

Regular Meeting  
January 25, 2016

At the call of President Glen Marcum, the Joliet Park District Board of Commissioners met for a Regular Meeting on Monday, January 25, 2016 in the Board Room of the Presence Inwood Athletic Club, 3000 W. Jefferson Street, Joliet, IL. The meeting began at 5:00pm.

Pledge of the Flag

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

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

Commissioners Absent: None

A. Approval of the minutes of Regular Meeting and Executive Session of December 21, 2015 and Special Meeting and Executive Session of January 4, 2016

A motion was made by Commissioner Gulas, seconded by Commissioner Mutz, to approve the minutes of Regular Meeting and Executive Session of December 21, 2015 and Special Meeting and Executive Session of January 4, 2016. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: All in favor

Nays: None

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Broderick, seconded by Vice President Schultz, to approve the bills and payroll for the month of December 2015. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: All in favor

Nays: None

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

Cash on hand	\$ 1,321,762.20
Receipts	\$ 977,923.85
Disbursements	\$ 1,249,060.62
Cash on Hand	\$ 1,050,625.43
Total Investments	\$13,752,952.67
Total Cash and Investments	\$14,803,578.10

Mr. Pehle, Interim Chief Executive Director / Director of Finance, stated that the Operating Fund was \$1,067,598.47 compared to \$1,201,969.40 at the end of 2014.

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

Ayes: All in favor

Nays: None

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

Traci Jungles expressed her dissatisfaction with the new policy that allows outside ice skating coaches to instruct doing freestyle session. Ms. Jungles does not agree with the pro fee and the ethic policy is not consistent with a court ruling for USFSA coaches.

Connie Wells asked the Board why the ice rink is here. Ms. Wells noted after the last Board meeting there were changes to existing staff biographies on the website stating that they are qualified to coach U.S. Figure Skating. Ms. Wells stated that this is deceiving the public because only one coach is qualified. Ms. Wells asked, is the ice rink here for the betterment of the community or the 16 coaches that have a monopoly.

Robert Wells came to speak regarding the policy allowing outside ice skating coaches to instruct. Mr. Wells gave examples of problems with the contract between Park District and the outside coaches. Mr. Wells stated that the contract violates a ruling regarding no solicitation.

Tony James is a parent of a member of the Blue Tides swim team. Mr. James, representing other parents, came to express his concern about one of the pioneers of the Blue Tide swim team program leaving and how it will affect the program. Mr. James stated that the last 6 to 7 years have been great and would like to see the program progress to the next level with qualified coaches.

Dr. Rita Rogan stated that we have worked with President Marcum and the Commissioners regarding ADA issues. Dr. Rogan stated that the JPD Board members need expert information to know how and why the Joliet Park District is currently at risk district wide under ADA. Robin Jones is the Director and Principle Investigator of Region 5, Great Lakes ADA Center. They are federally funded and their mission is to provide guidance to entities for ADA compliance. Dr. Rogan noted that Pam Heavens, Executive Director of the Will-Grundy Center for Independent Living has advised you the need to engage Ms. Jones. We are aware that the Board has hired a consultant regarding the limited access issue in Pilcher Park; there are much greater problems that the JPD is responsible for under ADA. Ms. Jones' mission is to provide the best information and guidance available to entities and her services cost nothing. Dr. Rogan asked the Board to call Ms. Jones at 312-996-1059.

Pam Heavens stated that in the interested of time, she submitted a written document about the Joliet Park District reaching out to Robin Jones and how the Board has everything to gain by calling her.

Early Coleman addressed the Board regarding the upcoming improvements at the (Pilcher) park. Mr. Coleman asked the Board if there was going to be meetings for residents regarding the park improvements; possibly in the Parkwood neighborhood. President Marcum stated that a meeting can be held about the Pilcher Park plans that the Board has already approved. Mr. Coleman questioned why there were not meetings before a plan was approved since the park is in their backyard.

Jason Louthan expressed his disappointment about how an employee was treated and when she resigned no one reached out to her.

