

Regular Meeting  
August 22, 2016

At the call of President Glen Marcum, the Joliet Park District Board of Commissioners met for a Regular Meeting on Monday, August 22, 2016 at the Presence Health Inwood Athletic Club, 3000 W. Jefferson Street, Joliet, IL. The meeting began at 5:00pm.

Pledge to the Flag

The Pledge to the Flag was led by Commissioner Broderick

Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Marcum, Gulas, Broderick, Mutz, \*Schultz (arrived at 5:22pm)  
Commissioners Absent: None

A. Approval of the minutes of Regular Meeting and Executive Session of July 25, 2016  
A motion was made by Vice President Gulas, seconded by Commissioner Mutz, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting and Executive Session of July 25, 2016. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: All in favor  
Nays: None  
Absent: Schultz

B. Approval of the bills and payroll for the month of July 2016  
A motion was made by Commissioner Mutz, seconded by Vice President Gulas, to approve the bills and payroll for the month of July 2016. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: All in favor  
Nays: None  
Absent: Schultz

C. Treasurer's Report for the month of July 2016  
Director of Finance, Matt Pehle, presented the Treasurer's Report for the month of July 2016 as follows:

Cash on hand beginning of month:	\$ 2,248,791.51
Total Receipts during month:	\$ 2,428,927.39
Total Disbursements during month:	\$ 2,892,921.08
Cash on hand end of month:	\$ 1,784,797.82
Total Investments:	\$17,722,721.48
Total Cash and Investments:	\$19,507,519.30

Mr. Pehle stated that the operating cash fund balance was \$1,905,521.66 compared to \$1,789,329.70 at the end of the month last year.

Commissioner Broderick made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of July 2016. Commissioner Mutz seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

Ayes: All in favor  
Nays: None  
Absent: Schultz

D. Opportunity For The Public To Speak - 3 minute time limit

Elizabeth Ley asked the Board questions regarding Commissioners receiving complimentary golf and Splash Station passes to distribute to friends, any policies that allow Commissioners to instruct staff to give complimentary Inwood Athletic Club membership/locker rooms to friends, or any policies that allow Commissioners to instruct staff to allow Commissioners' friends to golf for free.

Ms. Ley was directed to speak to Tom Carstens, Executive Director, since it is not a Board policy to reply during "Opportunity for the Public to Speak".

E. Communications

Vice President Gulas presented the following resolution honoring Daniel Burgess:

Whereas: Daniel Burgess built and installed a raised garden bed in the Little Sprouts outdoor play area at The Nature Center in Pilcher Park; and Whereas: Daniel Burgess brought distinguished prestige to the community through his tireless efforts and dedication to Pilcher Park; and Whereas: Daniel Burgess' vision at Pilcher Park Nature Center has been realized, Now, Therefore, be it resolved that the Joliet Park District, through its duly authorized and assembled Board of Commissioners, publicly commends Daniel Burgess and recognizes this outstanding achievement; Be It Further Resolved that this Resolution be spread of record and a copy be presented to Daniel Burgess. Dated, at Joliet, Illinois this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 2016.

1. Executive Director Correspondence

Executive Director Tom Carstens informed the Board about an upcoming meeting with the architect and construction management company regarding the Nowell Park Recreation Center.

Mr. Carstens stated that full-time staff attended a harassment training session last week.

Mr. Carstens reminded the Board about the IPRA/IAPD Legislative Awareness Picnic which will be at Inwood Park on Saturday, August 27 from 10am-2pm.

Mr. Carstens informed the Board that a proposal for a new hangar will be presented at the September 19, 2016 Work Session along with the Board Policy Manual.

Mr. Carstens stated that the OSLAD grant funding for the Hoberg Property in the amount of \$750,000.00 will be released shortly as part of the recently signed stopgap budget. President Marcum acknowledge Senator Bertino-Tarrant for pushing legislative through to allow the funding to be released to the Joliet Park District and Kendall County Forest Preserve.

1. Staff Reports

Deputy Director Brad Staab updated the Board on the new website and noted that the Park District's catalog, which is all done in-house, will be available on October 16.

Mr. Staab also acknowledge Kristen Bernier, Lead Graphic Designer, who attended a conference in Cleveland and gave a presentation about the Organic Community Garden.

Mr. Pehle informed the Board that the Park District's audit was completed in June and the audit report will be presented at the October Board Meeting.

Ted Brodeur, Director of Revenue Facilities, updated the Board about the annual pool closing for maintenance and that the Inwood Athletic Club will also be closed a few days next year for needed improvements.

Mr. Brodeur introduced the new Assistant Superintendent of Golf Grounds, John Ekstrom. Mr. Ekstrom will oversee Inwood Gould Course and Administrative/IAC/MPC grounds along with assisting Clint McLaughlin, Superintendent of Golf Grounds, with Wedgewood and Woodruff Golf Courses.

