

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 14, 2008 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, Katie Hogan, Chief Bob James, Dennis Mantick, Cyndy McKone, Shalessie Pie, Bill Roeder, Brent Wheeler, David Wheeler, Bill Woolard, Joe Atkinson, Ray Boyer, Carl Cannon, Mike Friberg, Mary Harden, Pat Magilson, V. Joyce McLemore and Lisa Ullenius.

OTHERS PRESENT: Mary Arnold, ELITE, 4819 W. Westbrook Drive; Vic Burnett, Corn Stock Theatre, 2621 W. Kansas; Melinda Cannon, ELITE; Sally Givens Cloyd, ELITE, 9172 Picture Ridge Rd.; Spanky Edwards, NAACP Youth & College Chapter, 1517 N. Linn; Diane Hahn, Mackinaw Valley Vineyard/Water Street Wines Café & Coffees, 33633 IL Rt. 9, Mackinaw; Tony Jenkins, ELITE, 1333 N. Independence Ct.; Darrin Johnson, Volleyball in Peoria, 107 Beverly Avenue; Bryce Jones, Spear Corporation, 7 S. Walnut St., Ranchdale, IN; Melissa and Jim Metternich, ELITE, 4008 N. Harvard Ave.; David Scott, Volleyball in Peoria, 2045 W. Geneva Rd.; Hugh Sizemore, ELITE, 527 E. Melbourne; Steve Shaffer, Northwoods Community Church, 3115 W. Forsythe Rd.; Yvette Whitehurst, Children's Hospital of Illinois, 530 NE Glen Oak Avenue.

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 CUMMINGS MOVED TO APPROVE MINUTES OF APRIL 23, 2008 REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARK BOARD TRUSTEES. Motion seconded by Trustee Johnson and carried on unanimous voice vote. (Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays)**

Hearing no objection, President Cassidy acknowledged citizens present wishing to address the Park Board and opened the floor to comment.

David Scott and Darrin Johnson of Volleyball in Peoria

David Scott spoke on behalf of the volleyball club, expressing the need for re-sanding volleyball courts at Eckwood Park. Scott spoke of the high use of the courts, with 200-300 players participating in leagues. Two years ago, the club donated time and materials to re-sand the courts but they need attention again.

TRUSTEE CUMMINGS MOVED THAT STAFF MEET WITH THIS GROUP AND REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD, TO START A PROCESS FOR A SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM, EITHER FINANCIAL HELP OR SOME OTHER SOLUTION. Motion seconded by Trustee Hancock and carried on unanimous voice vote. (Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays)

Superintendent Baietto indicated the volleyball courts in question are owned by the City, not the Park District. However, staff will follow up with David Scott and arrange a meeting to investigate the matter.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Peoria Park District is Gold Medal Finalist

Executive Director Noble reported the Peoria Park District was selected as a finalist in Class II (population 100,000-250,000). The Peoria Park District previously received the National Gold Medal Award in 1971, 1994 and 2001. Four finalists are selected in each class from a field of several hundred nominees. An extensive application process is involved detailing the district's operation, progress, community service and acceptance, continuing development and extent of future planning. Noble expressed her appreciation for Cyndy McKone and all other superintendents and staff who worked so long and hard to make this Gold Medal finalist selection possible.

Donation from Northwoods Community Church to E.L.I.T.E. Youth Program

Pastor Steve Schaffer presented a check in the amount of \$2,451 to the Park Board, to underwrite expenses of the district's Economic Leaders Integrating Trained Employable (ELITE) Youth program headed by Carl Cannon, Supervisor of Youth Outreach and Intervention. Pastor indicated the church is very excited about this program and is pleased to assist. This past school year, Northwoods Church partnered with the District to send a team of mentors comprised of diverse group of volunteers to work with students at Richwoods and Dunlap High Schools. Schaffer believes this program is making a difference in the community and believes the leadership and vision of the ELITE program to be outstanding. On behalf of the Board and Administration, President Cassidy accepted the donation and thanked Northwoods Church for their generosity and support.

