

**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, SEPTEMBER 12, 2007 AT THE PEORIA PARK DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION OFFICE, GLEN OAK PAVILION, 2218 N. PROSPECT ROAD, PEORIA, ILLINOIS.**

President Pro Tem Cummings presided and called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**TRUSTEES ABSENT:** President Cassidy.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Director Noble, Attorney Konsky, Mike Baietto, Jan Budzynski, Becky Fredrickson, Chief Bob James, Dennis Mantick, Cyndy McKone, Shalesse Pie, Bill Roeder, Dave Wheeler, Brent Wheeler, Bill Woolard, Ray Boyer, Joe Atkinson, Magilson, V. Joyce McLemore and Lisa Ullenius.

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Dog Park Committee: Cheryl Budzynski, 623 W. Stratford Dr.; Mary McDade, 3610 Breckenridge Ct; Janet Middleton, 913 W. Broadmoor; Beth Gehrt; Peoria Astronomical Society: Eric Clifton, 3209 Westport Rd., Richard Tennis, 1247 C. Rd. 1300N. Eureka; Peoria Soccer Club: Jim Farrell, 1815 Auten Ct., Princeville, Randy Weather, 3328 W. Wilshire Dr., Peoria; Karen and John Domnick, 4133 W. Annbriar Dr., Peoria; Keith Musselman, 5216 N. Ashford, Peoria; Marilyn Ryan, 2939 Stable Ct., Peoria; Oneita Volz, League of Women Voters.

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

**MINUTES:** **TRUSTEE JOHNSON MOVED TO APPROVE MINUTES OF AUGUST 22, motion seconded by Trustee Ryan.**

Trustee Petty requested amendments to the August 22 minutes (see attachment). Page two (2), "Other Business, Training Session on Open Meetings Act Compliance," to include answers to trustee questions noted on bottom of page. Also, Trustee Petty requested to include her comments regarding contractor responsibility concerning dehumidification system at RiverPlex.

**WITH NOTED AMENDMENTS, TRUSTEE JOHNSON MOVED APPROVAL FOR MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 22, 2007 REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES; AND CLOSED SESSION MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 22, 2007.. Motion seconded by Trustee Ryan and carried on unanimous voice vote. (Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays)**

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** **Return to Hogwarts 2007—Glen Oak Amphitheatre, September 22, 2007**  
Director Noble introduced Val Marek, Special Event Coordinator, and her assistant Mary Keltner. A short video was shown. This magical event is in its fifth year, is "edutainment", or education disguised as entertainment. This year participants are coming from as far away as Chicago and Princeville to attend the event.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:  
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Some organizations involved in this year's event include the Peoria Public Library, the American Chemical Society, the Illinois Raptor Center, Peoria Recycling Community, Lakeview Planetarium, Wildlife Prairie State Park, and Mad Science.

Director Noble requested to have the video report from RiverFront shown next.

**RiverFront Division Video Report**

Brittany Davis, RiverFront Coordinator presented a video report on signature events held at RiverFront this past season. Trustees thanked RiverFront staff for their hard work on the successful LST docking on the RiverFront. Some 37,000 visitors boarded the ship during its stay, as well as staff's management of the Erin Feis Festival during the same time.

**GOLF DIVISION REPORT:**

Superintendent Woolard highlighted the September 2007 report.

**Peoria's HAKOG Traditions – Golf Challenge Team**

The Golf Challenge Team made a trip to Bloomington IN, and competed in the international tournament August 10-12. The team scored well, placing 4<sup>th</sup> in the tournament.

**Ron Ghidina**

The Peoria golf community recently lost a hero and friend. Ron Ghidina was recognized by many as the best golfer in Central Illinois and the state for many years. His love of the sport was very apparent through his many stories and memories he shared. He will surely be missed by all who knew him and will continue to be appreciated by those who benefit from his legacy.

**PARKS DIVISION:  
DIVISION:**

Superintendent Baietto highlighted the division report.

**PLANNING/DESIGN/  
CONSTRUCTION DIVISION:**

Superintendent Fredrickson presented the August 2007 report.

