

Peoria Municipal Band Commission Minutes

March 13, 2025

Constance at Bradley University

In attendance: Molly Slotter, Chair; George Graves, Jr., Manager; Denise Cooksey, Liaison; and Commissioners: Mary Barthel, Marcia Boyer, Don Baker and Dave Liddle.

Called to Order: 8 am.

Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2025 meeting was made by Don and seconded by Mary.

Manager's Report: George presented a bill from State Farm for the 1st installment for the band trailer in the amount of \$23. He also said he will be talking to Sie about a driver for the trailer. There will be a new contact for the Peoria Park District to be named later.

Director's Report: Dr. Vroman submitted an e-mail of his report as follows:

1. He talked to Pat Sullivan and the band will play in the Warehouse District on Wednesday July 2.
2. He talked to Nick Conrad at the Park District who told him there would be NO July 3rd fireworks and that he saw no problem with the Sunday evening schedule.
3. He also asked Nick about the possibility of 2 or 3 Sunday Nights with food trucks available. The park district has a process to be an approved vendor so this is not something we can arrange but he seemed open to the idea.
4. He spoke with Frank Rezak and we have confirmed a Friday night concert at St. Philomena Church for June 27th.
5. He would like to do the other remaining Friday evening runout on July 18 or 25 at St. Vincent de Paul. We will no longer do a runout at United Presbyterian Church. He appreciates everything UPC has done over the years but he thinks it's time for a change of venue.
6. He reached out to Johnathan Hootman via email on February 12th and then saw him in the office later that week about rehearsal dates. They are going to be redoing the band room in Dingeldine and the dates have not been confirmed. Johnathan will get to it soon.
7. He drew up a press release advertising for new members and it has been put out to news outlets by Liz Driscoll and posted on social media by Maura Shepherd and Frank Gutierrez.
8. Todd Pilon called Dr. Vroman on behalf of WTVP about the possibility of recording a holiday concert in the studio this season to be broadcast during the holidays. Since the band avoids fund raising to cover the cost of doing this concert, Todd is going to see what WTVP sources they could tap. A survey would have to be done to see who is available.

Old Business: Molly reminded the commissioners to file their Economic Interest Form with the City. We also discussed advertising for 2025. Molly contacted PSO about us stuffing programs but hasn't had a reply. George will bring the signs and banners to the next meeting to give to Molly. Mary suggested we have Monica Vest Wheeler of Community Word do a start of season article about the band. It was pointed out that the Catholic Diocese could put an ad in all the church bulletins.

New Business: Molly said she emailed Nick Conrad and Charlie Walker about vendors setting up at Glen Oak. She also received a list of vendors from Jill Shea at Dunlap High School giving several suggestions of vendors they have used at band competitions. That list will be presented to the city for approval.

A motion to adjourn at 8:25 was made by Mary and seconded by Don.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcia Boyer