

**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, MARCH 28, 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, Johnson, Petty, Ryan, Vice President Cummings and President Cassidy.

**TRUSTEES ABSENT:** Trustee Budzinski.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Bonnie Noble, Attorney Jim Konsky, Mike Baietto, Jan Budzynski, Rebecca Fredrickson, Dennis Mantick, Cyndy McKone, Shalessie Pie, Bill Roeder, Brent Wheeler, Dave Wheeler, Joe Atkinson, Ray Boyer, Mike Friberg, John Gostele, Pat Magilson, Steve Montez and V. Joyce McLemore.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Oneita Volz, League of Women Voters, 2038 W. Delray, Peoria; Susan Schlupp, City of Peoria, 419 Fulton, Peoria; Rita Kress, Polly Barton and Trudy Landwirth, PZS, Dan Gray, Michael Gray, Sean Patrick, Christian Lees, Brad Henricksen, Donna Patrick, Boy Scouts of American, Troop #28, Peoria; Jim Hancock, 3524 W. Saymore Lane, Peoria; Todd Benson, Altorfer, Peoria; Martin Palmer, EBUNA, 1706 N. California, Peoria.

**PRESS PRESENT:** None.

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

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

**PRESENT COLORS:** President Cassidy welcomed Troop #28 of the W.D. Boyce Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Scouts presented the flag and led the pledge.

**PRESENTATION:** **ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF PARK DISTRICTS COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD**  
President Cassidy prefaced the award presentation with welcome remarks and acknowledged the strong support of citizens like Polly and Glen that enables the Peoria Park District to be a National Gold Medal Award Winner for Excellence in the field of parks and recreation.

Director Noble spoke of the significant community service endeavors of both Polly and Glen Barton, as well as Polly's co-chairing the capital campaign for the PZS and the New Peoria Zoo.

**RHODELL E. OWENS DISTINGUISHED GROUP SERVICE AWARD**  
President Cassidy announced the 2006 award recipient **PEORIA ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY** and presented the obelisk to PZS President Rita Kress. This award is given in recognition of a local group for outstanding contributions to the Peoria Park District through special donations of dollars, volunteer work, services and/or ongoing support on a special project or program for the advancement of parks and recreation that improves the quality of life in our community.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

**IAPD COMMISSIONER OF THE YEAR**

Director Noble reported the March/April 2007 issue of IAPD's *Parks and Recreation* magazine contains a picture and article regarding the Commissioner of the Year award which is given annually to a commissioner who shows outstanding qualities in support of the promotion of parks, recreation and conservation in his or her community and throughout the state. The recipient must also be involved with IAPD. At the IAPD/IPRA State Conference awards luncheon on Friday, January 28, 2007, **BOARD PRESIDENT TIM CASSIDY** was presented this prestigious award. Director Noble and the Board congratulated Tim on the award.

(At 6:10 p.m., President Cassidy turned the gavel over to Vice President Cummings to chair the remainder of the meeting. President Cassidy left the meeting to speak at Village of Peoria Heights Council Meeting.)

**CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT**

This Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting was presented by the Government Finance Officers Association to the Park District for achieving the highest standards in government accounting and financial reporting. Trustee Allen congratulated the Business Division for doing such a great job and winning this award for the second consecutive year.

**GOLF DIVISION:**

Supervisor John Gostele presented the March 2007 report.

**MARKETING/PUBLIC RELATIONS DIVISION:**

Superintendent McKone presented the March 12, 2007 report.

Trustee Allen asked about a press conference held at Logan Park yesterday, and why Park Board members were not advised or invited. Superintendent McKone stated her department had not scheduled the event or received notice of it.

Discussion followed. Trustee Allen stated the misperception that the press conference appeared to be an official Park District event. Allen requested to avoid future confusion that only the Director and Marketing Division be responsible for notifying the media of Park District press conferences. Notice will be sent to all news outlets to clarify this point.

**PARKS DIVISION:**

Superintendent Baietto presented the February 2007 report.