**RIVERFRONT DIVISION:**

Video presentation previous given under Director's Report.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

**TRUSTEE ALLEN REPORTED THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HAD EXAMINED THE BILLS OF 9/06/2007 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 THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 06, 2007**

<b>GENERAL</b>	<b>257,332.96</b>
<b>RECREATION</b>	<b>124,075.54</b>
<b>LIABILITY</b>	<b>1,192.41</b>
<b>MUSEUM</b>	<b>13,338.02</b>
<b>POLICE</b>	<b>2,306.92</b>
<b>BONDED PROJECTS</b>	<b>106,866.41</b>
<b>PAVING &amp; LIGHTING</b>	<b>3,673.73</b>
<b>RIVERFRONT EVENTS</b>	<b>63,999.29</b>

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DETWEILLER MARINA	10,810.99
GOLF	66,390.66
HISRA	6,203.56
RIVERPLEX	64,971.33
<b>TOTAL PAYABLES:</b>	<b>\$721,161.82</b>
<b>PAYROLL #17 (8/24/2007)</b>	<b>\$508,237.38</b>
<b>PAYROLL #19 (9/7/2007)</b>	<b>\$427,068.62</b>

**Motion seconded by Trustee Petty and carried on unanimous voice vote. (Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays)** Minutes of the August 22, 2007 Finance Committee meeting minutes were presented.

PLANNING COMMITTEE:

Staff highlighted minutes from committee meeting of August 21, 2007.

**Peoria Park District Register of Historic Resources**

Administrative Assistant Dave Wheeler overviewed staff's preliminary compilation of 21 sites as potential Park District historic resources. Discussion followed. Trustees noted additional sites to consider adding to the list: Columbus Statute and Koerner Cemetery. Trustee Hancock suggested staff include the park location for each resource on the listing. Director Noble noted a public hearing will be held to solicit public comment prior to the Park Board approving the official register.

Staff highlighted minutes from committee meeting of September 4, 2007.

**Off-Leash Dog Park at Bradley Park**

Dave Wheeler overviewed staff recommendation regarding accepting the proposal from the Dog Park Committee (DPC) to raise funds to build a dog park in Peoria. This group has met with Staff and has made several presentations to the Planning Committee. It has been determined the five acres located behind the Equipment Service Center and adjacent to I-74 would be the best location of several locations considered due to its proximity to the center of the District's population.

**RECOMMENDATION: Planning Committee and Staff recommends accepting the proposal from the above group to:**

- 1. Approve the concept of building up to a five-acre dog park in Bradley Park adjacent to the existing Equipment Service Center and I-74 and to permit the DPC to go public with their fund raising effort.**
- 2. The Peoria Park District will match, up to a limit of \$30,000, 50% of the anticipated total capital cost of \$60,000 for fencing, paving, water, drinking fountains and other improvements. PPD funding is proposed to come from a future bond issue, grants or other funding sources.**
- 3. The Peoria Park District will post a link detailing the fundraising effort on the Park District website. The website will promote the dog park and provide information on how to donate. All donations will be tracked and reported online.**
- 4. The Peoria Park District agrees to receive the donations to be held in the PPD Foundation/Dog Park Fund, so the donations are tax deductible.**

**PLANNING COMMITTEE:**

With Planning Committee recommendation, **TRUSTEE RYAN MOVED TO BRING DISCUSSION TO THE FLOOR REGARDING THE PROPOSAL FROM THE DOG PARK COMMITTEE. Motion seconded by Trustee Johnson.**

Mary McDade of the Dog Park Committee introduced her fellow committee members and their proposal for a dog park (see attached proposal). McDade stated the Committee believes dog parks are for people. McDade elaborated on the perceived benefits of a fenced dog park. Of the approximately 26,000 registered dogs in Peoria, many belong to people living in apartments or other places that make it difficult for a dog to run freely.

Lengthy discussion followed with Trustees questioning how the committee would go about fund raising, rules for day-to-day operation, projected opening date versus DPC reaching fund raising goal, conceptual design of the park, available parking for users, lighting concerns, hours of operation, potential problems posed by aggressive dog breeds, liability considerations.

**TRUSTEE HANCOCK MOVED TO ACCEPT THE DPC PROPOSAL FOR A DOG PARK AT BRADLEY PARK, CONTINGENT UPON THE COMMITTEE SUCCESSFULLY RAISING \$30,000 TO CONSTRUCT THE PARK, WITH THE PARK DISTRICT CONTRIBUTING A MATCHING AMOUNT. Motion seconded by Trustee Ryan and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Allen, Hancock, Johnson, Petty, Ray and President Pro Tem Cummings voting "Aye", no "Nays".**

**(Result: 6 Ayes; -0 Nays)**

Staff reviewed proposed memorial to be constructed at Grand View Drive Park at the old tower site overlook area, in honor of Mr. Oscar DuBuis. Discussion followed with recommendation from Board to alter the proposed inscription.

