

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 28, 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 Cummings, Hancock, Johnson, Petty, Vice President Allen and President Cassidy.

TRUSTEES ABSENT: Trustee Ryan.

STAFF PRESENT: Bonnie Noble, Attorney Jim Kinsky, Mike Baietto, Rebecca Fredrickson, Chief Bob James, Dennis Mantick, Cyndy McKone, Shalesse Pie, Bill Roeder, Brent Wheeler, David Wheeler, Bill Woolard, Joe Atkinson, Ray Boyer, Mike Friberg, Mary Harden, Pat Magilson, V. Joyce McLemore and Lisa Ullenius.

OTHERS PRESENT: Cheryl Budzinski, Peoria Dog Park Committee; Jim Combs, East Bluff Serenity Neighborhood Association, 212 E. Arcadia; Tim Herold, Detweiller Marina Neighborhood, 1525 N.E. Madison; Elaine Hopkins, 1825 Maple Ridge; Leslie Kenyon, C.I.L.F., 206 N.E. Madison; Maleita King, 111 E. Arcadia; Susan Parr, 1401 W. Barker; Martin Palmer, EBUNA, 1706 N. California, Sara Partridge, 2207 N. Atlantic, Donald Raeuber, 1317 E. Frye; Marjorie Schwebel, C.I.L.F., 438 W. High; . Nancy Shadid, East Bluff Serenity Neighborhood Association, 114 E. Arcadia; Rose Sullivan, (address unknown) and Oneita Volz, League of Women Voters.

PRESS PRESENT: Joe Crawford, *Journal Star*

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

MINUTES: Secretary McLemore noted two corrections for page 6, of the May 14, 2008 minutes: **BID: Lintel Replacement, figure should read \$16,545, and QUOTE: Hot Asphalt should read \$19,764. Trustee Petty also noted a correction under trustees present, should read Vice President Allen. TRUSTEE PETTY MOVED TO APPROVE MINUTES AS CORRECTED FOR MAY 14, 2008 REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARK BOARD TRUSTEES. Motion seconded by Trustee Johnson and carried on unanimous voice vote. (Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays)**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Donation to Dog Park

The report highlighted BISSELL Homecare, Inc.'s Most Valuable Pet (MVP) Contest and the resulting donation of \$10,000 from winners of the contest: Kim Sanders and Chris Pula, owners of Brewster, a Bernese mountain dog are residents of Anchorage, Alaska. They were in Peoria, their hometown, for a formal presentation of the donation on May 20th at the location of the future dog park. This generous donation will make it possible to begin the design and construction process for the new dog park to be located in Lower Bradley Park. Noble thanked BISSELL, Kim Sander, Chris Pula and Brewster for their generosity.

Director Noble invited Cheryl Budzinski, Co-Chair of the Dog Park Committee to comment. Mrs. Budzinski reported Kim and Chris had attended a dog park fundraiser event at Bradley Park in April, where they learned of the plan for the park. As a result, they chose the Peoria Park District to receive their BISSELL prize and donated the

\$10,000 for the park's construction. The donation brought the fundraising amount past \$32,000, and the committee continues fundraising.

GOLF DIVISION:

Superintendent Woolard highlighted the May 2008 Division Report. Woolard noted the winner of the Men's Open was John Meyer. Also noted was the District's Hook-A-Kid-On-Golf Program and Park District's team will be participating in the Illinois Kid's Golf Foundation Springer Cup event at Wheaton in July.

Trustee Cummings inquired how staff tracks national golf trends and Woolard reported he receives weekly/monthly emails from the National Golf Foundation. Discussion followed on the gasoline price situation and capturing the local golfing market, as well as getting the word out. Woolard reported the marketing philosophy includes Journal Star "banner ads" in Wednesday editions, and running TV spot ads.

MARKETING DIVISION:

Superintendent McKone presented the division report.