Children's Hospital Donation

Children's Hospital of Illinois has donated \$10,000 to the Park District. These funds are provided by an Allstate Foundation grant and earmarked for upkeep and maintenance of the "Little Hands" Playground located at Columbia Park. Yvette Whitehurst of the Children's Hospital spoke of the hospital's appreciation for the partnership with the District and of future plans for securing funds.

One Imperative Award to Carl Cannon

The YWCA of Pekin Board of Directors has given a special award to Supervisor Carl Cannon. The award is given to an individual or organization demonstrating dedication to achieving the elimination of racism.

HISRA DIVISION:

Director Hogan presented minutes of the February 20 and March 19 HISRA Board meetings. Hogan presented an overview report of recent HISRA activities, distributed HISRA summer brochures and responded to question concerning participant numbers.

HUMAN RESOURCES:

Superintendent Pie overviewed several projects of the Volunteer Department:

National Volunteer Week

The week of April 27 through May 3, the Park District showed its appreciation for its volunteers by sending recognition packages to 900 plus volunteers who donated over two hours of service during the course of 2007. Each volunteer received a Certificate of Appreciation, Park District Volunteer lapel pin and the *-Volunteer Vine* newsletter.

HUMAN RESOURCES:
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Northwoods Community Church Youth Group Partners with the District

A partnership with STRIVE (Students Turning Responsibility Into Valuable Experience) comprised of 35 volunteers, most of them students, volunteered for four Park District projects:

- trail work at Robinson Park
- “Sit’n’-Play” fundraiser event for the Dog Park at Bradley Park
- Earth Day Celebration at Forest Park Nature Center
- Ecological Restoration Work at Springdale Cemetery
with Peoria Wilds

Pie reported the goal of the STRIVE project was to develop a deeper sense of community ownership in the youth group and raise scholarship money for summer camps. This volunteer project continues on May 17th.

**MARKETING & PUBLIC
RELATIONS DIVISION:**

Superintendent McKone updated the Board regarding broadcasting Park Board meetings. McKone noted a press conference for the dog park and a \$10,000 donation from Bissell Corporation is planned for Tuesday, May 20th at 1:30 p.m.

UPDATE: Broadcasting Park Board Meetings

After meeting on several occasions with Insight Communications/Comcast management, the consensus is to wait on filming meetings until the February 2009 conversion to HD broadcasting and our move to the IDOT building.

Trustee Petty noted an email inquiry from C.J. Summers and President Cassidy noted for information purposes he had responded to the inquiry noting the consensus reached.

POLICE DIVISION:

Chief James presented the April 2008 report.

**PLANNING/DESIGN
CONSTRUCTION DIVISION:**

Superintendent Fredrickson presented the April 2008 and first quarter report.

Spanish Cannon

Park Planner Mike Friberg narrated a detailed PowerPoint presentation addressing needed repairs for Park District Historic Resource Decorative Stone Fort in Glen Oak Park. The report began with history of Arapiles, the Spanish Cannon and progressed to present and immediate history of significant structural failure of the parapet and reasons for it. Engineering challenges and projected costs were identified. At the conclusion of the presentation, options discussed were:

Option #1

Remove parapet and relocate the cannon

Option #2

Develop new display area adjacent to lagoon

Option #3

Full restoration and rehabilitation

Director Noble stated estimated costs for repairs are large because staff really cannot determine what’s underneath the parapet wall unless the stone wall is removed. Having the stones removed would allow staff to get an engineering opinion on soil conditions and/or structural issues. Estimated cost associated with stone removal and storage by Park staff is \$40,000-\$60,000, which includes installation of bulk heads.

**PLANNING/DESIGN
CONSTRUCTION DIVISION:**
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Staff believes there is failure in the clay soil supporting the structure rather than failure within the stone structure itself.