## E. Communications

### 1. Staff Reports

Mr. Pehle stated that aquatics staff and he met with the Blue Tides swim team today to discuss the resignation of the Assistant Aquatics Coordinator and that a new head coach would be hired as soon as possible.

Mr. Pehle noted that a new policy which would allow outside ice-skating coaches to come and instruct doing freestyle sessions was sent to the Board and Traci Jungles. The policy can be revised and before staff and coaches sign the policy, it will be reviewed by the attorney. The goal is to have the policy in place by February 1<sup>st</sup>.

Ted Brodeur, Director of Revenue Facilities, informed the Board that the tree removal is still ongoing at Inwood and Wedgewood golf courses and staff is working on a tree replacement program.

Brad Staab, Director of Communications / Marketing, announced that ticket sales are up to \$20,000.00 since announcing Styx will be the main act on Friday for the Taste of Joliet.

Mr. Burich stated that the bid packet for the 2014 Referendum Park Renovations for Garnsey Park and Heggie Field would go out in February along with the bid packet for Stage 1 of the Pilcher Park Road Renovations. The bid packet for Phase 2 of the Pilcher Park Renovations would go out in March.

### 2. 2015 Year in Review

Mr. Pehle stated that the 2015 Year in Review report will be brought to the Board at a later date.

## F. Action Items

### 1. Old Business

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

### 2. New Business

- a. Ordinance #801 – Consideration and action on an ordinance providing for the issue of not to exceed \$1,250,000 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2016B, and \$200,000 Taxable General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2016C, of the Joliet Park District, Will and Kendall Counties, Illinois, for the purposes of paying the costs of capital projects and providing a revenue source to pay certain outstanding obligations of said Park District, and providing for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest on said bonds and for the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof.

Mr. Pehle stated that this is the Joliet Park District's annual bond issuance for 2016.

Commissioner Mutz made a motion to adopt Ordinance #801. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Broderick and it carried as follows:

Ayes: All in favor

Nays: None

- b. Ordinance #802 – Consideration and action on an ordinance providing for the issue of not to exceed \$6,000,000 General Obligation Park Bonds, Series 2016A, of the Joliet Park District, Will and Kendall Counties, Illinois, providing for the project approved at the November 4, 2014 general election, for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and for the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof.

Commissioner Gulas made a motion to adopt Ordinance #802. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Mutz and it carried as follows:

Ayes: All in favor

Nays: None

#### G. Board Comments

##### 1. Committee Reports

###### a. Policy

There was no Report for the Policy Committee

###### b. Joliet Park Foundation

There was no Report for the Joliet Park Foundation Committee.

###### c. Joliet Regional Airport

There was no report for the Joliet Regional Airport Committee.

H. Executive Session: The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific Park District Employees; Collective negotiating matters between the Park District and its employees or their representatives or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees

At 5:27pm, a motion was made by Commissioner Broderick, seconded by Vice President Schultz, to suspend the Regular Meeting and move into Executive Sessions to discuss consideration of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees; pending litigation. The motion unanimously carried.

#### I. Action from Executive Session

At 6:16pm, a motion was made by Vice President Schultz, seconded by Commissioner Gulas, to exit executive session. The motion unanimously carried.

The Board requested Mr. Pehle call Cindy Timmerman from IAPD to schedule interviews for two candidates. A special meeting will be on February 4, 2016 to interview the candidates.

There was a brief discussion after the Executive Session regarding the accessibility concerns that Ms. Heavens and some residents have regarding Joliet Park District properties. Mr. Pehle stated that he will contact Robin Jones from Region 5, Great Lakes ADA Center. However

with the exception of the Pilcher Park roads, there has not been any other specific concerns brought to staff's attention regarding other properties.

J. Adjournment

At 6:30pm, with all agenda items discussed, a motion was made by Vice President Schultz, seconded by Commissioner Broderick, to adjourn the meeting. The motion unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa Talarico  
Board Secretary