"Crash Course in Nature"

Marketing developed a promotional brochure for the Environmental & Interpretive Division. Featuring the Peoria Zoo's rhinoceros mascot, the goal is to promote family-centered visits to environmental facilities this summer. Prizes will be awarded, including a special pizza party at the New Zoo. A suggestion was made to deliver the booklets to home schooled students, as well as public schools, grades kindergarten through 8th grade.

PARKS DIVISION:

Superintendent Baietto presented April Work Order report.

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 Friday, May 22, 2008

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| GENERAL | 190,025.21 |
| RECREATION | 123,012.53 |
| LIABILITY | 750.62 |
| MUSEUM | 7,447.70 |
| POLICE | 2,487.08 |
| BONDED PROJECTS | 117,226.86 |
| PAVING & LIGHTING | 206.96 |
| RIVERFRONT EVENTS | 5,226.67 |
| DETWEILLER MARINA | 3,992.82 |
| GOLF | 44,431.81 |
| HISRA | 2,160.10 |
| RIVERPLEX | 48,818.41 |
| TOTAL PAYABLES: | 545,786.77 |

PAYROLL #10 5/16/2008 \$472,372.37

Motion seconded by Trustee Hancock and carried on unanimous voice vote.

Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays)

Chairman Allen presented minutes of the May 14 Finance Committee meeting.

RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Chairman Petty presented minutes of the May 7th committee meeting.

RIVERFRONT PROGRAM AND POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Trustee Johnson presented minutes of the April 29th committee meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Agenda Item #8-Decorative Stone Fort and Spanish Cannon Glen Oak Park, was deferred until after the 6:15 P.M. Public Hearing.

CALENDAR OF CONSENT:

BID: TREE SPADE

With staff recommendation, **TRUSTEE JOHNSON MOVED TO ACCEPT THE SOLE BID RECEIVED OF \$48,448.00 FROM PRICHARDS NURSERY EQUIPMENT OF HARRISON, TENNESSEE FOR ONE TRUCK-MOUNTED TREE SPADE. Motion seconded by Trustee Petty and carried on unanimous voice vote. (Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays)**

QUOTE: ROLLER & PAVER (USED)

With staff recommendation, **TRUSTEE JOHNSON MOVED TO ACCEPT THE QUOTE OF \$47,155.00 FROM ROLAND MACHINERY COMPANY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS FOR ONE USED ROLLER AND ONE USED PAVER. Motion seconded by Trustee Petty and carried on unanimous voice vote. (Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays)**

REQUEST FOR USE OF RIVERPLEX ARENA FOR PAID ADMISSION EVENT

With staff recommendation, **TRUSTEE JOHNSON MOVED TO APPROVE A REQUEST FROM UNITED STATES KARATE-DO KAI, TO CONDUCT ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP ON SUNDAY, JUNE 15, 2008, FROM 9:00 A.M. UNTIL 4:00 P.M. THE UNITED STATES KARATE-DO KAI WILL PAY THE STANDARD FEE PER HOUR FOR THE ARENA. Motion seconded by Trustee Petty and carried on unanimous voice vote. (Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays)**

REQUEST FOR USE OF JOHN GWYNN, JR. PARK

With staff recommendation, **TRUSTEE JOHNSON MOVED TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER ASSOCIATION, INC., FOR USE OF JOHN GWYNN PARK ON SATURDAY, JUNE 7 AND SUNDAY, JUNE 8, FROM 8:00 A.M. UNTIL 8:00 P.M., FOR AN OUTDOOR CARNIVAL AS A FUNDRAISER. Motion seconded by Trustee Petty and carried on unanimous voice vote. (Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays)**

REQUEST FOR USE OF GRAND VIEW DRIVE, LOWER SHELTER FOR RELIGIOUS SERVICE

With staff recommendation, **TRUSTEE JOHNSON MOVED TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM JOURNEY OF FAITH BIBLE CHURCH, TO HOLD SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE ON FATHER'S DAY, SUNDAY, JUNE 15, 2008, AT 10:00 A.M., AT GRAND VIEW DRIVE LOWER SHELTER. Motion seconded by Trustee Petty and carried on unanimous voice vote. (Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays)**

COMMUNICATIONS:

Hearing no objection, President Cassidy moved on to agenda item "Communications". Communications were received as submitted.