Mr. Brodeur updated the Board on the golf courses' improvements and identified areas of concerns such as bunkers, fairways and cart paths. After final recommendations from Greg Martin, Joliet Park District golf course architect, a list will be developed that will prioritize the improvements and what can be funded.

At 5:22pm, Commissioner Schultz entered the meeting.

Terry Keigher, Director of Recreation, updated the Board about the turf at the Inwood Sports Complex softball fields.

Mr. Keigher informed the Board that Wish Upon a Star is looking at moving a softball benefit event to the Inwood Sports Complex softball fields and Multi-Purpose Center.

Mr. Keigher noted that Melissa Theobald, Gymnastics Supervisor, has accepted another job and will be leaving the Park District. The position will be posted internally and on the IPRA website.

Mr. Keigher stated that the Nowell Park Back to School Fest was successful with 1,500 people in attendance and thanked Commissioner Broderick for cooking on the grill.

Larry Burich, Director of Planning/Parks, updated the Board on the park and playgrounds improvements along with Pilcher Park Phase I. Mr. Burich informed the Board about a meeting with Kendall County regarding the widening of Grove Road and how it would affect Grove Road Park.

Mr. Burich introduced Katie Zaban, Nature Center Superintendent. Ms. Zaban gave a presentation on the Hickory Creek Watershed Project in Pilcher Park. Ms. Zaban was approached by the Hickory Creek Watershed Planning Group about applying for the IL EPA 319 Grant. The project would include improvements to part of the creek between Cass Street/Rt.30 and the Nature Center. Improvements would be riparian buffer with native plantings to attract pollinators, permeable pavers in the small parking lot near creek and bioswales (landscape design to remove silt and pollution from surface runoff water – ditching on north side of the street). The grant is a 60/40 match and would be awarded in June 2017. The Joliet Park District 40 percent funding would include in-kind labor and possible other available grants. The Park District potential responsibility would be around \$25,000.

Ms. Zaban noted that this project would help with pollution, erosion, and would be aesthetically pleasing. Mr. Burich informed the Board that the project would also piggyback on the current Pilcher Park Referendum project.

The Board gave staff approval to continue with the Hickory Creek Watershed Project in Pilcher Park.

F. Action Items

1. Old Business

There was no Old Business brought before the Board for consideration.

2. New Business

There was no New Business brought before the Board for consideration.

G. Board Comment

1. Committee Report

a. Policy

Commissioner Broderick stated that the Policy Committee consisted of himself, Commissioner Schultz, Executive Director Tom Carstens and Counsel Marji Swanson. Commissioner Broderick informed the Board that the Committee has received sample Board policy manuals from other park districts and that there will be a committee meeting on August 25. At the September 19, 2016 Work Session, the committee will present a Board Policy Manual for discussion.

b. Joliet Park Foundation

President Marcum thanked Mr. Brodeur and Brian Legan, Inwood Golf Course Manager, for helping with the Moonlight Golf Outing. The Foundation was able to raise around \$7,000 which will be used for travel expenses for the Special Recreation of Joliet & Channahon (SRJC) Special Olympics.

c. Joliet Regional Airport

Commissioner Broderick discussed the additional hangar project and that it will be presented at the September 19, 2016 Work Session.

Commissioner Mutz informed the Board that the Airport Festival will be on September 25<sup>th</sup> and Run the Runway will be on October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Commissioner Broderick commended staff on installing the “Senior Citizen Parking Only” signs and commented that he has heard good feedback about the new equipment at the Inwood Athletic Club.

Commissioner Broderick wanted it noted that he would like to see revenue from the Taste of Joliet be earmarked for capital improvement projects.

President Marcum stated that he would like staff to revisit a project where the dead trees at West Park could be sculpted into works of art.

H. Executive Session: The Setting of a Price for Sale or Lease of Property Owned by the Park District; Consideration of the Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal of Specific Employees; Pending Litigation; Probable or Imminent Litigation

At 6:06pm a motion was made by Commissioner Broderick, seconded by Commissioner Schultz, to go into Executive Session for the setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the Park District; consideration of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees; pending litigation; probable or imminent litigation. The motion unanimously carried.

I. Action from Executive Session

At 7:12pm a motion was made by Commissioner Schultz, seconded by Vice President Gulas, to return to Regular Session with no action taken. The motion unanimously carried.

K. Adjournment

With all agenda items discussed, a motion was made by Commissioner Schultz, seconded by Commissioner Mutz, to adjourn the meeting. The motion unanimously carried. The time was 7:13pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa Talarico  
Recording Secretary