

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE RESCHEDULED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE PLEASURE DRIVEWAY AND PARK DISTRICT OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS, HELD AT 6:00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2006 AT THE PEORIA PARK DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION OFFICE, 2218 N. PROSPECT ROAD, PEORIA, ILLINOIS.**

**President Timothy J. Cassidy presided and called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**TRUSTEES ABSENT:** None.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Director Noble, Attorney Jim Konsky, Mike Baietto, Ray Boyer, Jan Budzynski, Becky Fredrickson, Dennis Mantick, Cyndy McKone, Shalessie Pie, Brent Wheeler, Dave Wheeler, Bill Woolard, Joe Atkinson, Pat Magilson, John Gostele, Assistant Chief Shields and Sherry Mitchell.

**PRESS PRESENT:** Tanya Koonce, WCBU; Shawn Newell, WMBD-Radio; Warren Brinegar, WEEK-TV; Lisa Miller, WMBD-TV; Ann Schwartz, WHOI-TV; Claire Jellick, *Journal Star*.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Steve Katlack, 709 E. Frye; Paul Wilkinson, Neighborhood Alliance, 2220 N. Sheridan; Karrie Alms, 1005 N.E. Perry; Karen Peterson, Assistant Principal, Glen Oak School; Bob Manning, City of Peoria; Rhonda Wise, 1438 E. London; Gene Petty, NAACP, 3802 N. Molleck Drive; Lisa Slane, Glen Oak-Flanagan Historic District, 1515 N.E. Glen Oak; Mimi McDonald, 3411 W. Kiva Ct; Beth Akeson, HOPC, 4207 Grandview; Savino Sierra, 1708 S. Stanley; Martin Palmer, EBUNA, 1706 N. California; Alicia Butler, School District #150 Board, 1800 W. Barker; Sara Partridge, EBUNA, 2207 N. Atlantic; Maleita King, EBUNA, 1110 E. Arcadia; Eric Thomas, School District #150, 428 S. Barnewolt; Ernestine Jackson, NAACP, 1123 W. Teton; Oneta Volz, League of Women Voters; Mike and Kathy Levine, 2315 N. Prospect Road; Sue Satterfield, Box 18 – 333 N. Galena, Brimfield; Ruth Bowden, 4413 N. Independence; Governor Foreman; Julie Drake and Peter Eisenhut, Jewel Technologies.

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

**MINUTES:** There being no corrections or additions, **VICE PRESIDENT JOHNSON MOVED TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 13, 2006 REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARK BOARD TRUSTEES.** Motion seconded by Trustee Petty and carried on unanimous voice vote. (Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays)

**EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES DISPOSITION:** **TRUSTEE BUDZINSKI MOVED TO APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DISPOSITION OF THE MINUTES OF CLOSED (EXECUTIVE SESSION) MEETINGS.** Motion seconded by Trustee Petty and carried on unanimous voice vote. (Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays)

**COMMUNITY SCHOOL PROJECT:**

President Cassidy acknowledged the presence of several people in attendance to address the Board regarding Item # 12 – Community School Project. Cassidy stated that he would move it up on the agenda, but the Board would adjourn into a public hearing at 6:15 pm.

**TRUSTEE ALLEN MOVED TO REJECT THE PROPOSAL BY PEORIA SCHOOL DISTRICT #150 TO USE A PORTION OF GLEN OAK PARK TO CONSTRUCT A BIRTH THROUGH 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE SCHOOL.** Motion seconded by Trustee Cummings.

President Cassidy opened the floor for public comment:

**BOB MANNING, 3<sup>RD</sup> DISTRICT COUNCILMAN**

Mr. Manning stated that the school should be centrally located, and children should not have to cross a busy road such as Prospect. He stated that he had had meetings with leaders who are overwhelmingly in favor of building the new school at the original site. He stated that he will work to get a community school on the East bluff. He thinks it would be cheaper to renovate Glen Oak School than to build a new school and that it will have an impact if the school is abandoned. He also stated that he believes there would be more bus routes, thus higher fuel expense.