AT 6:14 P.M., THE BOARD TOOK A ONE MINUTE RECESS UNTIL CONVENING PUBLIC HEARING.

**CONVENE PUBLIC
HEARING RE:
PROPOSED CHANGE
TO A HISTORIC RESOURCE
DECORATIVE
STONE FORT
(CANNON WALL)**

At 6:15 p.m., President Cassidy called for a motion to recess the regular meeting and convene into public hearing for the purpose of receiving written and/or verbal comment regarding proposed change to a historic resource.

TRUSTEE JOHNSON MOVED TO CONVENE THE PUBLIC HEARING. Motion seconded by Trustee Hancock.

Park Planner Mike Friberg narrated a detailed PowerPoint presentation addressing history of Decorative Stone Fort in Glen Oak Park. The report included timeline of the wall collapse event, and subsequent proposals for restoration/repair. At the May 14th Park Board, staff offered options and the Board of Trustees requested staff come back with a recommendation.

Staff is recommending 1) Park District crews commence work on the decorative stone fort cannon display area, removing and crating cannon, and placing in secure storage. 2) Document parapet wall via photo and drawings (by Park District staff). 3) Salvage stone and store (Park District crews). 4) Proceed with bid letting on lagoon bulkhead wall. 5) Report back to Board regarding updated costs and options for new display area for cannon.

President Cassidy invited public comment, requesting speakers limit their comments to 5 minutes, and focus on staff's recommendation for a course of action commencing work on the decorative stone fort cannon display area, with a report back to the Board on updated costs. At that time, the Park Board would host another public hearing.

Jim Combs, East Bluff Serenity Neighborhood Association

Mr. Combs' remarks centered on neighbors' feeling that Glen Oak Park is their own and it's an emotional issue. Neighbors want things in the park to remain the way they are, in a very good state. Combs feels the cannon memorial should be treated with respect and dignity, and trustees as stewards of the land should take this chance to redo and update the cannon parapet. However, he is concerned with any relocation of the cannon. He doesn't want to see the cannon removed from the park. Glen Oak is unique in that it has features no other city park contains. He congratulates the Board on how the Glen Oak Park grounds look.

Sara Partridge, 2207 N. Atlantic

Mrs. Partridge prefaced her remarks by giving trustees copies of reference materials on history of Glen Oak Park, speaking at length on the importance of the park to the community. Further remarks centered on idea that trustees need to make sure what they want is what the people want and what the people want to pay for. She stated her personal opinion that she has no problem with spending money on restoring the cannon display.

Les Kenyon, C.I.L.F. Board, 206 N.E. Madison

Mr. Kenyon prefaced his remarks by congratulating the Park Board and Administration on adopting Park District Historic Preservation Ordinance and Historic Resource Register. The Central Illinois Landmark Foundation is very pleased with what the Park District is doing. Kenyon's concern centers on the cannon parapet/wall and he recommends the Board consult a structural engineer to take soil samples to determine whether the base of the lagoon is sand or clay. Kenyon believes staff is approaching the project of restoring this piece of antiquity with a thorough plan. Kenyon restated his concern for the historic cannon and believes it should be cared for. He endorsed the remarks made by Sara Partridge and Jim Combs.

President Cassidy thanked Mr. Kenyon for all he has accomplished for restoration for the City of Peoria over the years.

Marjorie Schwebel, C.I.L.F. Board

Mrs. Schwebel stated she is all for preservation and believes Glen Oak Park should be left original. Mrs. Schwebel has the opinion much has been changed in the park and she doesn't want to see any more taken from what was here. She urged the Board to spend the money and restore the cannon parapet.

