

Regular Meeting
May 23, 2016

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

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

Commissioners Absent: None

- A. Approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting and Executive Session of April 25, 2016 and Special Meeting and Executive Session of May 16, 2016.

A motion was made by Commissioner Broderick, seconded by Commissioner Mutz to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting and Executive Session of April 25, 2016 and Special Meeting and Executive Session of May 16, 2016. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: All in favor

Nays: None

- B. Approval of the bills and payroll for the month of April 2016.

Vice President Gulas made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Broderick, to approve the bills and payroll for the month of April 2016. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: All in favor

Nays: None

- C. Treasurer's Report for the month of April 2016.

Matthew Pehle, Director of Finance, presented the Treasurer's Report for the month of April 2016 as follows:

Cash on hand beginning of month:	\$ 432,700.77
Total Receipts during month:	\$ 1,730,247.98
Total Disbursements during month:	\$ 1,813,828.48
Cash on hand end of month:	\$ 349,119.54

Total Investments:	\$17,494,633.58
Total Cash and Investments:	\$17,843,753.12

Mr. Pehle stated that the total Operating Fund was \$366,100.51 compared to last year's balance of \$366,284.78. Mr. Pehle noted that with an extra payroll in April and additional expenses compared to last year contributed to the park district being slightly under last year's numbers. Mr. Pehle commented that it was still a good year for the park district.

A motion was made by Vice President Schultz, seconded by Commissioner Mutz, to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of April 2016. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: All in favor

Nays: None

D. Opportunity for the Public to Speak - 3 minute time limit

President Marcum moved agenda item "Opportunity for the Public to Speak" to after the Pilcher Park presentation.

E. Communications

1. Executive Director's Correspondence

Tom Carstens, Executive Director, introduced Brad Staab as the new Deputy Director of the Joliet Park District. Mr. Carstens noted that the Deputy Director position would be responsible for day to day operations and in the event the Executive Director is unavailable during any period of time; the deputy director would be able step in and assume the responsibilities.

President Marcum wanted it noted that the new Deputy Director position was a Board initiative and was not a decision made by Mr. Carstens.

2. Staff Reports

No reports were given.

F. Action Items

1. Old Business

a. Pilcher Park – Approving New Concept for Roads & Trails

Mr. Carstens stated that he appreciates the Board's patience this past month while he evaluated the Pilcher Park plan and met and listened to the park district residents. Mr. Carstens noted that based on his research, he is recommending changes to the initial Pilcher Park plan. Mr. Carstens highlighted the main changes: North Loop Road will be left as a road and repaved, the middle connector trail will remain open using crushed asphalt and crushed limestone, The Upper Pilcher

Trail from Rt. 6 to near the Nature Center will be paved and Snake Hill will be repaved. Mr. Carstens noted that since Snake Hill has heavy water flow and drainage issues it will only serve as a service and security road. Mr. Carstens indicated there will be an increase in park maintenance along with developing a Pilcher Park management plan designed for preserve status. Mr. Carstens noted that the original budget for the Pilcher Park road and trail renovations was 2.2 million and with the suggested upgrades the budget is 2.42 million.

Mr. Carstens announced that the park district purchased a rough terrain wheelchair to be available for use and will be stored at the Nature Center. Mr. Carstens acknowledged individuals he met with during this process. Rita Renwick (Will County Audubon Society) and Kim Roman (Illinois Nature Preserves Commission), John McGovern (Recreation Accessibility Consultants), Ralph Schultz (Forest Preserve of Will County), Early Coleman and Pilcher Park Residents, Pam Heavens (Will-Grundy Center for Independent Living), Joe Hammer from Ruettinger Tonelli & Associates and park district staff – Director of Planning/Parks Larry Burich, Nature Center Superintendent Katie Zaban and Finance Director Matt Pehle.

Mr. Carstens introduced Mr. Hammer to present the entire New Pilcher Park Concept for Roads & Trails – Option 3. Mr. Hammer covered the existing conditions of Pilcher Park and then covered the upgrades and improvements of the park. Additional parking will be added throughout the park, one way roads will remain, security gates will be added at the west and east entrance, the Flowing Well entrance off of Gougar Road will be gated and used as a service entrance and in less visited areas pull-offs will be taken out.

Mr. Carstens added that the Hoberg property improvements will be made once the park district receives the funds from the OSLAND grant and that the Joliet Park District will work with the Forest Preserve of Will County to develop an accessibility entrance/parking area at the Rt. 6 Entrance to the Upper Pilcher Trail.