**TRUSTEE ALLEN**

Trustee Allen stated that he believes the school district needs to use a portion of the park to satisfy the land requirements to build a new school. He stated that Trustees are elected to protect park district assets – not give up park land. He does not want to give up any park land.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

At 6:22 pm President Cassidy announced a public hearing to be held to receive public comments on the proposal to sell \$3,850,000 General Obligation Park Bonds and \$1,150,000 Tax Anticipation Warrants.

**TRUSTEE ALLEN MOVED TO RECESS THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND CONVENE THE PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING THE PARK DISTRICT'S INTENT TO SELL \$3,850,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION PARK BONDS AND \$1,150,000 TAX ANTICIPATION WARRANTS.**

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

(Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays)

There were no comments or letters received.

On conclusion of the public hearing, **TRUSTEE PETTY MOVED TO ADJOURN THE PUBLIC HEARING.** Motion seconded by Trustee Allen and carried on unanimous voice vote.

(Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays)

(Secretary's Note: refer to attached minutes regarding the conduct of this Public Hearing.)

**Continuation:  
COMMUNITY SCHOOL  
PROJECT:**

**MIKE LEVINE, 2315 PROSPECT**

Mr. Levine stated that he is a resident of the East bluff and is in support of building the new school in the park.

**TRUSTEE PETTY**

Trustee Petty thanked Mr. Levine for his comments. She stated that the Park Board had agreed to a non-binding agreement with the school district. She also stated that the park district would be able to use space for programs in the new school.

**TRUSTEE CUMMINGS**

Trustee Cummings stated that the school district had not given the park district a site plan of the proposed school.

**KARRIE ALMS**

Ms. Alms disseminated handouts to the Board and reviewed dates and actions taken since March 2006 regarding the proposed school site. She is against using any park land for the new school.

**STEVE KATLACK, 709 E. FRYE**

Mr. Katlack stated that Glen Oak School should be revitalized and that the public may shy away from using the park if a new school was built in the park. He believes teachers are afraid to speak up for fear of not getting any new school.

**MIMI MCDONALD, 3411 W. KIVA CT.**

Ms. McDonald stated that in her opinion at the recent Peoria School Board meeting, School Board members were arrogant and alienated the City Council. She is against building the new school in the park.

**PAUL WILKINSON, NEIGHBORHOOD ALLIANCE**

Mr. Wilkinson stated that park land is sacred and that it cannot be recovered once it is given away. He thanked the Board for listening.

**SARA PARTRIDGE, 2207 N. ATLANTIC**

Ms. Partridge spoke of the history of Glen Oak Park and surrounding area. She reminded the Board not to forget their mission statement. She thanked Trustee Ryan for helping with the monument and flag on Prospect across from the park.

**GOVERNOR FOREMAN**

Mr. Foreman applauded the School District for trying to do something different to help the children. He stated that all the involved entities needed to work together.

**BETH AKESON, 4207 GRANDVIEW**

Ms. Akesson referenced studies that had been conducted on a national level. She stated that the East bluff needed to be rejuvenated. She also stated that the park district could hold classes at the current school. She cited three different schools located near other environmental entitles (i.e., zoos), but all were on the high school level.

**SAVINO SIERRA, 1708 S. STANLEY**

Mr. Sierra stated he has 8 grandchildren attending School District #150. If a new school is built in the park, it will ruin the park. Schools can be revitalized. He hopes the park district will reject building a school in the park. The park belongs to everyone. The park is used for recreation.

**MARTIN PALMER, 1706 N. CALIFORNIA**

Mr. Palmer spoke out against building the new school in the park. He stated that if the school needed to be expanded, it would take up even more park land. He asked that the Board consider all the issues.

**ERNESTINE JACKSON**

Ms. Jackson stated that she was undecided until tonight. She was very concerned about student achievement. She applauded the School District for thinking outside the box and trying to do something different. She believes the best place for the new school is in the park. She asked the Board to think outside the box and be concerned with the children.

