

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, JANUARY 13, 2010 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 6:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

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

TRUSTEES ABSENT:

Trustee Ryan.

STAFF PRESENT:

Executive Director Noble, Attorney Jim Kinsky, Mike Baietto, Jan Budzynski, Chief Bush, Dennis Mantick, Cyndy McKone, Shalessie Pie, Brent Wheeler, Dave Wheeler, Bill Woolard, Joe Atkinson, Ray Boyer, Mike Friberg, Joyce McLemore, Brittany Moldenauer, Dave Schmidt and Lisa Ullenius.

PRESS PRESENT:

None.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Kevin Heid, First Midstate Incorporated, Gregg Nettles and Nathan Yemm, Peoria Frisbee Club.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

All stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES:

Secretary McLemore offered replacement pages for attachment: Minutes of Public Hearing held December 16, 2009. With the replacement pages, **TRUSTEE ALLEN MOVED TO APPROVE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 16, 2009 REGULAR MEETING OF PARK BOARD TRUSTEES. Motion seconded by Vice President Hancock and carried on unanimous voice vote. (Results: 5 Ayes; 0 Nays; 1 Pass, President Cassidy being absent from the meeting.)**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Update on Kellar Branch

Pioneer will discontinue its lease with Peoria and the Heights over the entire line. Central Illinois Railroad will discontinue its lease over the middle part of the line from Park Avenue (in the North Valley, somewhere in between O'Brien Steel and War Memorial Drive) to Candletree Drive. Central Illinois will still have a lease to operate on the segments from downtown to Park Avenue, and from Candletree Drive North. Pioneer will have a trackage agreement with Central Illinois to operate over the same sections as Central Illinois can operate. The last two remaining shippers (O'Brien Steel and Carver Lumber) are amenable, and will be submitting letters of support to the STB. Discussion followed.

Green Living Environment

Executive Director Noble overviewed a study re: Green Living Environment. The Park District makes a difference in quality of life for this community. At trustees' request, staff will prepare a statement, for placing in front of each edition of the Playbook as well including in the Park District's website, affirming the value of the District's open green space to the health and quality of life of our citizens.

**PLANING/DESIGN/
CONSTRUCTION
DIVISION:**

Park Planner Mike Friberg presented the December 2009 Monthly Project Status Report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

RATIFICATION OF TELEPHONE POLL VOTE CONDUCTED FOR APPROVAL TO PAY 12/28/09 FINAL ACCOUNT PAYABLES

TRUSTEE ALLEN MOVED TO RATIFY THE TELEPHONE POLL VOTE TAKEN ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2009; APPROVING PAYMENT OF FINAL ACCOUNT PAYABLES FOR 2009. Motion seconded by Trustee Petty and carried on unanimous voice vote. (Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays)

Peoria Park District	Wednesday, December 28, 2009
GENERAL	336,718.72
RECREATION	105,328.64
LIABILITY	575.87
MUSEUM	14,371.74
POLICE	2,070.59
BONDED PROJECTS	32,870.59
PAVING & LIGHTING	204.85
RIVERFRONT EVENTS	16,236.23
DETWEILLER MARINA	865.09
GOLF	21,584.51
HISRA	11,884.10
RIVERPLEX	45,691.30
TOTAL PAYABLES	\$588,402.23

RECOMMENDATION: DEBT REFUNDING OPTION FOR \$2.495M ARS BONDS AND \$1.765 DEBT CERTIFICATES (LIMITED TAX)

With staff recommendation, TRUSTEE ALLEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE REFUNDING AND ACCEPT THE AGREEMENT WITH FIRST MIDSTATE INC. TO ACT AS UNDERWRITERS FOR THIS REFUNDING. Motion seconded by Vice President Hancock and carried on unanimous voice vote. (Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays)

BILLS

TRUSTEE ALLEN REPORTED THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HAD EXAMINED THE BILLS AND FOUND THEM TO BE CORRECT AND MOVED THE PRESIDENT AND THE SECRETARY BE AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE ORDERS ON THE TREASURER FOR THE SEVERAL AMOUNTS:

Peoria Park District	Thursday, January 7, 2010
GENERAL	139,695.28
RECREATION	45,952.28
MUSEUM	8,469.93
POLICE	789.88
BONDED PROJECTS	902.75
BOND & INTEREST	350.00
PAVING & LIGHTING	1,587.43
RIVERFRONT EVENTS	3,215.86
DETWEILLER MARINA	155.11
GOLF	5,295.52
HISRA	2,374.07
RIVERPLEX	28,949.47
TOTAL PAYABLES:	\$237,737.58
PAYROLL #26 12/23/2009	\$409,410.42
PAYROLL #1 1/8/2010	\$373,105.62

Motion seconded by Vice President Hancock and carried on unanimous voice vote. (Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays)

Minutes were presented of the December 16, 2009 Finance Committee meeting.

