Board of Trustees

Attachment: Minutes Public Hearing held December 19, 2007