

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, APRIL 25, 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, Budzinski, Johnson, Petty, Ryan, Vice President Cummings and President Cassidy.

TRUSTEES ABSENT: None.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Oneita Volz, League of Women Voters, 2038 W. Delray, Peoria; Jim Hancock, Trustee-Elect, 3524 W. Saymore Lane, Peoria; Vicky Stewart, 1220 N. Olde Farm Road, East Peoria; Ann Levine, 3623 N. Sterling, B-3, Peoria; Karen Budzinski, 3401 W. Brookside Dr., Peoria; Paul Budzinski, 1106 W. Lakecrest Dr., Peoria; John & Julie Kunski, 3737 W. Saymore Ln., Peoria; Jane Leathers, 834 N. Cooper, Peoria; Ken Metroff, 211 Suelynn Dr., Normal; Barb & Molly Metroff, Normal; Terry Bibo, 1 News Plaza, Peoria; Ian Schwarz, WHOI-TV, 500 N. Stewart, Creve Coeur; Miles Cooksy and Cami Mountain, WEEK-TV, 2907 Springfield Rd., East Peoria.

PRESS PRESENT: *Journal Star*, WHOI-TV, WEEK-TV.

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

POINT OF ORDER: President Cassidy called for point of order regarding this agenda item.
OATH OF OFFICE
SEATING OF TRUSTEES Newly elected trustees cannot be seated because the election authority has not completed a canvass of results for Consolidated Election of April 17, 2007. The plan will be to seat president and trustees-elect at the May 9 Park Board meeting.

MINUTES: There being no corrections or additions, **TRUSTEE BUDZINSKI MOVED TO APPROVE MINUTES OF MARCH 28, 2007 REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARK BOARD TRUSTEES. Motion seconded by Trustee Petty and carried on unanimous voice vote. (Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays)**

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 **Vicky and Doug Stewart** 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 introduced Vicky Stewart, speaking of the community service record for both **Vicky and Doug Stewart**. Vicky has served on Joint Operations Committee for RiverPlex since its inception and has done an outstanding job representing OSF and the Park District. Vicky has also served on the PZS fundraising arm for the New Peoria Zoo. The Park District has benefited greatly from Doug Stewart and National City Bank's "Volunteer Day" that brings both volunteer manpower as well as donated materials for park beautification projects such as re-landscaping the IDOT Building's east side; constructing picnic tables for placement throughout the park system; re-landscaping of

Owens Recreation Center entrance; replenishing planting beds in Lakeview Park; and landscaping the front entrance of Proctor Recreation Center in addition to assisting with the re-establishment of the Japanese Garden in Bradley Park.

Vicky thanked the Board and Administration for the recognition, stating how fortunate this community is to have a Park Board and staff that set such a high standard, and thanked them for their courage in taking risks and bringing a vision to the community to be all it can be.

On behalf of the Illinois Association of Park Districts, President Cassidy presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Trustee Budzinski and read a letter of personal thanks from Ted Flickinger, Ph.D., Chief Executive Officer.

RESOLUTION NO. 121-07:* President Cassidy read aloud in its entirety Resolution 121-07, a tribute to outgoing Board Trustee Budzinski, in honor and recognition of Stan's 12 ½ distinguished years as Central District Trustee, **VICE PRESENT CUMMINGS MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 121-07. MOTION SECONDED BY TRUSTEE RYAN AND CARRIED ON UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE. (Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays)**

Trustee Budzinski humbly received the framed resolution and stated it had been his honor to serve with this Board and staff.

(*Secretary's Note: Original Resolution in its entirety has been placed in the permanent record.)

(Trustee Budzinski left the meeting at 6:17 p.m.)

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Gold Medal Finalist

The Park District has been selected as a finalist for the Gold Medal Award. The final selection will be announced at the NRPA Congress to be held September 26-29 in Indianapolis.

MARKETING/PUBLIC RELATIONS DIVISION:

Superintendent McKone presented the April 12, 2007 report.

Vice President Cummings inquired staff's opinion as to the marketing tool that makes the largest impact throughout the community. Discussion followed regarding seasonal brochures and other promotional tools. Staff cited the Playbook as having the greatest marketing impact. Vice President Cummings complimented staff on the professional appearance of seasonal brochures.

PLANNING DIVISION:

Superintendent Fredrickson presented the March 2007 report.

POLICE DIVISION:

Chief James presented the February 2007 report.

RECREATION DIVISION:

Superintendent Mantick highlighted the April Special Events report.

