

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, MARCH 8, 2006 AT THE PEORIA PARK DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION OFFICE, GLEN OAK PAVILION, 2218 N. PROSPECT ROAD, PEORIA, ILLINOIS.

President Cassidy presided and called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

TRUSTEES ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Attorney Jim Konsky, Mike Baietto, Jan Budzynski, Katie Hogan, Chief Bob James, Dennis Mantick, Shalesse Pie, Bill Roeder, Becky Swiger, Bill Woolard, Brent Wheeler, Dave Wheeler, Joe Atkinson, Ray Boyer, Dale Goodner, Pat Magilson, Tom Miller, Bob Streitmatter and V. Joyce McLemore.

PRESS PRESENT: Sarah Okeson, Peoria Journal Star,

OTHERS PRESENT: Oneita Volz, League of Women Voters, 2038 West Delray; Randall Gibbs, Central Illinois Living Historian, 527 Shady Oaks Dr., Metamora IL 61548; Tim Varvil, Central Illinois Living Historians, 229 E. Glen Avenue.

MINUTES: There being no additions or corrections, **VICE PRESIDENT JOHNSON MOVED APPROVAL FOR MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 22, 2006 REGULAR MEETING OF PARK BOARD TRUSTEES.** Motion seconded by Trustee Ryan and carried on majority voice vote; one Abstain. (Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 1 Abstain; Trustee Petty being absent from the meeting.)

IAPD/IPRA COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS: President Cassidy introduced 2005 IAPD/IPRA Community Service Award to be presented in honor of organizations and individuals contributing time and resources, to further enhance quality of life in our community.

Tom Miller, Manager of W.H. Sommer Park, introduced the recipient and an award plaque was presented to:

**Randy Gibbs and Tim Varvil, representing
CENTRAL ILLINOIS LIVING HISTORIANS**

Tom highlighted **CENTRAL ILLINOIS LIVING HISTORIANS** volunteer efforts for Sommer Park programming and interpretive special events.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: **Illinois Arts Council Grant Awarded For Proctor Center - Mural in the Park Summer Project**

The Park District has received a \$4,190 grant to create a collaborative space at Proctor Center where children from different areas of the city can come together in the creative process and share their work with the community. Kellar School Fine Arts Camp and

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:
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Proctor Day Camp participants will collaborate on the mural to be permanently mounted on the Proctor Auditorium wall. IAC artist Danell Dvorak will conduct a one-week residency to involve, develop, and instruct students as they work through expression in a visual medium.

Columbia Park Playground Equipment -- Little Hands Playground Grant Award of \$60,000

The Free Coalition for Kids of Peoria received a Little Hands Playground Grant through the Allstate Foundation and Injury Free Coalition for Kids National Program Office. This grant will be used to purchase new playground equipment and soft tile surfacing for Columbia Park (\$50,000 for equipment, \$10,000 for maintenance for three years). This grant award is result of cooperative efforts of Children's Hospital of Illinois and the Park District.

Biking Trail Status Report

Director Noble reported Central Illinois Railroad Company now has a locomotive next to Carver Lumber and two carloads of supplies are in process of being delivered to Carver Lumber. Union Pacific not happy but they will drop cars and tariff costs are lower than what has been charged in the past to Carver. It is hoped Carver Lumber will back off of their stay request from STB so that the rails can be removed from Kellar Branch and the bid letting process can move ahead; looking toward June bid letting if everything moves along.

GOLF DIVISION REPORT:

Superintendent Woolard highlighted the division report. Staff noted Madison Golf Course Club House/Concession remodeling has been completed.

**HUMAN RESOURCES
DIVISION REPORT:**

Employee Training

Superintendent Pie highlighted several trainings held in the month of February for full-time staff. The annual "Leadership Challenge" was held, as well as trainings on the topics of supervisory techniques and conflict resolution.

Volunteer Hours Report

The report includes the calculated volunteer hours as well as the dollar amount assigned by the Independent Sector Study. This year's hourly value of a volunteer is \$18.04. A total of 55,875.70 hours, times the hourly value of \$18.04 give a total value of volunteers to the Peoria Park District of over one million dollars.

PARKS DIVISION REPORT:

Superintendent Baietto presented the January 2006 report.

**PLANNING/DESIGN/
CONSTRUCTION DIVISION:**

Superintendent Swiger highlighted the February 2006 report. Vice President Johnson asked staff about the progress for water component design for Logan Recreation Center. Superintendent Swiger reported staff is looking to hire an architect. Johnson suggested looking at Bloomington and Canton Park District water playgrounds for design ideas.

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:

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Peoria Park District

Thursday, March 02, 2006

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GENERAL	192,552.34
RECREATION	53,308.25
LIABILITY	1,641.79
MUSEUM	6,628.78
POLICE	2,312.17
BONDED PROJECTS	23,583.94
PAVING & LIGHTING	726.64
RIVERFRONT EVENTS	4,973.13
DETWEILLER MARINA	1,973.25
GOLF	18,680.68
HISRA	6,560.12
RIVERPLEX	54,105.57
TOTAL PAYABLES:	367,046.66
TOTAL PAYROLL #4: 2-22-06	\$358,013.05

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

Minutes were presented for Finance Committee meeting held Wednesday,
February 22, 2006.