The timeline for the Pilcher Park improvements will be in two phases. The first phase includes Upper Pilcher Trail, North Parking Lot and West Parking Lot and will be from July to October 2016 and the second phase includes East Parking Lot, Nature Center Trail, Nature Center Parking Lot, Roads/Additional Parking, Green House Trail Improvement, Flowing Well, Security Gates and Snake Hill and will from April to July of 2017.

At this time the public had an opportunity to address the Board

Bettye Gavin, City of Joliet Councilwoman and resident, expressed her appreciation to the Board, especially Commissioner Broderick and Mr. Burich, for all the work completed at Forest Park. Ms. Gavin invited the Board to attend the Forest Park early learning graduation ceremony and Forest Park ribbon cutting ceremony on Saturday, June 4th at 10am.

Jeff Lindstrom, resident, thanked the Board for allowing the residents to meet with staff to discuss the Pilcher Park plan instead of rushing into a plan. Mr. Lindstrom also thanked Commissioner Broderick for taking the time to walk the trails. Mr. Lindstrom express concerns regarding the new roads handling heavy equipment vehicles, invasive species and construction of foot bridges.

Judy Studer, resident, thanked Mr. Pehle and Mr. Burich for meeting with her regarding Pilcher Park concerns along with thanking staff for the maintenance of the park. Ms. Studer suggested involving students at Joliet Junior College in the preserve status planning of Pilcher Park and expressed a concern about a stone structure that needed to be repair.

Dr. Rita Rogan, resident, commented on Ex-Marine Charlie Linville and thanked the Board for continuing the conversation regarding Pilcher Park. Sr. Rogan invited the Board to a June 4th event featuring John Bramblitt.

John Sheridan, resident, thanked the Board for addressing the concerns of the community.

Helen Strauss, thanked the Board and is looking forward to the Board maintaining the communication with the community.

John Depue, 40 year resident, thanked the Board.

Earley Colman, resident, stated that he appreciates the conversation with staff and looks forward to working as a group to improve Pilcher Park.

Mr. Carstens stated that it is the Staff's recommendation that the Board repeal its vote taken at the Regular Meeting on July 27, 2015 to implement Option 2 for the Pilcher Park road renovation and instead implement a new plan presented today on May 23, 2016 (Option 3). If approved, Ruettiger, Tonelli and Associates will proceed to prepare bid documentation for Phase 1 and Phase 2 of Option 3 for the Pilcher Park roads & trails renovation.

Commissioner Broderick made a motion to approve staff's recommendation to repeal vote taken at the Regular Meeting on July 27, 2015 to implement Option 2 for the Pilcher Park road renovation and instead implement a new plan presented today on May 23, 2016 (Option 3). His motion was seconded by Commissioner Mutz and it carried as follows:

Ayes: All in favor

Nays: None

President Marcum encouraged the residents to contact Governor Rauner about releasing the Hoberg OSLAND Grant funds to the Joliet Park District so work can begin on the property.

2. New Business

There was no New Business brought to the Board

3. Quotes and Award of Contracts

a. Award of Equipment Lease – Kubota Leasing for

\$56,631.00

Larry Burich, Director of Planning/Parks, stated that quotes were received for the purpose of leasing a new track loader. The 1991 HMI 1700 Diesel Bobcat was taken out of service last year and was declared surplus and sold in the fall. This piece of equipment is used daily and is crucial when installing playgrounds.

Mr. Burich indicated it is the staff's recommendation that the quote of \$1,655/month for a 36 month lease from The Turf Team Inc., 4620 W. US 6, Morris, IL 60450 be accepted. The funding will come from the Capitol and Operating Funds.

Vice President Gulas made a motion to approve staff's recommendation and award the equipment lease to Kubota Leasing for \$56,631.00. Her motion was seconded by Commissioner Schultz and it carried as follows:

Ayes: All in favor

Nays: None

Commissioner Schultz commended Mr. Carstens on his work and commitment to the Pilcher Park plan.

Commissioner Mutz thanked Mr. Carstens for his time with the Pilcher Park project and congratulated Mr. Staab on his new position.

Commissioner Broderick thanked Mr. Carstens and stressed the importance of continuing to meet with the residents.

G. Executive Session: Consideration of the Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal of Specific Employees; Pending Litigation; Probable or Imminent Litigation.

There was no Executive Session

H. Action from Executive Session

Since there was no Executive Session no action from Executive Session was taken.

I. Adjournment

With all agenda items discussed, a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Mutz. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Schultz and it carried unanimously. The time was 5:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Carstens
Board Secretary