RIVERPLEX DIVISION:

Superintendent Wheeler presented the January-March 2007 report, highlighting the remote control airplane flying activities that take place in the Arena on Saturday and Sunday evenings after the building closes. Wheeler emphasized the remote controlled planes are small, Styrofoam winged craft that do not present any potential for damage to the building.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

RATIFICATION OF TELEPHONE POLL ON APRIL 11, 2007

TRUSTEE ALLEN MOVED TO RATIFY TELEPHONE POLL VOTE CONDUCTED ON APRIL 11, 2007, FOR PAYMENT OF THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNT PAYABLES:

Peoria Park District

Thursday, April 05, 2007

GENERAL	252,763.62
RECREATION	99,491.80
LIABILITY	75,500.17
MUSEUM	18,721.23
POLICE	1,015.14
WORKMAN'S COMP. & BONDED PROJECTS	100,972.41
PAVING & LIGHTING	57,479.79
RIVERFRONT EVENTS	4,188.45
DETWEILLER MARINA	14,540.01
GOLF	3,690.57
HISRA	130,933.92
RIVERPLEX	9,700.24
TOTAL PAYABLES:	87,450.81
	856,448.16

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

RATIFICATION OF TELEPHONE POLL VOTE ON APRIL 11, 2007

QUOTE: STAGE CANOPY

With staff recommendation, TRUSTEE ALLEN MOVED TO RATIFY TELEPHONE POLL VOTE TAKEN, RECOMMENDING ACCEPTANCE OF LOW QUOTE OF \$13,940.00 FROM STRITZEL AWNING SERVICE OF AURORA, ILLINOIS. Motion seconded by Trustee Johnson and carried on unanimous voice vote. (Results: 6 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, April 19, 2007

GENERAL	76,094.97
RECREATION	75,143.91
AUDIT	4,087.50
LIABILITY	1,521.90
MUSEUM	6,791.79
POLICE	11,689.46
RETIREMENT	0
WORKMAN'S COMP. & UNEMPLOYME	0
BONDED PROJECT	24,118.49
BOND & INTEREST	0
PAVING & LIGHTING	0
RIVERFRONT EVENTS	12,636.11
DETWEILLER MARINA	30,798.10
GOLF	109,518.51
HISRA	4,001.09
FICA	0
RIVERPLEX	19,251.13
TOTAL PAYABLES	375,652.96
PAYROLL #6	382,120.49

BILLS:
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PAYROLL #7 402,704.12
PAYROLL #8 413,507.71

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

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

RECOMMENDATION: With Finance Committee recommendation, **TRUSTEE ALLEN MOVED TO APPROVE BUDGET ADJUSTMENT FROM \$60,000 TO \$70,000 TO PROVIDE THE ADDITIONAL FUNDING NECESSARY TO PAY THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE WORK REQUIRED DUE TO UNFORESEEN CONDITIONS. Motion seconded by Trustee Johnson and carried on unanimous voice vote. (Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays)**

GOLF AD HOC COMMITTEE:

Trustee Petty presented minutes of the March 26th, meeting.

RIVERFRONT PROGRAM & MARKETING ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Superintendent Roeder presented minutes of the February 27 meeting, highlighting the LST Landing Craft arrival coinciding with Erin Feis event.

NEW BUSINESS:

DISCUSSION REGARDING PEORIA PARK DISTRICT HISTORIC PRESERVATION ORDINANCE

President Cassidy opened the discussion by welcoming any input from the Board as well as staff. First with the public comments received respecting the Glen Oak Park issue, then a filing of petition by citizens with the City of Peoria Historic Preservation Commission to landmark Glen Oak Park and nine structures within the park, it became apparent our constituents value the history of Glen Oak Park and all other parks. Glen Oak was the first developed park along with Grand View Drive. Peoria Park District has opposed the City of Peoria efforts because of procedural and jurisdiction issues. Cassidy believes the District should have its own historic preservation ordinance and immediately start the process of drafting our own ordinance associated with the 100-year plus history of the Park District. Cassidy has spoken briefly with Superintendent Baietto and he is looking forward to working on this ordinance.

President Cassidy will establish an ad hoc committee to start the process of creating the concept and a draft ordinance. The committee would come back with a general concept of what the ordinance should look like for Board discussion. The Board will discuss and make changes. When changes have been accepted by the Board, a final ordinance will be presented and adopted by the Board. President Cassidy is hoping that this task can be accomplished by June 4. (Consequently, the ordinance should be presented at the May 23rd Board meeting.

President Cassidy appointed a committee composed of Superintendent Mike Baietto, Planner Mike Friberg, two trustee members, Vice President Cummings and Trustee Ryan, Attorney Kinsky and one citizen member. Cassidy will make the citizen appointment upon reviewing further. President Cassidy asked Vice President Cummings to chair this ad hoc committee to write an ordinance.

