

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, JUNE 14, 2006 AT THE PEORIA PARK DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION OFFICE, GLEN OAK PAVILION, 2218 N. PROSPECT ROAD, PEORIA, ILLINOIS.

President Pro Tem Johnson presided and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

TRUSTEES ABSENT: President Cassidy.

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

PRESS PRESENT: Emily Anderson, *Journal Star*.

OTHERS PRESENT: Sarah Gorham, 1600 Wolford Rd., Elmwood IL 61529; Melodye Foster, 813 W. Shenandoah Dr., Peoria; John D. Murphy, 11811 N. Knoxville, Dunlap IL; Martin Palmer, 1706 N. California, Peoria; Kaitlin and Cathy O'Brien, 9020 W. Schmitt Lane, Edwards IL; Jan Wright Vergon, 9842 N. Thousand Oaks, Peoria 61615; Oneita Volz, League of Women Voters, 2038 W. Delray, Peoria.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All stood and recited the Pledge.

MINUTES: There being no corrections or deletions, **TRUSTEE PETTY MOVED TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MAY 26, 2006 REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARK BOARD.** Motion seconded by Trustee Budzinski and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Allen, Cummings, Petty and Ryan voting "Aye," no "Nays". (Results: 4 Ayes; 0 Nays; 2 Abstain) (President Pro Tem Johnson and Trustee Budzinski being absent from May 26 meeting)

EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES DISPOSITION: **TRUSTEE PETTY MOVED TO APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DISPOSITION OF THE MINUTES OF CLOSED (EXECUTIVE SESSION) MEETINGS.** Motion seconded by Trustee Budzinski and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Allen, Budzinski, Cummings, Petty, Ryan and President Pro Tem Johnson Voting "Aye," no "Nays". (Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays)

ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF PARK DISTRICT'S COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD: President Pro Tem Johnson introduced the award for **JAN WRIGHT VERGON.** Superintendent McKone introduced **Jan Wright Vergon** and spoke of her support of the Park District both personally and professionally with her publications *ARTS ALIVE* and *PEORIA WOMAN*.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: The Director's Report was received as submitted. Director Noble highlighted an article appearing in *Nation's Cities Weekly* profiling park/school relationships;

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:
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emphasizing importance that municipal leadership plays in creating high-quality afterschool programs.

GOLF DIVISION REPORT:

The report was received as submitted. Superintendent Woolard stated in May and June, courses average 1,000 rounds of golf per day, per course.

Hook A Kid On Golf

The Golf Division recently received more than \$1,850 in grant funds for our HAKOG programs.

New Golf Cars Received

The new Yamaha golf cars have arrived. New cars are assigned to Madison and Kellogg Golf Courses.

**HUMAN RESOURCES
DIVISION REPORT:**

2006 Scholarship Recipients

Superintendent Pie announced recipients of the Annual Scholarship Awards. Awards are given each year to qualified dependents of Park District employees. The following six students were selected and awarded \$750 each:

Sarah Gorham
Madison Robbins
Daniel Wheeler

Kaitlin O'Brien
Emily Varichak
Abigail Wilson

Scholarship recipients submit information about themselves including past grades, career expectations and a general overview of their goals.

Trustee Cummings requested how scholarships are handled. Pie explained Employee Contributions Fund underwrites five scholarships each year, and the Park Board underwrites one.

**PUBLIC HEARING
RE: OSLAD GRANT
APPLICATION FOR
LAKE AVENUE
NEIGHBORHOOD PARK
AND SPORTS FIELD
COMPLEX
REDEVELOPMENT:**

At 6:15 p.m., President Pro Tem Johnson announced a public hearing to receive public comment regarding the development of Lake Avenue Neighborhood Park and Redevelopment of a Sports Field Complex located at 400 E. War Memorial Drive.

