

Regular Meeting
December 21, 2015

At the call of President Glen Marcum, the Joliet Park District Board of Commissioners met for a Regular Meeting on Monday, December 22, 2014 in the Board Room of the Presence Inwood Athletic Club, 3000 W. Jefferson Street, Joliet, IL. The meeting began at 5:04pm.

Pledge to the Flag

The Pledge to the Flag was led by Vice President Schultz.

Commissioners Present: Marcum, Schultz, Mutz, Gulas, Broderick

Commissioners Absent: None

A. Bond Information Notice Act (BINA) Hearing

1. Public Hearing concerning the intent of the Board to issue not to exceed \$1,500,000 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds for the payment of land condemned or purchased for parks, for the building, maintaining, improving and protecting of the same and the existing land and facilities of the District, or for refunding obligations issued for said purposes, and for the payment of the expenses incident thereto.

Matthew Pehle, Interim Chief Executive Officer, stated that the BINA Hearing was conducted at the November 23, 2015 Board Meeting however due to a publication issue with the notice of the hearing, the Board needs to conduct another hearing. It was noted that the BINA hearing is for receiving public comment regarding the District's intent to sell, not to exceed, \$1,500,000 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds to fund park projects and refund certain outstanding obligations. Mr. Pehle continued by stated that this annual hearing is required by state law and is not related to the 2014 Referendum. The Board will vote on the selling of the bonds at the January 25, 2016 Board Meeting.

President Marcum asked for comment from the public. At this time, no one from the public addressed the Board.

2. Adjournment of Hearing

Hearing no comment, President Marcum asked for a motion to adjourn the hearing. A motion was made by Vice President Schultz, seconded by Commissioner Broderick, to adjourn the hearing. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: All in favor

Nays: None

A. Approval of the minutes of Regular Meeting and Executive Session of November 23, 2015

A motion was made by Commissioner Broderick, seconded by Commissioner Gulas, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting and Executive Session of November 23, 2015. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: All in favor

Nays: None

B. Approval of the bills and payroll for the month of November 2015

A motion was made by Commissioner Gulas, seconded by Commissioner Mutz, to approve the bills and payroll for the month of November 2015. The motion carries as follows:

Ayes: All in favor

Nays: None

C. Treasurer's Report for the month of November 2015

Mr. Pehle gave the Treasurer's Report for the month of November 2015 as follows:

Cash on hand beginning of month:	\$ 1,409,305.90
Total Receipts during month:	\$ 1,469,588.47
Total Disbursements during month:	\$ 1,557,132.17
Cash on hand end of month:	\$ 1,321,762.20
Total Investments:	\$14,197,604.39
Total Cash and Investments:	\$15,519,366.59

Operating Fund balance at the end of November was \$1,387,496.97 compared to \$1,201,969.40 last year.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mutz, seconded by Vice President Schultz, to approve the Treasurer's Report for November 2015. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: All in favor
Nays: None

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

Tom Boucher thanked the Board for adding the pool schedule to the website. In the past there has been issues with club participants coming to swim and then finding out the pool was not available. Mr. Boucher requested that the park district also add a notification system to notify swimmers when there is an unscheduled pool closing.

Mr. Pehle stated that a text messaging system will be looked into for notifying participants. Vice President Schultz requested that the right staff members be notified regarding the pool availability and closing concerns.

Keith Conroy expressed his frustration with the pool being rented out to groups and not available for club participants during prime times.

Mark Marist stated that he is grateful to have a wonderful facility (Inwood Athletic Club and Pool) in Joliet but voiced his concern about the temperature of the pool being too high for lap swimmers. Mr. Marist requested that the temperature be 80 to 81 degrees.

Connie Welz stated that her daughter started ice-skating at Inwood when she was six years old. Her daughter had to leave Inwood because the policy would not allow outside coaches. Her daughter needed an USFSA (United States Figure Skating) certified coach and Inwood only has ISI (Ice Skating Institute) coaches. Ms. Welz said her family traveled all over to different ice rinks and has seen both USFSA and ISA at the same rink working well together. I felt discriminated against and uncomfortable at Inwood because her daughter was a USFSA skater. Ms. Welz told the Board that she is a tax payer and it was hard on her family to travel to other facilities. Ms. Welz stated that every child should be able to have a coach of their choice.

Katie Welz expressed her firm belief that outside coaches should be allowed to teach at Inwood Ice Arena. Since Inwood did not allow outside coaches, Ms. Welz left when she was six years old and went to other facilities because she needed an USFSA coach. Ms. Welz came back to Inwood as a skate instructor from 2009 to 2014. Allowing outside USFA certified coaches to instruct at Inwood would enrich the program. Ms Welz questioned why Inwood is forcing a child to choose between friends and continuing their ice-skating career. Teaching USFSA requires several certifications than ISI and would only enhance the ice-skating program. Ms. Welz presented list of qualifications for a USFSA coach to the Board.