Staff noted there is nothing to report at this time regarding status of the biking trail.

**RIVERFRONT PROGRAM  
& POLICY ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE:**

Staff presented minutes of the June 26, 2007 meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Request to Serve Alcohol at Camp Wokanda—Special Fall Event**

Superintendent Mantick presented staff recommendation for approval of request to sell beer and wine at the "Autumn in the Oak Woods" event at Camp Wokanda on Saturday, October 13, 2007, from 5:00-8:00 p.m.

**TRUSTEE RYAN MOVED APPROVAL FOR THE REQUEST. Motion seconded by Trustee Petty.**

Discussion followed regarding trustee concerns about alcohol being sold at family-focused events.

**MOTION FAILED on the following roll call vote: Trustees Allen, Hancock, Johnson and President Pro Tem Cummings voting "Nay", Trustees Petty and Ryan voting "Aye". (Result: 4 Nays; 2 Ayes)**

**NEW BUSINESS:**  
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**Use Agreement for North Moor Observatory**

On staff recommendation, TRUSTEE HANCOCK MOVED TO APPROVE THE MODIFIED USE AGREEMENT FOR THE NORTH MOOR OBSERVATORY. OWNERSHIP OF THE DOME IS TO BE TRANSFERRED TO THE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY IN ORDER TO FACILITATE A POTENTIAL GRANT FROM CATERPILLAR TRACTOR COMPANY. Motion seconded by Trustee Allen and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Allen, Hancock, Johnson, Petty, Ryan and President Pro Tem Cummings voting "Aye," no "Nays". (Result: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays)

**Use Agreement for Peoria Soccer Club**

On staff recommendation, TRUSTEE HANCOCK MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENT WITH THE PEORIA SOCCER CLUB. Motion seconded by Trustee Ryan and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Allen, Hancock, Johnson, Petty, Ryan and President Pro Tem Cummings voting "Aye", no "Nays". (Result: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays)

**CALENDAR OF CONSENT:**

Agenda item #14, QUOTE: Treadmills, was removed from the calendar for further consideration.

**BID: LINEN SERVICE AT RIVERPLEX**

On staff recommendation, TRUSTEE PETTY MOVED TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID MEETING SPECIFICATIONS OF \$42,361.80 FROM CINTAS UNIFORMS OF NORMAL, ILLINOIS. COST REPRESENTS THREE-YEAR AGREEMENT EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007. PRICE INCLUDES MATS AND TOWELS. Motion seconded by Trustee Allen and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Allen, Hancock, Johnson, Petty, Ryan and President Pro Tem Cummings voting "Aye", no "Nays". (Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays)

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL: LOGAN CENTER FAÇADE REPLACEMENT**

On staff recommendation, TRUSTEE PETTY MOVED TO ACCEPT THE LOW QUALIFIED PROPOSAL FROM BISHOP BROTHERS, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$24,500.00 FOR FAÇADE REPLACEMENT WITH NEW DOORS AT THE LOGAN RECREATION CENTER BUILDING. Motion seconded by Trustee Allen and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Allen, Hancock, Johnson, Petty, Ryan and President Pro Tem Cummings voting "Aye", no "Nays". (Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays)

**REQUEST FOR USE OF DETWEILLER PARK**

With staff recommendation, TRUSTEE PETTY MOVED APPROVAL FOR THE REQUEST FROM "RACE TO CURE DIABETES" TO USE THE CROSS COUNTRY RACE COURSE AT DETWEILLER PARK FOR A FUNDRAISER RACE ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2007, FROM 8:30 A.M. TO 11:30 A.M.. Motion seconded by Trustee Allen and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Allen, Hancock, Johnson, Petty, Ryan and President Pro Tem Cummings voting "Aye", no "Nays". (Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays)