Moody's Upgrades General Obligation (Bond) Rating of Park District

Trustee Allen referenced Moody's Investors Service Opinion Letter, March 3, 2006. Moody's has upgraded the Park District's debt rating to A1 from A2 for general obligation Bonds, and upgraded to A2 from A3 the lease certificate rating. Allen quoted from Moody's Opinion letter, "The upgrades reflect the district's substantial tax base with expected continuing growth and diversification of the local economy, well managed financial operations with ample reserves, and a modest debt burden." Allen further cited the opinion letter, "...the district's combined reserves are \$5.12 million or a strong 46% of General Fund revenues, providing significant budgetary flexibility and financial cushion." "...The direct debt burden of the district is a low 0.3%..." and "Moody's believes the district will maintain its healthy financial profile primarily due to the district's strong management and program flexibility..." and "...the district's well-managed financial operations with ample reserves will continue due to flexibility with program offerings and prudent management." Trustee Allen stated he believes this rating upgrade is very important for the financial well being of the Park District and staff should be proud of the fact the District's fiscal management is recognized and the Board should be proud, also. All trustees will be given copies of the March 2, 2005 rating update opinion letter.

NEW BUSINESS:

Request to Serve Alcohol at Luthy Botanical Garden: Rhythm in the Rainforest and Jinglin' Jazz

With staff recommendation, TRUSTEE BUDZINSKI MOVED TO APPROVE REQUEST TO SERVE WINE AND BEER AT TWO EVENTS AT LUTHY GARDEN: RHYTHM IN THE RAINFOREST ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 18, FROM 6:30 TO 9 P.M., AND JINGLIN' JAZZ ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, FROM 6:30 TO 9 P.M. Motion seconded by Trustee Ryan and carried on the

NEW BUSINESS:
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following roll call vote: Trustees Allen, Budzinski, Cummings, Petty, Ryan and President Cassidy voting "Aye;" Vice President Johnson voting "Pass". (Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 1 Pass)

REQUEST TO CHARGE ADMISSION AT RIVERPLEX EVENT

Trustee Allen noted this request represents another example of RiverPlex use the Park District had not anticipated and is a welcome addition. With staff recommendation, VICE PRESIDENT JOHNSON MOVED TO APPROVE REQUEST FROM ILLINOIS BALLET TO CHARGE ADMISSION FOR DANCE COMPETITION/TALENT CONTEST EVENT AT RIVERPLEX RECREATION ARENA ON SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 2006, 4:00-10:00 P.M. Motion seconded by Trustee Allen and carried on unanimous voice vote. (Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays)

CALENDAR OF CONSENT:

Agenda items #10 and #12 A) were removed from the calendar for further consideration.

BID: Trucks

With staff recommendation, TRUSTEE ALLEN MOVED TO ACCEPT LOW BID OF \$45,118.00 FROM UFTRING CHEVROLET OF WASHINGTON IL, FOR TWO (2) 2006 CHEVROLET C3500 TRUCKS WITH PLATFORM AND HOIST. Motion seconded by Vice President Johnson and carried on unanimous voice vote. (Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays)

VEHICLE PURCHASE-STATE CONTRACT

With staff recommendation, TRUSTEE ALLEN MOVED TO PURCHASE ONE (1) 2006 FORD E350 15-PASSENGER VAN FROM DENNISON CORPORATION OF BLOOMINGTON IL, FOR \$18,474.00 UNDER STATE CONTRACT #4012539. Motion seconded by Vice President Johnson and carried on unanimous voice vote. (Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays)

AGENDA ITEM #10

BID: 2006 Golf Course Supplies

Staff reviewed and explained questions regarding bid tabulation sheets. TRUSTEE PETTY MOVED ACCEPTANCE OF ALL LOWEST RESPONSIBLE BIDS AND PURCHASES FOR GOLF COURSE SUPPLIES AS FOLLOWS:

<u>Firm</u>	<u># of Items</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Tri-State Co.	41	\$19,656.29
Bull Market	18	\$46,234.00
Supreme Turf	13	\$39,853.60
Tyler Enterprises	2	\$ 787.50
Helena Chemical	9	\$17,741.60
Pro Source One	7	\$21,527.50
TOTAL COST		\$145,800.49

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

AGENDA ITEM #12 A):

REQUEST FOR USE OF BOTANICAL GARDEN

Staff noted future requests from the Salvation Army would be submitted in letter format. **TRUSTEE PETTY MOVED TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM SALVATION ARMY TO HOLD ITS ANNUAL EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE AT LUTHY BOTANICAL GARDENS ON SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 2006. A \$25 FEE WILL BE CHARGED TO COVER STAFF EXPENSE.** Motion seconded by Trustee Budzinski and carried on unanimous voice vote.
(Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays)

PENDING BUSINESS:

None.

**CITIZEN REQUEST
TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:**

None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Communications were received as submitted.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Recreation for Children in Center and East Bluffs

Vice President Johnson noted comments he had received, regarding lack of basketball play available for youngsters of the East and Center Bluffs. Johnson requested staff look at what could be done to provide basketball in this area. Discussion followed regarding:

- Park/School Subcommittee and School District #150 discussion regarding future programming opportunities
- a recent meeting staff had with East Bluff Housing Services, to look at programming opportunities in the bluff area, and
- working with School District #150 to put together a program.

ADJOURNMENT:

On conclusion of the agenda items, **TRUSTEE PETTY MOVED TO CONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER SECTIONS 2 C)(5) FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE PURCHASE OR LEASE OF REAL PROPERTY FOR THE USE OF THE PUBLIC BODY, INCLUDING MEETINGS HELD FOR THE PURPOSES OF DISCUSSING WHETHER A PARTICULAR PARCEL SHOULD BE ACQUIRED, AND 2 C)(6) FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE SETTING OF A PRICE FOR SALE OR LEASE OF PROPERTY OWNED BY THE PUBLIC BODY, MEETING TO ADJOURN OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION.** Motion seconded by Vice President Johnson and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Allen, Budzinski, Cummings, Petty, Ryan, Vice President Johnson and President Cassidy voting "Aye;" no "Nays". (Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays)

President Cassidy declared the meeting adjourned at 6:40 P.M., C.S.T.

V. Joyce McLemore
Secretary, Board of Trustees