Hearing no objection and at the request of staff, (the presenter needs to leave the meeting before 6:45 p.m. to attend another meeting) President Cassidy moved up to New Business: Glen Oak Park Disc Golf Proposal.

**DISC GOLF PROPOSAL
FOR GLEN OAK PARK:**

Superintendent Baietto presented background regarding this proposal. For more than a year, Park District staff has worked closely with the disc golf group looking for a suitable location to establish an additional disc golf course on Park District property. Sites examined included: Robinson Park, Camp Wokanda, Charter Oak, Sommer Park, Sommer Park North, the Krause parcels, Schmoeger Park, Detweiller Park and Glen Oak Park. Approval of the proposed Glen Oak Disc Golf Course would seem to offer the best site. Club members will need to raise approximately \$8,000.00 for construction of the course.

Greg Nettles, Peoria Disc Golf Club, addressed the Board regarding a proposal to construct a championship 20-hole disc golf course. This proposed championship course would bring tourism dollars with it. The 140-member club hopes to host a Great Open Tournament in Glen Oak, drawing some 100 players. Nettles suggested he would like to have concrete tees for safety and erosion control. Nettles estimates the concrete would increase construction cost for the course by \$2,000. When asked, Nettles reported the size of each tee box would be approximately 4' x 12'.

Referring to the design layout attached to staff recommendation, Gregg explained the course would start at the Ingersoll statute in lower Glen Oak Park at the Perry Street park entrance and continue through wooded areas following the park road. The course would avoid areas where the zoo is to expand, creating a trail path in the under-utilized areas of the park, crossing over and putting a hole alongside the lagoon. Sapling trees would be taken out to create paths to each tee box. Baietto suggested Planner Mike Friberg work with the Frisbee Club on charting a path through the woods. Volunteers from the Peoria Frisbee Club will provide in-kind labor to install the baskets, install and purchase tee signage by soliciting corporate sponsors, and fundraise for individual donations.

Discussion followed regarding impact of the course on the park, parking, security, altered zoo entrance plan, total cost to the Park District (i.e. in-kind services), total park acreage affected in this proposed plan, exact number of tee boxes, whether there would be a need to remove trees, erosion control, concerns about the Park District Historical Ordinance and perception of the general public.

President Cassidy requested staff to identify what trees would be marked for removal before approving any plan. While this project seems to represent good synergy there is also the matter of anticipating citizen perception of the project.

Executive Director Noble reported on terrain within Glen Oak Park, the oak canopy (noting oak tree roots tend to lie near the surface of the ground), concern for damage to large oaks, and creating erosion problems—Noble suggested getting along without two concrete tees for each of the twenty holes.

President Cassidy suggested considering approval in concept only, for the plan. Further study is needed.

DISC GOLF PROPOSAL

TRUSTEE CUMMINGS MOVED THE BOARD APPROVE THE CONCEPT OF THE

FOR GLEN OAK PARK:

PLAN, SUBJECT TO FINAL BOARD APPROVAL AFTER STAFF HAS BROUGHT BACK A DESIGN PLAN WITH MORE SPECIFIC COURSE LAYOUT. Motion seconded by Trustee Petty and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Allen, Cummings, Johnson, Petty, Vice President Hancock and President Cassidy voting "Aye," no "Nays". (Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays)

NEW BUSINESS:

**ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD- 2010
VICE PRESIDENT HANCOCK MOVED TO ELECT JACQUELINE J. PETTY TO SERVE AS VICE PRESIDENT IN 2010. Motion seconded by Trustee Johnson and carried on unanimous voice vote. (Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays)**

President Cassidy thanked Trustee Hancock for his service as Vice President in 2009.

APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS AND ADVISORS – 2010:

**TRUSTEE ALLEN MOVED TO APPOINT OFFICERS AND ADVISORS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR 2010 AS FOLLOWS:
SECRETARY V. JOYCE MC LEMORE
TREASURER/ASSISTANT SECRETARY BONNIE W. NOBLE
ASSISTANT TREASURER JEAN I. THOMAS
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF PARKS & RECREATION BONNIE W. NOBLE
ATTORNEY JAMES E. KONSKY**

Motion seconded by Vice President Petty and carried on unanimous voice vote. (Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays)

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL:
\$4M G O PARK BONDS:**

On Wednesday, December 16, 2009 a Public Hearing was held, notifying the public of the Park District's intent to sell \$4,000,000 General Obligation Park Bonds. Letters of request were sent to 16 local financial institutions. Staff recommends that the Park Board award the sale of \$4,000,000 General Obligation Park Bonds to NATIONAL CITY BANK/PNC, based on their proposal of:

Interest Rate:	1.28%	2010
	1.59%	2011
	1.97	2012
Net Interest Cost:	\$112,663	

TRUSTEE ALLEN MOVED TO AWARD THE SALE OF \$4,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO NATIONAL CITY BANK/PNC. Motion seconded by Trustee Johnson and carried on unanimous voice vote. (Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays)

ORDINANCE #303:

President announced the next order of business to be adoption of Ordinance #303 providing for the issuance of bonds and the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest.

TRUSTEE ALLEN MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE #303 PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUE OF \$4,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION PARK BONDS. Motion seconded by Trustee Johnson and carried on the following voice vote: Trustees Allen, Cummings, Hancock, Johnson, Vice President Petty and President Cassidy voting "Aye," no "Nays". (Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays)

HISTORIC PRESERVATION LANDMARKS ACT

Staff recommends a "No Action" position. No action will be taken by the Board at this time. Since 1983, the Board has supported this Act and the freeze on assessed valuation by taking no action; thus, allowing the assessed valuation single-family property freeze to take place.

NEW BUSINESS: (continued)

**STREET RENAMING
TO HONOR THE LATE
PERCY BAKER, JR.**

At the request of the Board of Trustees of Carver Center and with staff recommendation, **TRUSTEE JOHNSON MOVED TO RENAME THE VACATED CITY STREET, PRESENTLY NAMED THIRD AVENUE, TO PERCY BAKER, JR. AVENUE.**

Motion seconded by Vice President Allen. Staff elaborated on details of the proposed action. The vacated portion of Third Avenue directly in front of Carver Center is a two-block area. Staff will notify the City of Peoria and all public/emergency services of the name change. The Park District owns the land so the Park District would be responsible for installing street sign. President Cassidy requested the family of Percy Baker and the Carver Center Board of Trustees be involved in the renaming ceremony. **Motion carried on unanimous voice vote. (Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays)**

**AMENDMENT TO
SPRINGDALE CEMETERY
MANAGEMENT INTER-
GOVERNMENTAL
AGREEMENT:**

With staff recommendation, **TRUSTEE HANCOCK MOVED APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO INCLUDE THE NEWLY ACCEPTED 2-ACRE PARCEL ALONG PROSPECT ROAD IN THE PROPERTY REFERRED TO AS "THE CEMETERY" IN THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT.** Motion seconded by Trustee Allen and carried on unanimous voice vote. **(Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays)**

**REQUEST TO SERVE
ALCOHOL AT LUTHY
GARDEN EVENT:**

With staff recommendation, **VICE PRESIDENT PETTY MOVED APPROVAL FOR THE 2010 WINE AND ROSES FUNDRAISING EVENT AT LUTHY BOTANICAL GARDEN, TO INCLUDE SERVING BEER AND WINE, ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2010 FROM 6:30-9 P.M.** Motion seconded by Trustee Allen and carried on unanimous voice vote. **(Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays)**

**REQUEST TO SERVE
ALCOHOL AT LUTHY
GARDEN EVENT:**

With staff recommendation, **TRUSTEE HANCOCK MOVED APPROVAL FOR THE 2010 RHYTHM IN THE RAINFOREST FUNDRAISING EVENT AT LUTHY BOTANICAL GARDEN, TO INCLUDE SERVING BEER AND WINE, ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 14, 2010 FROM 6:30-9 P.M.** Motion seconded by Vice President Petty and carried on unanimous voice vote. **(Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays)**

Agenda item #14 was pulled; staff withdrew the request.

**CALENDAR OF
CONSENT:**

None.

PENDING BUSINESS:

None.

**CITIZEN REQUEST TO
ADDRESS THE BOARD:**

President Cassidy invited comment. No one requested to speak.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Communications were received as submitted.

OTHER BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:05 P.M., C.S.T., upon conclusion of agenda items, **TRUSTEE CUMMINGS MOVED TO ADJOURN.** Motion seconded by Trustee Johnson and carried on unanimous voice vote. **(Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays)**

V. Joyce McLemore
Secretary, Board of Trustees