Every meeting of this ad hoc committee should be open to the public and public notice given of all meetings. The Board President and Director Noble will be members of the committee, as stated in Park Policy.

Discussion followed. Vice President Cummings believes this issue brings the history of the District to the forefront in this community. He believes this committee will help put into perspective the history of the Peoria Park District. Trustee Roger Allen believes it's a super idea to put together an ad hoc committee for creating an ordinance. But Allen believes the Park District has been doing this anyway. Allen doesn't believe anything historical has been dismantled in the past 50 years. When you get down to it, two citizens and the City's Commission and a handful of others participated, it was not a full blown community action. Allen believes the community really does appreciate how we take care of the parks, particularly the current Board. He believes there would have been complaints otherwise. Allen looks forward to putting together the ordinance in writing to basically show what the Park District has been doing, and he believes this is an opportunity for the Park District.

VICE PRESIDENT CUMMINGS MOVED TO CREATE AN AD HOC COMMITTEE, motion seconded by Trustee Allen and carried on unanimous voice vote. (Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays)

Trustee Petty agrees that the District has been doing this all along. She believes Tim's presentation at City Council was "right on".

Cassidy stated board members come and go, staff comes and goes so it is good to have an ordinance in place to insure institutional consistency.

President Cassidy asked staff to keep in contact with Ms. Amy Naples the great-great granddaughter of Oscar DuBuis who spoke at City Council meeting last night.

Trustee Cummings stated the Planning Committee currently has under advisement a memorial to Oscar DuBuis. He said the staff is to come back with a recommendation for a memorial. The current situation makes this memorial more significant.

Director Noble stated staff is trying to figure what setting would be suitable for a memorial for a genius like DuBuis.

APPOINTMENT TO RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

With President Cassidy's recommendation, **TRUSTEE PETTY MOVED TO APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF HEDY ELLIOTT-GARDNER FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM ON RECREATION ADVISORY Motion seconded by Trustee Ryan and carried on unanimous voice vote. (Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays)**

Trustee Petty, Chairman of Recreation Advisory read a brief biography for Mrs. Gardener.

CALENDAR OF CONSENT:

Trustee Petty requested agenda items 14 be removed from the calendar for further consideration.

WORKING CASH RESOLUTION NO. 182-07 IMRF

With staff recommendation, **TRUSTEE JOHNSON MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 182-07, ALLOWING TRANSFER FROM THE DISTRICT'S WORKING CASH FUND AS FOLLOWS:**

**FROM WORKING CASH FUND: \$300,000
TO ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT FUND: \$300,000**

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

**CITIZEN REQUEST
(continued)**

Christopher J. Summers, 1202 N Institute Place, Peoria IL

Mr. Christopher read from a letter he wrote to the Park Board regarding the question of whether or not to televise Park Board meetings on the public access channel.

VICE PRESIDENT CUMMINGS MOVED STAFF PREPARE A STUDY OR REPORT WHICH WOULD GIVE THE BOARD A SUMMARY OF ALL COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH TELEVISIONING OF ALL PARK BOARD MEETINGS, OR ALL BUDGET SESSIONS. REPORT TO INCLUDE ALL THE BENEFITS OF SAME AND DISADVANTAGES OF SAME. STAFF TO INCLUDE THEIR SUGGESTIONS OF POSSIBLE DONORS WILLING TO CHAMPION THIS EFFORT IF COSTS ARE HIGH. Motion seconded by Trustee Petty. Deliberation followed with questions raised regarding who pays for the televised service, the previous history of this issue, and possibility of staff doing the taping of meetings and giving pre-recorded tape to Insight Communications public access channel.
Motion carried on unanimous voice vote. (Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays)

Jane Leathers, 834 N. Cooper, Peoria

Ms. Leathers asked why Grand View Drive Park is designated on the National Register of Historic Places and why the Park District chose that park and why Glen Oak Park hasn't received the same designation? President Cassidy referred this issue to the ad hoc committee.

Ms. Leathers asked why Glen Oak and Bradley Parks do not have nature preserve status. Staff answered that to be designated nature preserve the focus must be on flora and fauna, so Glen Oak and Bradley Parks wouldn't qualify.

Ms. Leathers requested the ad hoc committee address her questions concerning whether Glen Oak and Bradley Parks should be on the National Register of Historic Places.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Communications were received as submitted.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Correct Information for Tree Removal Associated with New Peoria Zoo
Staff will look into writing a letter to the editor on this.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:25 p.m., there being no further agenda business **TRUSTEE ALLEN MOVED TO ADJOURN. Motion seconded by Trustee Ryan and carried on unanimous voice vote: (Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays)**

V. Joyce McLemore
Secretary, Board of Trustees