**MELITTA KING, 1110 E. ARCADIA**

She believes the children would get another perspective on what they can achieve if a new school was built on the current site. She stated that people love the park and asked that the Board not allow this proposal to go through.

**LISA SLAIN, 1515 N.E. GLEN OAK**

Ms. Slain stated that the East Bluff deserved both a new school with an expanded footprint and to keep the park as it is.

**SUE SATTERFIELD, BRIMFIELD**

Ms. Satterfield stated that the park is for all ages and people. Please save the park for everyone.

**TRUSTEE JOHNSON**

Trustee Johnson stated the he had received a phone call from a person who demanded that the new school not be built in the park. The person stated, "... didn't want snotty nose kids (expletive) in our park ...".

Johnson stated that the Park District has earned respect throughout the country. He also stated that the Park District is land rich and facility poor. He spoke of the crime in Peoria and of both parents working. He is in support of working with School District #150.

**TRUSTEE BUDZINSKI**

Trustee Budzinski stated that the park is a historical treasure with much open space. He believes Glen Oak School should be renovated and is against building a new school in the park. (See attached remarks)

**TRUSTEE RYAN**

Trustee Ryan spoke in support of the School District building a new school on the land they purchased adjacent to the park.

**TRUSTEE PETTY**

Trustee Petty spoke in support of the School District and putting the children first.

**TRUSTEE ALLEN**

Trustee Allen stated that the Park District may be land rich, but needs to keep the land in the center of the city.

**TRUSTEE CUMMINGS**

Trustee Cummings spoke of the opposition to the new school being built in the park and of the School District not providing a site plan.

**PRESIDENT CASSIDY**

President Cassidy stated that this is by far the most difficult decision he has had to make in his 19 years on the Board. He stated that Ken Hinton is a first class guy. As Superintendent of School District #150, Ken is looking at school achievement and looking out for the children. Ken is doing what he believes is best for the situation. Building the new community school in the park would be great for the School District.

Cassidy stated that the Board is the steward of park lands and facilities. The new school would be an opportunity to have a new recreation facility.

Cassidy stated that he usually makes a decision and sticks to it. The one thing that was left out was community input. Since March many people have expressed concern. People feel Glen Oak Park is special and needs to be protected. Cassidy stated that this was a reminder that as a Park Board official, his mission is to protect the parks.

Secretary Pro Tem Mitchell re-read the motion: **TRUSTEE ALLEN MOVED TO REJECT THE PROPOSAL BY PEORIA SCHOOL DISTRICT #150 TO USE A PORTION OF GLEN OAK PARK TO CONSTRUCT A BIRTH THROUGH 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE SCHOOL.** Motion seconded by Trustee Cummings. Trustees Allen, Budzinski, Cummings and President Cassidy voting "Aye"; Trustees Petty, Ryan and Vice-President Johnson voting "Nay".  
(Results: 4 "Ayes"; 3 "Nays")

(President Cassidy called for a 10 minutes recess.)

**CITIZEN REQUEST TO ADDRESS BOARD:**

President Cassidy recognized Ernestine Jackson, NAACP, who stated that a former Peoria Park District employee had filed a complaint of discrimination. Ms. Jackson said that she had sent two letters to the Director of the Park District. Ms. Jackson then got a call from the Superintendent of Human Resources stating that she had sent a letter to Ms. Jackson. Next Ms. Jackson got a call from an attorney stating that the Peoria Park District would not meet with her. Ms. Jackson decided to attend the Board meeting. A complaint will be filed with EEOC and IDHR.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

**BILLS**

**TRUSTEE ALLEN REPORTED THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HAD EXAMINED THE BILLS 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 Friday, December 15, 2006**