Maleita King, 111 E. Arcadia

Mrs. King stated she doesn't want to have the stones of the lagoon wall moved. She wants to see them restored, not removed and possibly lost. She wants the cannon kept in the same place facing the lagoon. King stated her belief the cannon is historic and she wants to see it put back the way it was and doesn't see any problem spending tax payer dollars for the restoration.

Martin Palmer, EBUNA, 1706 N. California

Mr. Palmer encouraged the Board to consult with a structural engineer as it would be worth the effort and funds to investigate what precipitated the wall buckling. Perhaps the tear-down could be avoided. The structure has stood for 100 years, and he believes it to be prudent to investigate the problem before tearing-down the wall, perhaps there's a possible fix.

Tim Herold, Detweiller Marina Neighborhood, 1525 N.E. Madison

Mr. Herold stated he wants to see this cannon parapet rebuilt.

Don Raeuber, 1317 E. Frye

Mr. Raeuber stated he has been a long-time neighbor of the park and believes a professional should be consulted, to hopefully salvage what is there. He wants to see the wall remain and be maintained.

President Cassidy thanked everyone for their time and comments.

ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING:

At 7:00 p.m. hearing no further requests for comment, **TRUSTEE HANCOCK MOVED TO ADJOURN THE PUBLIC HEARING AND RECONVENE THE REGULAR MEETING. Motion seconded by Trustee Petty and carried on unanimous voice. (Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays)**

NEW BUSINESS: AGENDA ITEM #8

Recommendation to Remove and Store Decorative Stone Fort

President Cassidy asked staff's opinion regarding hiring a structural engineer opinion on the project. Planner Friberg agreed the District could spend the money and do soil borings but they are very expensive. Further there's a lot riding on the engineer's opinion unless the engineer can determine exactly what's going on at the base of the lagoon wall.

President Cassidy stated the Board and staff would benefit from deferring action until the next meeting, taking time to think this through. Cassidy believes the structural engineer suggestion merits review.

TRUSTEE CUMMINGS MOVED TO DEFER ACTION UNTIL THE JUNE 11, 2008 MEETING AND REQUESTED STAFF TO REPORT ON THE DECISION TO GET A PROPOSAL FROM A STRUCTURAL ENGINEER, AND WHAT THE COST/SCOPE OF SERVICES MIGHT BE WITH A STAFF RECOMMENDATION. Motion seconded by Trustee Petty and carried on unanimous voice vote. (Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays)

Cummings believes staff's diagnosis correct, that the soil subbase failure is the cause for the wall to pitch outward.

Trustee Hancock stated support for the motion but he believes staff's professional opinion to be correct.

Vice President Allen reiterated that staff recommendation for removing the cannon doesn't mean moving the cannon out of the park. That is not even a consideration. As far as he's concerned the cannon is going to stay in Glen Oak Park. The task now is to find out how to stabilize and correct the problem.

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

Mrs. Partridge circulated additional pictures, as well as a map of the Galena Trail and spoke of the importance of the trail to Illinois history.

Martin Palmer, 1706 N. California

Mr. Palmer recommended contacting Bradley University, Structural Engineering Department. Palmer thinks it prudent of the Park Board to investigate structural engineering services before tearing down the structure.

Les Kenyon, C.I.L.F.

On behalf of C.I.L.F., Mr. Kenyon offered to pay a percentage of the initial fee for structural engineering services for the cannon wall.

President Cassidy thanked Mr. Kenyon for the support.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Trustee Hancock referred to a previously approved request for a Fogelberg Music Festival to be held at the Amphitheatre, and the Board's request of the promoters to follow through with nearby neighborhood associations. President Cassidy noted he had spoken with Councilman Manning who was very supportive of the festival and Manning would touch base with East Bluff neighbors.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:18 p.m., there being no further agenda business **TRUSTEE PETTY MOVED TO ADJOURN. Motion seconded by Trustee Hancock and carried on unanimous voice vote: (Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays)**

V. Joyce McLemore
Secretary, Board of Trustees