Tracy Jungles stated that she came to the meeting to get an update on the ice-skating policy. Ms. Jungles expressed her frustration about not meeting or hearing from staff and said that a compromise will only happen if we meet at the table. Ms. Jungles noted that this request started in May and there has been no compromise. Ms. Jungles noted several dates where her daughter came to practice during freestyle at Inwood and there was few

or no one on the ice practicing. Ms. Jungles stated that Inwood cannot offer what USFSA coaches offer and asked for a date, if any, on when a new policy would be in place.

E. Communications

1. Staff Reports

Terry Keigher, Director of Recreation, noted that there was a Breakfast with Santa at Hartman with 300 people attending. Mr. Keigher added that staff is currently looking at field turf pricing on softball fields.

Mr. Pehle stated that the basic guidelines for allowing outside coaches to instruct during freestyle at Inwood Ice Arena have been completed and will be in place early 2016 after ethic polices and administrative forms are finalized.

Mr. Pehle announced that the employees raised around \$5,000 during the November employee appreciation day and the checks were presented today to Big Brothers Big Sisters, Combined Charities and United Way.

Mr. Pehle noted that the City Zoning Board approved the setback variance for the Nowell Park Recreation Center. This was the last hurdle for the facility so staff will now be finalizing bid packets.

F. Action Items

1. Old Business

No Old Business was brought to the Board for consideration.

2. New Business

a. Request from Luna Boxing Gym to Sell Alcohol at Multi-Purpose Center during USA Boxing Sanctioned Event

Representing Luna Boxing Gym, Nick Marducci requested to sell alcohol (beer) at the multi-purpose center during the February 6, 2016 boxing event. All funds raised will be used for the purpose of purchasing equipment for the boxing program and will be shared with Big Brothers Big Sisters. The event has been very successful at Hartman for 25 years and the next phase to raise more funds would be to have the event at the Multi-Purpose Center. Mr. Marducci introduced Jesse Luna, Miguel Luna and Tom Morena from Luna Boxing.

Mike Trafton, CEO of Big Brothers Big Sister of Will & Grundy Counties, thanked the Board for the donation check that was presented to him before the meeting. Mr. Trafton came to speak in favor of the Luna Boxing event. He feels the program benefits the community especially the kids. Mr. Trafton stated that he will be at the event and will ensure that everything is in order.

Mr. Keigher confirmed that beer will be the only alcohol sold and gave his recommendation to approve the event and the selling of alcohol as long as the required paperwork and insurance is completed by Luna Boxing Gym.

A motion was made by Commissioner Broderick, seconded by Vice President Schultz, to approve the request from Luna Boxing Gym to sell alcohol at Multi-Purpose Center during the USA Boxing Sanctioned Event. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: All in favor

Nays: None

b. Approval of 2016 Board Meeting Schedule

Mr. Pehle presented the Board with the 2016 Board Meeting schedule. It was noted that three Regular Board Meetings; one in June, November and December were moved to the third Monday of the month due to the Taste of Joliet and the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gulas, seconded by Commissioner Mutz, to approve the 2016 Board Meeting Schedule. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: All in favor
Nays: None

- c. Ordinance #800 - Changing the Fiscal Year from May 1 – April 30 to January 1 – December 31 (Commencing in 2017)

Mr. Pehle noted that this was presented to the Board informally earlier in the year. This is to formalize the change to the fiscal budget from May 1 – April 30 to January 1 – December 31.

A motion was made by Commissioner Broderick, seconded by Commissioner Mutz, to approve Ordinance #800-changing the fiscal year from May 1 – April 30 to January 1 – December 31. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: All in favor
Nays: None

G. Board Comments

Commissioner Gulas thanked Brad Stab, Director of Communications/Marketing, for promptly adding the pool schedule to the website. Commissioner Gulas thanked Mr. Pehle for his patience and diligence with working on a compromise with the ice skating policy.

Vice President Schultz thanked staff for all their hard work and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe New Year.

Commissioner Mutz thanked the staff and wished them happy holidays.

President Marcum wished everyone happy holidays and is looking forward to a new year.

1. Committee Report
 - a. Policy

No Report was given.

- b. Joliet Park Foundation

Commissioner Gulas stated the Foundation's Poinsettia luncheon was a success.

- c. Joliet Regional Airport

No Report was given.

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

At 5:40pm a motion was made by Commissioner Broderick, seconded by Commissioner Gulas, to go into Executive Session for the purpose the consideration of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees; Executive Session Meeting minutes review; the setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the Park District; pending litigation; probable or imminent litigation. The motion unanimously carried.

I. Action from Executive Session

At 6:51pm, a motion was made by Vice President Schultz, seconded by Commissioner Mutz, to exit Executive Session. The motion unanimously carried.

At 6:52pm, a motion was made by Commissioner Broderick to keep all Executive Session meeting minutes closed. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Gulas and it unanimously carried.

J. Adjournment

There was a brief discussion regarding the ice skating policy. Commissioner Gulas stated that the parents are frustrated because there has been no resolution after many months of coming to the Board.

At 6:55pm, Vice President Schultz motioned to adjourn the meeting. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Mutz and it unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa L. Talarico
Board Secretary