TRUSTEE BUDZINSKI MOVED TO RECESS THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND CONVENE THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE STATED PURPOSE: TO INVITE PUBLIC COMMENT, BOTH WRITTEN AND VERBAL
Motion seconded by Trustee Ryan and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Allen, Budzinski, Cummings, Petty, Ryan and President Pro Tem Johnson voting "Aye," no "Nays". (Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays)

Superintendent of Planning and Design Becky Fredrickson presented a map of the proposed project and gave an overview of planned components for this neighborhood park. The proposed redevelopment of Sports Field Complex located at Peoria Stadium was overviewed and discussed. Future development of southern sports fields could be accomplished in Phase II. Discussion followed regarding benefits of the project: creation of a neighborhood park to include trail and walking path, improved lighting for sports fields, and future Phase II project. Fredrickson stated residents on Lake Street will be contacted to apprise them of proposed improvements to solicit their comments.

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MELODYE FOSTER

Ms. Foster questioned whether redeveloped sports fields would accommodate all ages of baseball leagues. Also, she questioned whether tournaments could be held at the redeveloped sports field complex. Staff responded that tourneys could be hosted for various youth baseball age groups at the redesigned site. However, the main locations for most house league play would still be located within the neighborhoods where families reside.

MARTIN PALMER

Mr. Palmer questioned how much parking would be added with sports field complex redevelopment. Palmer questioned the increased traffic as a result of the redevelopment and shared his perception regarding the impact of increased traffic in this neighborhood. Director Noble affirmed the purpose of this preliminary public hearing is for receiving comments and concerns and Mr. Palmer's comments are welcome.

**ADJOURN PUBLIC
HEARING:**

At 6:50 p.m. and hearing no further requests to comment, **TRUSTEE ALLEN MOVED TO ADJOURN THE PUBLIC HEARING AND RECONVENE THE PUBLIC MEETING. Motion seconded by Trustee Petty and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Allen, Budzinski, Cummings, Petty, Ryan and President Pro Tem Johnson Voting "Aye," no "Nays". (Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays)**

Ms. Foster shared her perceptions regarding the new age groupings in youth baseball, especially as they affect Majors and Pony players. She also voiced concern that a volunteer coach had not been found for the Pony house league team. Rick Robbins stated that we had just recently found a volunteer coach, and prior to this time had been using one of our full-time staff to guide this team and get them ready for the season. **Trustees directed the Recreation Advisory Committee review this issue with a report back to the Board.**

**PLANNING/DESIGN/
CONSTRUCTION DIVISION:**

Superintendent Fredrickson highlighted the division report and noted **Peoria Bike Trail History** report and a magazine article "*Bridging a Challenging Trail*" attached to the monthly report.

POLICE DIVISION:

Chief James presented April and May 2006 monthly reports. President Pro Tem Johnson inquired about increased park police patrols for the summer for south side parks. Chief James responded all parks have additional patrols via bikes, horseback and police vehicles.

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:

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GENERAL	272,797.98
RECREATION	74,658.23
LIABILITY	194.38
MUSEUM	8,908.63
POLICE	2,971.73

BONDED PROJECTS	444,836.45
BOND & INTEREST	29,669.28
PAVING & LIGHTING	745.45
RIVERFRONT EVENTS	20,109.54
DETWEILLER MARINA	3,104.56
GOLF	128,707.33
HISRA	5,712.64
RIVERPLEX	24,029.10
TOTAL PAYABLES:	\$1,016,445.30

PAYROLL #11 6/2/06 \$448,422.48

Motion seconded by Trustee Budzinski and carried on unanimous voice vote. (Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays)

Minutes of the Wednesday, May 24, 2006 Finance Committee meeting were presented.

**GOLF ADVISORY
AD HOC COMMITTEE:**

Trustee Budzinski presented minutes of the May 22, 2006 committee meeting.

PLANNING COMMITTEE:

Trustee Cummings presented minutes of the June 6, 2006 committee meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

ANNEXATION ORDINANCE

Notice of this annexation ordinance was published in the *Peoria Journal Star* in accordance with provisions of Paragraph 1205/3-9 of Chapter 70 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes of 2004, commonly known as the Park District Code. The annexation will add 65.40 acres of area to the Peoria Park District. With staff recommendation, **TRUSTEE ALLEN MOVED TO ADOPT ANNEXATION ORDINANCE, NORTH KNOXVILLE AVENUE ANNEXATION 47.8 ACRES PLUS 17.6 ACRES RIGHT-OF-WAY. THE PARCELS ARE LOCATED NORTH OF HICKORY GROVE ROAD AND WEST OF KNOXVILLE AVENUE (IL ROUTE 40).** Motion seconded by Trustee Cummings and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Allen, Budzinski, Cummings, Petty, Ryan and President Pro Tem Johnson voting "Aye," no "Nays". (Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays)