**CALENDAR OF CONSENT:**  
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**REQUEST FOR USE OF BRADLEY PARK**

With staff recommendation, **TRUSTEE PETTY MOVED APPROVAL FOR THE REQUEST FROM BRADLEY UNIVERSITY'S KAPPA DELTA SORORITY TO HOST THEIR ANNUAL WHITE ROSE BOWL FLAG FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT AT BRADLEY PARK FOR A FUNDRAISER TO BENEFIT CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OF ILLINOIS, ON SUNDAY OCTOBER 14, 2007, FROM 8 A.M. TO 5 P.M.** Motion seconded by Trustee Allen and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Allen, Hancock, Johnson, Petty, Ryan and President Pro Tem Cummings voting "Aye", no "Nays". (Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays)

**AGENDA ITEM #14:**

**QUOTE: TREADMILL**

Staff explained how RiverPlex fitness equipment is rotated quarterly to balance use, in addition to the five year plan for replacement of equipment with moving parts. Trustee Johnson asked about mixing equipment manufacturers, and whether remaining 2007 budget funds would be adequate.

With staff recommendation, **TRUSTEE JOHNSON MOVED TO ACCEPT THE LOW QUOTE OF \$14,880.00 FROM ORTHO TECH OF COLLINSVILLE IL, FOR FOUR (4) TREADMILLS FOR USE AT THE RIVERPLEX.** Motion seconded by Trustee Hancock and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Allen, Hancock, Johnson, Petty, Ryan and President Pro Tem Cummings voting "Aye", no "Nays". (Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays)

**PENDING BUSINESS:**

None.

**CITIZEN REQUEST  
TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:**

President Pro Tem Cummings invited anyone wishing to address the Board to do so. There were no requests.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Communications were received as submitted.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Reminder: Rescheduled Park Board Meeting Date**

The Board was reminded the next meeting would be held one week from tonight, Wednesday, September 19, 2007. The meeting was rescheduled to accommodate National Park and Recreation Congress in Indianapolis IN.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:30 P.M., D.S.T., upon conclusion of agenda items, **TRUSTEE ALLEN MOVED TO ADJOURN.** Motion seconded by Trustee Petty and carried on unanimous voice vote: Trustees Allen, Hancock, Johnson, Petty, Ryan and President Pro Tem Cummings voting "Aye," no "Nays". (Result: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays)

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V. Joyce McLemore, Secretary of the Board

Attachments: Dog Park Proposal  
Amendments to Park Board Minutes of August 22, 2007

Secretary McLemore offers the following (underscored) text for minutes of August 22, 2007, pertaining to "Other Business: Training on Open Meetings Act Compliance, and Finance Committee Recommendation for Approval of RiverPlex Pool Dehumidification System Improvements:

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Trustee questions regarding closed session exceptions were answered by Ms. Mutchler:

-specifics regarding business exceptions under the Act

Ms. Mutchler indicated a majority of a quorum discussing public business covers email communication, as well as telephone conference calls. Public notice must be given when a majority of a quorum is involved.

-personnel discussions and privacy considerations

Ms. Mutchler explained personnel issue discussions are appropriate in closed session. Discussions regarding the censoring of a board member who has divulged closed session business is not permissible under the Open Meetings Act. However, other legal remedies could be pursued.

-roll call and/or unanimous voice vote for closed session discussions

Ms. Mutchler explained either a roll call or unanimous voice vote to convene into closed session is allowed.

-Board self-evaluations, state professional association membership

Ms. Mutchler spoke to section 2 c)(16) of the Open Meetings Act Exceptions. If trustees are members or officers of a statewide association, self evaluation, practices, procedures or professional ethics is allowable.

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Finance Committee

**RECOMMENDATION:**

On recommendation of the Finance Committee, **TRUSTEE ALLEN MOVED TO APPROVE REALLOCATING \$56,000 IN RIVERPLEX BUDGET FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF REPLACEMENT COILS FOR THE DECTRON UNIT. Motion seconded by Trustee Hancock.**

Superintendent Fredrickson presented background information on the mechanical component of the pool dehumidification system, noting lead time of 12-15 weeks to receive coils once they are ordered. Funds are available in the debt service/bond issue accounts. Trustee Petty questioned whether the contractor would still be responsible for replacement cost associated with coil purchase. Superintendent Fredrickson said that the contractor, manufacturer and architects worked with the Park District on the issue and now that it has been six (6) years, it is the responsibility of the Park District.

**Motion 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)**