**PLANNING DIVISION:**

Superintendent Fredrickson presented the February 2007 report and Zoo-AFRICA! Project workforce tabulation report.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

**RATIFICATION OF TELEPHONE POLL ON MARCH 14, 2007**

**TRUSTEE ALLEN MOVED TO RATIFY TELEPHONE POLL VOTE CONDUCTED ON MARCH 14, 2007, FOR THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNT PAYABLES:**

**Peoria Park District      Thursday, March 08, 2007**

<b>GENERAL</b>	<b>186,366.32</b>
<b>RECREATION</b>	<b>108,523.35</b>
<b>LIABILITY</b>	<b>187.62</b>
<b>MUSEUM</b>	<b>12,858.73</b>
<b>POLICE</b>	<b>2,919.00</b>
<b>BONDED PROJECTS</b>	<b>30,772.68</b>
<b>BOND &amp; INTEREST</b>	<b>9,800.00</b>
<b>PAVING &amp; LIGHTING</b>	<b>2,608.13</b>
<b>RIVERFRONT EVENTS</b>	<b>1,420.63</b>

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

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DETWEILLER MARINA	4,694.02
GOLF	19,064.31
HISRA	5,085.03
RIVERPLEX	43,891.04
<b>TOTAL PAYABLES:</b>	<b>428,190.86</b>

Payroll #5 3/9/2007	366,927.71
Bonus Checks & Adjustments	26,879.19

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

**BILLS**

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

**PEORIA PARK DISTRICT                      THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 2007**

GENERAL	366,677.30
RECREATION	122,053.26
AUDIT	87.50
LIABILITY	863.97
MUSEUM	17,571.48
POLICE	3,824.92
RETIREMENT	.00
WORKMAN'S COMP& UNEMPLOYME	.00
BONDED PROJECTS	215,485.26
BOND & INTEREST	.00
PAVING & LIGHTING	1,757.88
RIVERFRONT EVENTS	9,605.22
DETWEILLER MARINA	492.25
GOLF	41,764.45
HISRA	8,465.94
FICA	.00
RIVERPLEX	40,203.58
<b>TOTAL PAYABLES:</b>	<b>801,436.93</b>

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

Minutes of the February 28, 2007 Finance Committee meeting were presented.

**JOINT OPERATING COMMITTEE:**

Trustee Allen presented "draft" minutes of the February 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**PLANNING COMMITTEE:**

David Wheeler presented minutes of the March 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**RECREATION ADVISORY**

Trustee Petty presented minutes of the March 7<sup>th</sup> meeting, noting a request to serve on the committee from Hedy Elliott-Gardner and the inner-city tennis lesson program made possible by a grant from Peoria Area Community Foundation.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**ORDINANCE #290 FOR EXPANDED ENTERPRISE ZONE**

On staff recommendation, **TRUSTEE ALLEN MOVED TO APPROVE ORDINANCE #290 TO ABATE A PORTION OF THE REAL ESTATE TAXES ON REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE CITY OF PEORIA ENTERPRISE ZONE RESULTING FROM AN ELIGIBLE INCREASE IN ASSESSED VALUATION SUBSEQUENT TO DECEMBER 31, 2006.**

Discussion followed regarding expiration date of the enterprise zone (2013) and the five year timeline Firefly Energy, Inc. has to make commercial and industrial property improvements. **Motion seconded by Trustee Petty and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Allen, Johnson, Petty, Ryan and President Pro Tem Cummings voting "Aye" no "Nays." (Results: 5 Ayes; 0 Nays)**

**CALENDAR OF CONSENT:**

**BID: SKIDSTEER/LOADER**

With staff recommendation, **TRUSTEE JOHNSON MOVED TO ACCEPT THE SOLE BID OF \$53,855.00 FROM ALTORFER, INC. FOR PURCHASE OF ONE CATERPILLAR MODEL 257B SKIDSTEER/LOADER. Motion seconded by Trustee Petty and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Allen, Johnson, Petty, Ryan and President Pro Tem Cummings voting "Aye;" no "Nays". (Results: 5 Ayes; 0 Nays)**

**QUOTE: 2007 GOLF RANGE BALLS**

With staff recommendation, **TRUSTEE JOHNSON MOVED TO ACCEPT THE LOW QUOTE OF \$11,250.00 FROM WILSON SPORTS FOR 3,000 DOZEN BALLS. Motion seconded by Trustee Petty and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Allen, Johnson, Petty, Ryan and President Pro Tem Cummings voting "Aye;" no "Nays". (Results: 5 Ayes; 0 Nays)**

**QUOTE: 2007 OFFICE SUPPLIES**

With staff recommendation, **TRUSTEE JOHNSON MOVED TO ACCEPT THE LOW COMPLETE QUOTE OF \$12,871.28 FROM CORPORATE EXPRESS. Motion seconded by Trustee Petty and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Allen, Johnson, Petty, Ryan and President Pro Tem Cummings voting "Aye;" no "Nays". (Results: 5 Ayes; 0 Nays)**