RESOLUTION OF AUTHORIZATION FOR IDNR/OSLAD/LWCF GRANT APPLICATION

With staff recommendation, **TRUSTEE CUMMINGS MOVED TO APPROVE IDNR RESOLUTION OF AUTHORIZATION DOCUMENT FOR LAKE AVENUE NEIGHBORHOOD PARK AND REDEVELOPMENT OF SPORTS FIELD COMPLEX PROJECT.** Motion seconded by Trustee Budzinski. Trustee Allen questioned the source of funds for the 50% Park District match for this grant. Director Noble suggested using portion of funds earmarked for the Rt. 91 sports complex. **Motion carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Allen, Budzinski, Cummings, Petty, Ryan and President Pro Tem Johnson voting "Aye," no "Nays".** (Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays)

QUIT-CLAIM DEED OF UNWANTED REAL ESTATE GIFT TO PARK DISTRICT

Attorney Konsky presented a quit-claim deed representing an unsolicited gift of land from Keith Steven and Georgia Dale Swenson. Attorney Konsky referenced

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"undoing" the unwanted real estate "gift" of a narrow strip of real estate adjacent to Kickapoo Creek. The Swensons conveyed this property to the Park District without the prior knowledge or consent of the Park District. The Park District is authorized under Park District Code to acquire land by gift but the District does not want the property in this case. The staff recommendation is to quit-claim property back to the Swensons. **TRUSTEE ALLEN MOVED TO AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF QUIT-CLAIM DEED. Motion seconded by Trustee Budzinski and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Allen, Budzinski, Cummings, Petty, Ryan and President Pro Tem Johnson voting "Aye," no "Nays". (Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays)**

CALENDAR OF CONSENT:

ORDINANCE #285: PREVAILING WAGE RATES

On staff recommendation, **TRUSTEE BUDZINSKI MOVED TO COMPLY WITH THE ILLINOIS PREVAILING WAGE RATES ACT (ILCS, CHAPTER 820, PARAGRAPHS 130/1 TO 130/12) TO ESTABLISH AND PUBLISH PREVAILING WAGE RATES FOR THE COUNTY OF PEORIA FOR JUNE 2006 THROUGH JUNE 2007, AS DETERMINED BY THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF LABOR. Motion seconded by Trustee Petty and carried on unanimous voice vote. (Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays)**

REQUEST FOR USE OF GLEN OAK PARK FOR ZOO RUN RUN/MUTT STRUT

On staff recommendation, **TRUSTEE BUDZINSKI MOVED TO APPROVE REQUEST FROM PEORIA ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY TO CONDUCT ANNUAL FUNDRAISING EVENT ZOO RUN RUN ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2006 AT 8:00 A.M., AND MUTT STRUT EVENT AT 10:30 A.M. Motion seconded by Trustee Petty and carried on unanimous voice vote. (Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays)**

PENDING BUSINESS:

None.

**CITIZEN REQUEST
TO ADDRESS BOARD:**

Martin Palmer, 1706 N. California Avenue

Mr. Palmer presented petitions-opposition to proposed use of park lands for schools. Palmer asked if there had been any further action on the Letter of Intent with School District #150. Director Noble stated no further action had been taken. Mr. Palmer Requested clarification on ownership of new zoo and Director Noble stated the Peoria Park District will own the new zoo. Mr. Palmer then asked if the Children's Museum use of Glen Oak Pavilion will go to City Zoning for review. Director Noble stated museum plans are going forward and she further explained the special use system under city zoning. Attorney Konsky stated according to detail plans for zoo expansion, the special use is for 21-acres.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Communications were received as submitted.

OTHER BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

On conclusion of the agenda items, **TRUSTEE PETTY MOVED TO ADJOURN. Motion seconded by Trustee Cummings and carried on unanimous voice vote. (Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays)**

President Pro Tem Johnson declared the meeting adjourned at 7:15 P.M., D.S.T.

V. Joyce McLemore
Secretary, Board of Trustees