

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, MAY 23, 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, 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, David Wheeler, Bill Woolard, Joe Atkinson, Ray Boyer, Mike Friberg, David Gray, Pat Magilson, Jan Schweitzer, Yvonne Strode, Lisa Ullenius and V. Joyce McLemore.

OTHERS PRESENT: Marti Burgeson, Forest Park Nature Center Volunteer, 7323 N. Villa Lake Dr., #1, Peoria IL 61615; Tiffany Cremer, Forest Park Nature Center Volunteer, 19485 E. Oscar Linn Highway, Canton IL 61520; Dolores Ingersoll, CILF, 902 S. Allen, Peoria 61605; Paul Masick, PHPC, 1629 W. Ayres, Peoria 61606; Sara Partridge, 2207 N. Atlantic, Peoria 61603; Martin Palmer, EBUNA, 1706 N. California, Peoria 61603; Bill Shay, Howard & Howard, One Tech Plaza, Peoria 61602.

PRESS PRESENT: Terry Bibo, *Journal Star*

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

MINUTES: There being no corrections or additions, **TRUSTEE JOHNSON MOVED TO APPROVE MINUTES OF MAY 9, 2007 REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARK BOARD TRUSTEES. Motion seconded by Trustee Petty and carried on unanimous voice vote. (Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays)**

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COMMUNITY SERVICE

AWARDS PRESENTATION:

ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF PARK DISTRICTS COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

President Cassidy welcomed **Marti Burgeson and Tiffany Cremer**, volunteers at Forest Park Nature Center. John Mullen, Forest Park Naturalist/Special Events introduced Marti, a volunteer for the past six years, and Tiffany, a volunteer for over 3 years. President Cassidy presented awards and bouquets to Marti and Tiffany, noting it is the strong support of volunteers such as Marti and Tiffany that enables the Peoria Park District to be a National Gold Medal Award Winner for Excellence in Parks and Recreation.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Inter-active Website Demonstration/Myspace.com

RiverFront Division Coordinator David Gray premiered the Park District's newest marketing tool, www.myspace.com/riverfrontevents This website creates a "network" for RiverFront customers which enables target marketing of audiences on a weekly basis by way of mass emails sent to the customer base.

All 2007 RiverFront events have been listed by date, with links to band websites for viewing performance videos for the booked performance groups.

GOLF DIVISION: Superintendent Woolard presented the report.

MARKETING DIVISION: Superintendent McKone presented the division report.

POLICE DIVISION: Chief James presented March and April reports. Trustees inquired about policy for banning individuals from parks and, the arrest incident involving out-of-state hockey coaches.

RECREATION DIVISION: Superintendent Mantick highlighted the division report. Trustee Johnson complimented "The Proctor Page" newsletter and commended Proctor Center staff on the challenge of providing inner city initiatives and programs.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: **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, MAY 17, 2007

GENERAL	108,401.34
RECREATION	145,044.48
AUDIT	15,587.50
LIABILITY	1,441.00
MUSEUM	17,094.67
POLICE	2,677.99
RETIREMENT	.00
WORKMAN'S COMP.&UNEMPLOYME	.00
BONDED PROJECTS	517,686.27
BOND & INTEREST	39,531.50
PAVING & LIGHTING	2,515.23
RIVERFRONT EVENTS	33,059.08
DETWEILLER MARINA	13,676.99
GOLF	45,815.90
HISRA	7,549.75
FICA	.00
RIVERPLEX	33,394.74
TOTAL PAYABLES:	983,476.44
PAYROLL #10 5/18/2007	450,049.95

**Motion seconded by Trustee Hancock and carried on unanimous voice vote.
(Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays)**

Chairman Allen presented minutes of the May 9 and May 14 Finance Committee meetings, highlighting the May 14 discussion regarding interpretation of Illinois Liquor Control Act, Section 6-15. Chairman Allen noted the Board will be addressing liquor licenses for District properties in upcoming agenda item #11.

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION
ORDINANCE AD HOC
COMMITTEE:** Chairman Cummings acknowledged Paul Masick, a member of the Ad Hoc Committee.

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION
ORDINANCE AD HOC
COMMITTEE:
(continued)**

Chairman Cummings overviewed minutes of the May 7 and 14 meetings and noted the process of drafting the ordinance had been overseen by Attorney Konsky. The proposed Historic Preservation Ordinance will be addressed by the Board in upcoming agenda item #12.