<b>GENERAL</b>	<b>72,798.33</b>
<b>RECREATION</b>	<b>22,049.19</b>
<b>LIABILITY</b>	<b>1,219.85</b>
<b>MUSEUM</b>	<b>3,389.12</b>
<b>POLICE</b>	<b>1,884.28</b>
<b>BONDED PROJECTS</b>	<b>5,858.04</b>
<b>RIVERFRONT EVENTS</b>	<b>1,281.48</b>
<b>DETWEILLER MARINA</b>	<b>158.48</b>
<b>GOLF</b>	<b>10,370.21</b>
<b>HISRA</b>	<b>2,250.99</b>
<b>RIVERPLEX</b>	<b>294,070.21</b>
<b>TOTAL PAYABLES:</b>	<b>415,330.18</b>

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

Minutes were presented of the December 11, 2006 Finance Committee meeting.

Following Trustee Petty's request for the Superintendent of Finance to conduct a formal RFP for TPA services in 2009, **TRUSTEE ALLEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATION SERVICES OFFERED BY HCH ADMINISTRATION FOR 2007 THROUGH 2009.** Motion seconded by Trustee Budzinski and carried on unanimous voice vote. (Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays)

**TRUSTEE ALLEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE 2007 SPRINGDALE CEMETERY BUDGET.** Motion seconded by Trustee Cummings and carried on unanimous voice vote. (Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays)

**TRUSTEE ALLEN MOVED TO APPROVE USING WPS ENERGY SERVICES TO SUPPLY ELECTRICITY TO DS3 ACCOUNTS FOR THE NEXT 17 MONTHS.** Motion seconded by Trustee Petty and carried on unanimous voice vote. (Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays)

Minutes were presented of the December 13, 2006 Finance

Committee meeting at Lincoln Middle School.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**ORDINANCE #286  
TAX ABATEMENT OF  
\$4.25M 1998 SERIES  
ARS BONDS**

Abatement ordinances provided by bond counsel Chapman and Cutler and on staff recommendation, **TRUSTEE ALLEN MOVED TO ADOPT TAX ABATEMENT ORDINANCE #286 REGARDING ABATING THE TAX LEVIED FOR THE YEAR 1998 TO PAY DEBT SERVICE ON \$4,245,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION PARK BONDS (ALTERNATIVE REVENUE SOURCE, SERIES 1998)**. Motion seconded by Trustee Ryan and carried on unanimous voice vote.  
(Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays)

**ORDINANCE #287  
TAX ABATEMENT OF  
\$5m 2000A SERIES  
ARS BONDS**

As provided by Chapman and Cutler and on recommendation of staff, **TRUSTEE ALLEN MOVED TO ADOPT TAX ABATEMENT ORDINANCE #287 REGARDING ABATING THE TAX LEVIED FOR THE YEAR 2005 TO PAY DEBT SERVICE ON \$5,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION PARK BONDS (ALTERNATIVE REVENUE SOURCE, SERIES 2000A)**. Motion seconded by Trustee Ryan and carried on unanimous voice vote.  
(Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays)

**REAL ESTATE  
AGREEMENT:**

**TRUSTEE BUDZINSKI MOVED TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF APPROXIMATELY 45 ACRES COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE HUDSON SOURS PARCEL FROM THE FOREST PARK FOUNDATION.** The certified fair market value of this property is \$700,000. The Foundation will gift back to the Park District \$362,500; the remainder of the purchase price will come from a grant from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. Motion seconded by Trustee Ryan and carried on unanimous voice vote.  
(Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays)

**GIFT OF LAND:**

**TRUSTEE ALLEN MOVED TO ACCEPT APPROXIMATELY 11.9 ACRES OF LAND (ADJACENT AND SOUTH OF THE NEW CHARTER OAK ROAD EXTENSION) FOR CONSERVATION FROM THE ROSE COMPANY.** Motion seconded by Trustee Budzinski and carried on unanimous voice vote.  
(Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays)

**JUDGES PANEL:**

Trustees Budzinski and Cummings have been appointed to serve on the Judges Panel for the Landen Memorial and Rhodell Owens Community Service Awards.