Staff requested the Board give them direction regarding next steps. Cassidy stated it would seem once stones are removed, the true condition of the soil can be determined and we can see what engineering issues we are up against. President Cassidy stated the Board will initiate the public process and conduct a public hearing under the Historic Preservation Ordinance with the recommendation at this time to remove and store the stones to further evaluate options, and install bulk heads.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

BILLS

VICE PRESIDENT 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 8, 2008

GENERAL	1,989,400.56
RECREATION	175,549.61
AUDIT	15,500.00
LIABILITY	779.89
MUSEUM	12,791.67
POLICE	5,008.36
BONDED PROJECTS	158,180.24
BOND INTEREST	69.20
PAVING & LIGHTING	3,767.24
RIVERFRONT EVENTS	32,210.18
DETWEILLER MARINA	1,505.19
GOLF	59,415.15
HISRA	8,298.74
RIVERPLEX	60,379.69
TOTAL PAYABLES:	\$2,522,855.72

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455,821.25

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

Minutes of the April 23, 2008 Finance Committee meeting were presented.

**GOLF AD HOC
COMMITTEE:**

Trustee Petty presented minutes of the April 28 meeting. Trustee Petty noted upcoming 100th anniversary of Madison Golf Course. Trustee suggestions for a planned celebration would be welcomed.

PLANNING COMMITTEE:

Trustee Cummings presented minutes of the May 6 meeting. Chairman Cummings reported out on the sizeable donation received from Bissell Corporation for construction of a dog park. The Planning Committee recommends the Board move forward with the project. Director Noble reported the dog park committee has raised \$31,500 and the Park District match of up to \$30,000 will need to be funded. Superintendent Budzynski explained the match is available from General Fund; a loan could be made with repayment from the 2009 Bond Issue.

PLANNING COMMITTEE:
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RECOMMENDATION: PLANNING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN CUMMINGS MADE A MOTION THE BOARD MOVE FORWARD WITH IMPROVEMENTS NECESSARY FOR THE DOG PARK, WITH THE PARK DISTRICT MATCH TO COME FROM GENERAL FUND. Motion seconded by Trustee Hancock and carried on unanimous voice vote. (Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays)

NEW BUSINESS:

RiverPlex Youth Outreach Staff Recommendation for Partnership with “CeaseFire”
Supervisor of Youth Outreach and Intervention Carl Cannon presented a proposal for Board consideration. Cannon reported students from the ELITE Youth Program prompted the Youth Outreach and Intervention Division to address safe social venues for younger people. From this charge, the division created the ELITE-certified event status—ELITE-certified events are those where safety and appropriateness are paramount.

The Youth Outreach Division has been approached by Community Action Agency’s CeaseFire program and Regent Broadcasting to create a Summer Series of events. An event calendar and an agreement detailing the collaboration will be brought to the Board for approval. **TRUSTEE PETTY MOVED APPROVAL OF STAFF RECOMMENDATION FOR PARTNERSHIP WITH “CEASEFIRE”. Motion seconded by Trustee Johnson and carried on unanimous voice vote. (Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays)**

Request from Corn Stock Theatre for Permission to Serve Alcohol

Superintendent Baietto presented a request from Corn Stock Theatre to allow Water Street Wines, Café & Coffee to serve alcohol on five opening weekends (both Friday and Saturday) throughout the 2008 season at the Corn Stock Theatre Concessions located in upper Bradley Park. Specialty coffees and desserts, one-ounce samples of wine will be offered free of charge to CST patrons.

Vic Burnett and Diane Hahn, owner of Water Street Café & Coffee spoke to the Board, stating the Café can provide current and proper liability coverage including State of Illinois license, and Dram Shop License. Hahn expressed her appreciation for this opportunity and hopes her business on the corner of Water and State Streets will benefit from increased exposure as a result of these events. She indicated Mackinaw Valley Winery (an affiliate of Water Street Café) would be an ideal venue for ELITE participants. Cassidy suggested HISRA program participants would also benefit. **VICE PRESIDENT ALLEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE REQUEST. Motion seconded by Trustee Ryan.** Discussion followed. Trustee Allen inquired what the benefit to Corn Stock would be if this request is approved. Vic Burnett indicated the concessions operation at the tent is based upon donation and with Water Street Café donating all product, monies collected would go directly to Corn Stock. Trustees Cummings and Johnson stated they would support this request but voiced concern regarding the number of requests involving alcohol.