PLANNING COMMITTEE:

Chairman Cummings presented minutes of the May 1 Planning Committee meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

2007 Standing Committee Appointments

President Cassidy announced the following trustee appointments to standing committees:

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

**Roger P. Allen, Chairman
James T. Hancock, Trustee**

GLEN OAK ZOO OPERATING COMMITTEE:

**Timothy J. Cassidy, Trustee
Matthew P. Ryan, Trustee**

GOLF ADVISORY AD HOC COMMITTEE:

**Jacqueline J. Petty, Chairman
James A. Cummings, Trustee**

HEART OF ILLINOIS SPECIAL RECREATION ASSOCIATION BOARD:

**Timothy J. Cassidy, Chairman
James T. Hancock, Trustee**

JOINT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE/RECREATION WELLNESS/FITNESS CENTER

**Timothy J. Cassidy, Chairman
Roger P. Allen, Trustee**

PLANNING COMMITTEE:

**James A. Cummings, Chairman
Robert L. Johnson, Trustee**

RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

**Jacqueline J. Petty, Chairman
Matthew P. Ryan, Trustee**

RIVERFRONT PROGRAMMING ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Robert L. Johnson, Chairman

SPRINGDALE CEMETERY MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

**Roger P. Allen, Trustee
Matthew P. Ryan, Trustee**

LAKEVIEW MUSEUM

Matthew P. Ryan, Trustee

**FORMALIZING NAMING
OF THE ZOO**

Staff presented recommendation for a formal name change of the Glen Oak Zoo to the Peoria Zoo. Discussion followed regarding marketing rationale for the name change, the need for a "regional" identity within the home city, and opportunity for public input.

TRUSTEE ALLEN MOVED TO APPROVE FORMAL NAME CHANGE. MOTION SECONDED BY TRUSTEE RYAN. VICE PRESIDENT CUMMINGS MOVED TO DEFER ACTION ON THIS ITEM FOR TWO WEEKS, AS HE BELIEVES THE PUBLIC WOULD HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT, HAVE INPUT. . Motion seconded by Trustee Petty and carried on unanimous voice vote. (Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays)
President Cassidy directed this item be brought back for action under Pending Business.

**CHANGES TO
CONDUCT ORDINANCE:
LIQUOR LICENSES FOR
PARK DISTRICT PROPERTIES**

Staff has been advised by the State of Illinois Liquor Commission legal counsel that it is not necessary for the District to obtain local liquor licenses for District properties. Both City of Peoria and Park District counsel have reviewed the State's interpretation of this matter and have agreed.

Staff recommends changes to the Park District's Ordinance, Part III, Section I, Subsection 11.05, paragraph (A) (1) and paragraph (A) (4) (c).

Discussion followed and President Cassidy instructed the proposed policy change be brought back for discussion and vote at the June 13th meeting.

**POLICY AMENDMENT TO
CONDUCT ORDINANCE:
HISTORIC PRESERVATION**

Historic Preservation Ad Hoc Committee Chairman Cummings presented a draft ordinance recommended by the Committee. Chairman Cummings stated his belief that citizen concern for historic preservation of park district property was triggered by the park/school site controversy. The Park District recognizes structures within parks need protection and this ad hoc committee was formed to address the issue.

Superintendent Baietto overviewed the proposed ordinance. It was noted sections 3 d), e) of the ordinance provide for public notice when a major Change is proposed to the Historic Resource Register of the District, as well as Park Board approval. Several suggestions for further revision included definition for the term "Changes"; a sentence regarding the staff providing an annual report to the Board on the "status and condition" of all structures listed in the Historic Resource Register. Director Noble suggested this report could be brought forward during budget review process. In response to the question of why subsection 6. of the ordinance draft is needed, Attorney Konsky noted that the section may be subsumed by the staff requirement to provide annual report.

President Cassidy recognized Paul Masick, Chairman of the City of Peoria Historic Preservation Commission and asked for his comments on the proposed ordinance. Masick commented the proposed Park District Ordinance is much more comprehensive than the City's. He stated it is a good solution to the current situation regarding the City Historic Preservation Commission. This ordinance will serve future Boards and address historic preservation questions.

Chairman Cummings requested a revised draft to include discussed changes be sent out in advance of the June 13th meeting. The ordinance will be brought back for a vote on June 13.

President Cassidy thanked Paul Masick, Chairman Cummings and staff members of the ad hoc committee for their good work on this project.

**APPROVAL OF
NEGOTIATED
SETTLEMENT RE:
ALMS/PARTRIDGE
LITIGATION:**

Attorney Konsky reported over the past month, legal counsel has met with Judge Grawey of the Circuit Court to negotiate settlement of a lawsuit filed in May 2006 by Karrie Alms and Sara Partridge (Alms/Partridge, Plaintiffs vs. Peoria Park District). A settlement agreement and release have been reached. Park Board Trustees have reviewed terms of the proposed settlement agreement and a press release with Attorney Bertschy in closed session. All trustees have received a copy of the agreement and press release. The Board's vote of approval for the proposed settlement and press release is needed. President Cassidy referred to paragraph 6) of the agreement that stipulates the parties will not publicly comment on the settlement, with the exception of their mutual statement to the media via press release attached as Exhibit "A."