**ANNEXATION**

**TRUSTEE ALLEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE ANNEXATION ORDINANCE OF GROWTH CELL 1A.** Motion seconded by Trustee Budzinski. Trustees Allen, Budzinski, Cummings, Petty, Ryan and Vice-President Johnson voting "Aye". President Cassidy abstained.  
(Results: 6 "Ayes"; 1 "Abstain")

**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION  
PLAN:**

The updated Affirmative Action Plan has been deferred to the Board meeting of January 10.

**CALENDAR OF CONSENT: BID: GLEN OAK PARK LAGOON FOUNTAIN SYSTEM**

On staff recommendation, **TRUSTEE BUDZINSKI MOVED TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID OF \$22,085.00 FROM TRI STATE COMPANY TO PURCHASE A NEW GLEN OAK LAGOON FOUNTAIN SYSTEM.**

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

**BID: 2007 FUELS**

On staff recommendation, **TRUSTEE BUDZINSKI MOVED TO ACCEPT SOLE BID FROM CADY OIL COMPANY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,700.00 FOR THE PURCHASE OF FUELS FOR 2007.**

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

**VEHICLE PURCHASE**

On staff recommendation, **TRUSTEE BUDZINSKI MOVED TO PURCHASE TWO NEW VEHICLES UNDER STATE CONTRACT: ONE FORD CROWN VICTORIA POLICE VEHICLE FROM LANDMARK FORD OF SPRINGFIELD, IL FOR \$24,045.00 AND ONE DODGE CARAVAN MINIVAN FROM BOB RIDDINGS, INC. OF TAYLORVILLE FOR \$16,220.00.** Motion seconded by Trustee Petty and carried on unanimous voice vote.

(Results: 7 "Ayes"; 0 "Nays")

**CONTRACT: VENDING SERVICES**

On staff recommendation, **TRUSTEE BUDZINSKI MOVED TO ACCEPT A THREE YEAR CONTRACT WITH HOI VENDING OF SPARLAND, IL, EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 1, 2007.** Motion seconded by Trustee Petty and carried on unanimous voice vote.

(Results: 7 "Ayes"; 0 "Nays")

**CONTRACT: AMUSEMENT GAMES**

On staff recommendation, **TRUSTEE BUDZINSKI MOVED TO ACCEPT A THREE YEAR CONTRACT WITH VARIETY AMUSEMENTS OF SPARLAND, IL, EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 1, 2007.** Motion seconded by Trustee Petty and carried on unanimous voice vote.

(Results: 7 "Ayes"; 0 "Nays")

**QUOTE: 2007 ANNUALS**

On staff recommendation, **TRUSTEE BUDZINSKI MOVED TO ACCEPT A SOLE QUOTE OF \$14,582.23 FROM JONES COUNTRY GARDENS OF POINTIAC, IL FOR 2007 ANNUALS.** Motion seconded by Trustee Petty and carried on unanimous voice vote.

(Results: 7 "Ayes"; 0 "Nays")

**PENDING BUSINESS:** None.

**CITIZEN REQUEST** Addressed earlier in the meeting.

**TO ADDRESS  
THE BOARD:**

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Communications were received as submitted.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** At 9:35 P.M., C.S.T., upon conclusion of agenda items, **VICE PRESIDENT JOHNSON MOVED TO CONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER SECTION 2(c)(2) FOR DISCUSSION OF COLLECTIVE NEGOTIATING MATTERS BETWEEN THE DISTRICT AND ITS EMPLOYEES OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVES, OR DELIBERTIONS CONCERNING SALARY SCHEDULES FOR ONE OR MORE CLASSES OF EMPLOYEES. PUBLIC MEETING TO ADJOURN OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION..** Motion seconded by Trustee Budzinski and carried on unanimous voice vote.  
(Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays)

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Sherry L. Mitchell  
Secretary Pro Tem, Board of Trustees