**QUOTE: GROUNDSKEEPING EQUIPMENT (USED)**

With staff recommendation, **TRUSTEE JOHNSON MOVED TO ACCEPT QUOTES FROM TRI-STATE COMPANY AND ERB TURF EQUIPMENT FOR THE FOLLOWING SIX PURCHASES:**

(1) 2002 Toro 3100-D 72" mower	\$12,000
(1) 2003 Toro 3100-D 84" mower	\$14,000
(1) 2005 Foley 932 reel grinder	\$19,500
(1) Foley 670 bedknife grinder	\$ 9,500
(2) 2001 Deere 3225B fairway mowers	\$19,000

**Motion seconded by Trustee Petty and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Allen, Johnson, Petty, Ryan and President Pro Tem Cummings voting "Aye;" no "Nays". (Results: 5 Ayes; 0 Nays)**

**CALENDAR OF CONSENT:**  
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**QUOTE: BODY/CRANE COMBO**

With staff recommendation, TRUSTEE JOHNSON MOVED TO ACCEPT THE LOW QUOTE OF \$16,127.00 FROM PAFCO TRUCK BODIES OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS FOR ONE (1) READING MODEL US 108 BODY/CRANE COMBO. Motion seconded by Trustee Petty and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Allen, Johnson, Petty, Ryan and President Pro Tem Cummings voting "Aye;" no "Nays". (Results: 5 Ayes; 0 Nays)

**STATE CONTRACT: TORO MOWER PURCHASE**

With staff recommendation, TRUSTEE JOHNSON MOVED TO PURCHASE ONE (1) TORO MODEL 30821 REAR-DISCHARGE 68-INCH ROTARY MOWER FROM TURF PROFESSIONALS EQUIPMENT FOR \$27,012.00 UNDER STATE CONTRACT 4013465. Motion seconded by Trustee Petty and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Allen, Johnson, Petty, Ryan and President Pro Tem Cummings voting "Aye;" no "Nays". (Results: 5 Ayes; 0 Nays)

**LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING FOR GRANT WRITING SERVICES**

With staff recommendation, TRUSTEE JOHNSON MOVED TO ACCEPT THE LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING, CHARLES H. SCHRADER & ASSOCIATES FOR SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED FOR ONE YEAR AT A COST OF \$12,000. Motion seconded by Trustee Petty and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Allen, Johnson, Petty, Ryan and President Pro Tem Cummings voting "Aye;" no "Nays". (Results: 5 Ayes; 0 Nays)

**REQUEST FOR USE OF LUTHY GARDEN**

With staff recommendation, TRUSTEE JOHNSON MOVED TO APPROVE REQUEST FROM SALVATION ARMY TO CONDUCT THEIR ANNUAL EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE AT LUTHY BOTANICAL GARDEN ON SUNDAY, APRIL 8, 2007. Motion seconded by Trustee Petty and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Allen, Johnson, Petty, Ryan and President Pro Tem Cummings voting "Aye;" no "Nays" (Results: 5 Ayes; 0 Nays)

**REQUEST FOR USE OF LAKEVIEW PARK**

With staff recommendation, TRUSTEE JOHNSON MOVED TO APPROVE REQUEST FROM LAKEVIEW YWCA TO CONDUCT THEIR FIRST ANNUAL ALL WOMEN'S DAYBREAK 5K RUN/WALK THROUGH LAKEVIEW PARK ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2007. Motion seconded by Trustee Petty and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Allen, Johnson, Petty, Ryan and President Pro Tem Cummings voting "Aye;" no "Nays" vote. (Results: 5 Ayes; 0 Nays)

**PENDING BUSINESS:**

None.

**CITIZEN REQUEST**

President Pro Tem Cummings invited anyone present wishing to address the Board to do so.

**TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:**

Martin Palmer, President, EBUNA

Martin stated the East Bluff Neighborhood maintains their position regarding a school in the park. Martin presented letters from EBUNA for the permanent record, and read aloud the association's letter sent to City Council regarding their support for designating parts of Glen Oak Park as a local historic landmark.

Trustee Allen believes EBUNA should invite Park District staff to attend their meetings.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Communications were received as submitted.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Press Conference called

Trustee Johnson stated his belief he has the right as a Park District elected official to promote anything, particularly good news on the south side. Discussion followed. Trustee Allen stated he agrees a trustee has the right to call a press conference, but not the right to give the perception one trustee speaks for the whole Board.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 6:37 p.m., there being no further agenda business **TRUSTEE PETTY MOVED TO ADJOURN. Motion seconded by Trustee Johnson and carried on unanimous voice vote: (Results: 5 Ayes; 0 Nays)**

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V. Joyce McLemore  
Secretary, Board of Trustees