TRUSTEE ALLEN MOVED TO ACCEPT SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND RELEASE.

Motion seconded by Trustee Johnson and carried on the following roll call vote:

Trustees Allen, Hancock, Johnson, Petty, Ryan, Vice President Cummings and President Cassidy voting "Aye;" no "Nays." (Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays)

CALENDAR OF CONSENT:

BID: 2007 BUS SERVICE

With staff recommendation, TRUSTEE JOHNSON MOVED TO ACCEPT THE SOLE BID RECEIVED FROM LAIDLAW EDUCATIONAL SERVICES OF BARTONVILLE, ILLINOIS, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$16,128.75. Motion seconded by Trustee Hancock and carried on unanimous voice vote. (Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays)

RFP: STREAM CROSSING BRIDGES AT ROBINSON PARK

With staff recommendation, TRUSTEE JOHNSON MOVED TO ACCEPT THE LOW QUALIFIED PROPOSAL TOTALING \$76,250.00 FROM P.A. ATHERTON CONSTRUCTION FOR THE DESIGN, FABRICATION AND INSTALLATION OF TWO TRAIL BRIDGES TO BE PLACED IN ROBINSON PARK SOUTH AS PART OF THE ILLINOIS RIVER BLUFF TRAIL PHASE 2 CONSTRUCTION. Motion seconded by Trustee Hancock and carried on unanimous voice vote. (Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays)

WORKING CASH RESOLUTION NO. 184-07 IMRF

With staff recommendation, TRUSTEE JOHNSON MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 184-07, ALLOWING TRANSFER FROM THE DISTRICT'S WORKING CASH FUND AS FOLLOWS:

FROM WORKING CASH FUND: \$140,000
TO ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT FUND: \$140,000

Motion seconded by Trustee Hancock and carried on unanimous voice vote. (Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays)

REQUEST FOR USE OF JOHN GWYNN PARK

With staff recommendation, TRUSTEE JOHNSON MOVED TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER ASSOCIATION, INC., FOR USE OF JOHN GWYNN PARK ON MONDAY, MAY 28, 2007, FROM 9 A.M. TO 9 P.M., FOR A CAR SHOW WHICH WILL INCLUDE VARIOUS FAMILY ORIENTED ACTIVITIES. Motion seconded by Trustee Hancock and carried on unanimous voice vote. (Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays)

REQUEST FOR USE OF BRADLEY PARK

With staff recommendation, TRUSTEE JOHNSON MOVED TO APPROVE A REQUEST FROM CENTRAL ILLINOIS RIGHT-TO-LIFE AND OSF SAINT FRANCIS MEDICAL CENTER FOR USE OF BRADLEY PARK ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 11, 2007, 6:30 A.M. TO CONDUCT RUN FOR LIFE 5K RUN/WALK. Motion seconded by Trustee Hancock and carried on unanimous voice vote. (Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays)

PENDING BUSINESS:

None.

**CITIZEN REQUEST
TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:**

President Cassidy invited anyone present wishing to address the Board to do so.

Sara Partridge, 2207 N. Atlantic

Sara commented on the Park District Historic Preservation Ordinance draft, and her belief that "cultural resources" includes park forests. She asked the Board to be mindful of that.

She suggested a copy of staff's annual report of structures in the Historic Register be accompanied by a video.

Martin Palmer, 1706 N. California

Martin stated he is pleased to hear there is a Park Historic Preservation Ordinance.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Communications were received as submitted.

OTHER BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:15 p.m., there being no further agenda business **VICE PRESIDENT CUMMINGS MOVED TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER 2 c)(1) FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, COMPENSATION, DISCIPLINE, PERFORMANCE, OR DISMISSAL OF SPECIFIC EMPLOYEES OF THE PUBLIC BODY, INCLUDING HEARING TESTIMONY ON A COMPLAINT LODGED AGAINST AN EMPLOYEE TO DETERMINE ITS VALIDITY; AND 2 c)(11) FOR CONSIDERATION OF LITIGATION, WHEN AN ACTION AGAINST, AFFECTING OR ON BEHALF OF THE PARTICULAR PUBLIC BODY HAS BEEN FILED AND IS PENDING BEFORE A COURT OR ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL, OR WHEN THE PUBLIC BODY FINDS THAT AN ACTION IS PROBABLE OR IMMINENT, THE BOARD TO ADJOURN OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION. Motion seconded by Trustee Johnson and carried on unanimous voice vote: (Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays)**

V. Joyce McLemore
Secretary, Board of Trustees