MOTION CARRIED ON UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE. (Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays)

CALENDAR OF CONSENT:

Agenda Item #13 was removed from the calendar for further consideration.

AGREEMENT WITH PEORIA COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT FOR SEALCOATING

With staff recommendation, **TRUSTEE RYAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE STATEMENT OF AGREEMENT IN THE TOTAL ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$78,313.61. Motion seconded by Trustee Johnson and carried on unanimous voice vote. (Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays)**

CALENDAR OF CONSENT:
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BID: 2008 BUS SERVICE

With staff recommendation, TRUSTEE RYAN MOVED TO ACCEPT THE SOLE BID RECEIVED FROM LAIDLAW EDUCATION SERVICES OF BARTONVILLE, ILLINOIS, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$18,375. Motion seconded by Trustee Johnson and carried on unanimous voice vote. (Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays)

BID: ROADWAY REHABILITATION-LAURA BRADLEY PARK

With staff recommendation, TRUSTEE RYAN MOVED TO ACCEPT THE LOW QUALIFIED BASE BID AND ADD ALTERNATES #1 AND #2 RECEIVED FROM STARK EXCAVATING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$80,282.90 FOR ROADWAY REHABILITATION IN LAURA BRADLEY PARK. Motion seconded by Trustee Johnson and carried on unanimous voice vote. (Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays)

BID: LINTEL REPLACEMENT AND REPOINTING AT PROCTOR CENTER

With staff recommendation, TRUSTEE RYAN MOVED TO ACCEPT THE LOW QUALIFIED BASE BID AND ADD ALTERNATES #1, #2 AND #3 RECEIVED FROM KEMNA RESTORATION AND CONSTRUCTION, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$18,6375. Motion seconded by Trustee Johnson and carried on unanimous voice vote. (Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays)

QUOTE: HOT ASPHALT MIX

With staff recommendation, TRUSTEE RYAN MOVED TO ACCEPT THE SOLE QUOTE OF \$19,760 FROM R.A. CULLINAN & SON OF TREMONT, IL FOR HOT ASPHALT MIX FOR USE ON ROADWAY REPAIRS THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT. Motion seconded by Trustee Ryan and carried on unanimous voice vote. (Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays)

QUOTE: DUMP BODY & HOIST

With staff recommendation, TRUSTEE RYAN MOVED TO ACCEPT THE LOW QUOTE OF \$12,418 FROM MORTON BODY AND EQUIPMENT OF MORTON, ILLINOIS. Motion seconded by Trustee Ryan and carried on unanimous voice vote. (Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays)

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL: ULTRA VIOLET POOL SANITIZER INSTALLATION

With staff recommendation, TRUSTEE RYAN MOVED TO ACCEPT THE LOW QUALIFIED PROPOSAL RECEIVED FROM B&E AQUATICS, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$77,500 FOR THE INSTALLATION OF THREE (3) ULTRA VIOLET POOL SANITIZER SYSTEMS AT THE RIVERPLEX RECREATION & WELLNESS CENTER. THESE SYSTEMS WILL BE INSTALLED ON THE LEISURE POOL, LAP POOL, AND THERAPY POOL. Motion seconded by Trustee Johnson and carried on unanimous voice vote. (Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays)

WORKING CASH RESOLUTION NO. 185-08 POLICE

With staff recommendation, TRUSTEE RYAN MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 185-08, ALLOWING TRANSFER FROM THE DISTRICT'S WORKING CASH FUND AS FOLLOWS:

FROM WORKING CASH FUND:	\$200,000
TO PARK POLICE FUND:	\$200,000

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

CALENDAR OF CONSENT:
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WORKING CASH RESOLUTION NO. 186-08 MUSEUM FUND

With staff recommendation, **TRUSTEE RYAN MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 186-08, ALLOWING TRANSFER FROM THE DISTRICT'S WORKING CASH FUND AS FOLLOWS:**

FROM: WORKING CASH FUND:	\$300,000
TO: MUSEUM FUND	\$300,000

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

REQUEST FOR USE OF PEORIA STADIUM FIELDS #1 AND #2 FOR FUNDRAISER

With staff recommendation, **TRUSTEE RYAN MOVED TO APPROVE A REQUEST FROM PEORIA AREA ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS (PAAR) TO USE PEORIA STADIUM FIELDS #1 AND #2 FOR A ONE (1) DAY CHARITY SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT, ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 23, 2008, FROM 8 A.M. TO 6 P.M.. Motion seconded by Trustee Johnson and carried on unanimous voice vote. (Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays)**

REQUEST FOR USE OF FRANCISCAN RECREATION COMPLEX FOR FUNDRAISER

With staff recommendation, **TRUSTEE RYAN MOVED TO APPROVE A REQUEST FROM A GROUP REQUESTING TO HOLD "3RD MEECHIE'S CELEBRATION DAY SCHOLARSHIP BENEFIT" AT FRANCISCAN ON SATURDAY, JULY 12, 2008, FROM 10 A.M. TO 2 P.M. PROCEEDS OF THE BENEFIT GO TOWARD SCHOLARSHIPS FOR ONE TRACK STUDENT AT PEORIA CENTRAL HIGH, AND ONE COLLEGE STUDENT BATTLING CANCER. Motion seconded by Trustee Johnson and carried on unanimous voice vote. (Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays)**

AGENDA ITEM #13

BID: TENT RENTALS

With staff recommendation, **TRUSTEE PETTY MOVED TO ACCEPT ALL BIDS FROM AMERICAN RENTAL CENTER OF PEORIA HEIGHTS, ILLINOIS, FOR GUARANTEED RENTAL PRICES FOR THREE YEARS FOR VARIOUS EVENTS COORDINATED BY THE RIVERFRONT DIVISION. TENTS WILL BE ORDERED ON AN AS-NEEDED BASIS.**

Motion seconded by Trustee Johnson. Trustee Petty questioned the reason behind excluding bid of one vendor. Purchasing Agent Pat Magilson reported the bid package was rejected because vendor didn't provide sex discrimination policy. Motion carried on unanimous voice vote. (Results: 7Ayes; 0 Nays)

PENDING BUSINESS:

None.

**CITIZEN REQUEST
TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:**

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

Spanky Edwards, NAACP Youth & College Chapter, 1517 N. Linn

Spanky requested use of Glen Oak Amphitheatre to conduct a march and family-oriented events the last Friday, Saturday and Sunday of June 2008. Executive Director Noble asked that this request be put in writing so that dates can be verified and determine availability of the Amphitheatre. The Park District will work with Spanky on this request and Spanky will contact Parks Supervisor Ray Boyer to coordinate event requests. Trustee Petty noted she participated in the march held last year and it was a good event.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Communications were received as submitted.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Trustee Johnson said he's happy to hear there were several graduates of the GED program at Proctor Recreation Center. Superintendent Mantick reported the May 7th Recreation Advisory Committee minutes will include an update given by member Hedy Gardner on the Proctor GED program.

President Cassidy complimented Planner Mike Friberg on a very good presentation, as well as the presentations by Youth Outreach Supervisor Carl Cannon, Vic Burnett of Corn Stock, and citizen comment by Spanky Edwards. This meeting has been a very good one and everyone keep up the good work.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:20 p.m., there being no further agenda business **TRUSTEE CUMMINGS MOVED TO ADJOURN. Motion seconded by Trustee Petty and carried on unanimous voice vote: (Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays)**

V. Joyce McLemore
Secretary, Board of Trustees