

Peoria Municipal Band Commission Minutes

May 8, 2025

Constance at Bradley University

In attendance: Molly Slotter, Chair; George Graves, Jr., Manager; David Vroman, Director; 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 Mary and seconded by Don.

Manager's Report: George talked to Todd who said we need a voice monitor for the sound system. Todd took it to Purchasing at the City. It was ordered and received and Todd will test it. The cost was \$149. He also reported that the City (public works) will pick up the trailer and make repairs, etc. The Park District will pick it up and take it to the amphitheater.

Director's Report: Dr. Vroman showed the commission the article that was in Community Word about the muni band. It was suggested our concerts be listed in their music section.

Dr. Vroman said responses from the letter sent to band members about playing this year showed that there will be 13 openings for the coming season. We also need to find someone to help Todd with sound. He also talked about the Assistant Director position. A letter will be send to current band members.

We will be stuffing muni band information In the PSO programs for the next concert. We will meet in the PSO office on 5/15/25.

Old Business:

- Molly talked about advertising for the coming summer. She talked to Brett Beechler and he told her he would put a notice about the band that would run once a week. Other places will be Community Word, WCBU arts calendar, Morton Civic Chorus, District 150 digital billboard on War Memorial, and Corn Stock Theatre.
- Nick from the City of Peoria is in favor of the food vendors we plan to have once a month at the concerts in Glen Oak Park. They will be Mac Daddy Spudz on June 8; Grill Em All on July 13; and Tony's on Wheels/Haddads on August 10. Emack & Bolios will be serving ice cream every Sunday.
- Molly reminded commissioners to contract restaurants to see if they will donate gift cards.

New Business:

- The balance with the Community Foundation is \$23,462.31
- We will be taking brochures to retirement homes.

A motion to adjourn at 8:56 was made by Don and seconded by Mary.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcia Boyer