

Regular Meeting  
January 22, 2018

A. Call to Order & Pledge to the Flag

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner McGuire.

B. Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Clement, McGuire, Tatro, Mutz, and Gulas

Commissioners Absent: None

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

Maria Reyes, Resident of Joliet and member of the Justice for Semaj Action Team, addressed the Board and asked them to reconsider the Board's decision not to rename Oak Valley Park to Semaj Crosby Park. Ms. Reyes stated that the residents and tax payers that signed the petition to rename the park to Semaj Crosby Park should be heard and that Semaj's death brought the community together and brought about change including reform for Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS).

President Gulas noted that the Park District offered the Justice for Semaj group a compromise of a memorial tree with a dedication plaque for Semaj Crosby in Oak Valley Park. It was stated that Tom Carstens, Executive Director, has spoken to Amy Sanchez regarding a timeline on the memorial.

D. Approval of the Minutes of Special Meeting and Executive Session of December 18, 2017 and Regular Meeting of December 18, 2017

A motion was made by Commissioner Tatro, seconded by Commissioner Clement, to approve the Minutes of Special Meeting and Executive Session of December 18, 2017 and Regular Meeting of December 18, 2017. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Tatro, Clement, McGuire, Mutz, Gulas

Nays: None

E. Approval of the bills and payroll for the month of December 2017 - \$2,103,521.12

A motion was made by Commissioner Clement, seconded by Commissioner McGuire, to approve the bills and payroll for the month of December 2017 in the amount of \$2,103,521.12. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Clement, McGuire, Tatro, Mutz, Gulas

Nays: None

F. Treasurer's Report for the month of December 2017.

Matt Pehle, Director of Finance, gave the Treasurer's report for the month of December 2017 as follows:

Cash on hand beginning of month:	\$ 993,570.04
Total Receipts during month:	\$ 778,174.91
Total Disbursements during month:	\$ 1,156,702.44
Cash on hand end of month:	\$ 615,042.51
Total Investments:	\$ 13,981,824.35
Total Cash and Investments:	\$ 14,596,866.86

Mr. Pehle noted that the Operations Fund is \$632,076.97 compared to last year's balance of \$1,026,440.48.

Commissioner McGuire made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of December 2017. Commissioner Tatro seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

Ayes: McGuire, Tatro, Clement, Mutz, Gulas

Nays: None

G. Communications

1. Resolution – Michael Wilhelmi Proclamation

Michael Wilhelmi was recognized by the Board for his involvement in the softball community. Vice President Mutz read the following Resolution: A Tribute to Michael Wilhelmi, Whereas: Michael Wilhelmi is an inspiration and loyal supporter of adult slo-pitch softball in the Joliet area, including at the Park District's Inwood Sports Complex; and Whereas: Michael Wilhelmi has been supporting Adult Slo-Pitch Softball at the Joliet Park District's Inwood Sports Complex since 1990; and Whereas: Michael Wilhelmi, has brought distinguished prestige to the softball community in the city of Joliet by demonstrating his love for the game in countless ways. Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Joliet Park District, through its duly authorized and assembled Board of Commissioners, publicly commends Michael Wilhelmi and recognizes his outstanding support. Be It Further Resolved that this Resolution be spread of record and a copy be presented to Michael Wilhelmi. Dated, at Joliet, Illinois this 22th day of January, 2018.

2. Executive Director Correspondence

Mr. Carstens, Executive Director, updated the Board on the Nowell Park Recreation Center. Mr. Carstens stated that the steel frame for the gymnasium will be erected this week. Once completed the masonry work will begin.

Mr. Carstens commended Deputy Director Brad Staab on securing Huey Lewis and the News for the Taste of Joliet.

Mr. Carstens informed the Board that Katie Zaban, Nature Center Superintendent, and Kim Roman, Illinois Nature Preserves Commission, is presenting the Pilcher Park preserve status presentation in Springfield.

### 3. Staff Reports

Mr. Staab congratulated Staff, Kate Sievers and Erin Patrick, for the Joliet Park District receiving Best Social Media in the State award for the Taste of Joliet social media coverage.

Terry Keigher, Director of Recreation, informed the Board that due to a boiler breaking down at the Bird Haven Greenhouse, many plants died in the Cactus and Tropical Rooms. Currently, there is temporary heat until the boiler can be replaced.

Mr. Keigher informed the Board that Wish Upon a Star will have the Softball in the Snow event at the Inwood Sports Complex and their fundraiser in the gym at the Kathy Green Multi-Purpose Center.

Ted Brodeur, Director of Revenue Facilities, updated the Board on the Wedgewood property. The buyer did ask for a 30 day extension. Staff is preparing to go out to bid for the Wedgewood Golf Course renovation and hope to start construction in the fall.

Mr. Brodeur updated the Board on the leak under the ice at the Ice Arena. It was stated that the repairs will be made on Thursday.

Mr. Brodeur announced that the new Inwood Athletic Club fitness programs in Studio 2X has been going well, the response has been positive.

Mr. Pehle stated that the auditors will be coming out in March. Finals numbers from the audit will be presented to the Board at the May Board Meeting.

### H. Action Items

#### 1. Old Business

There was no Old Business.

#### 2. New Business

- a. Ordinance #818 - Consideration and action on an ordinance to issue not to exceed \$2,415,000 General Obligation Park Bonds, Series 2018A, of the District to provide for the projects approved by the November 4, 2014 referendum, provide for the levy of taxes to pay said bonds, and for the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof.

It was stated that these Park bonds are the last of the Voter Approved 2014 Referendum bonds. These funds will be used to finish the construction of the Nowell Park Recreation Center and the Kathy Green Multi-Purpose Center renovation.

A motion was made by Commissioner Tatro, seconded by Commissioner Clement, to approve Ordinance #818 - Consideration and action on an ordinance to issue not to exceed \$2,415,000 General Obligation Park Bonds, Series 2018A, of the District to provide for the projects approved by the November 4, 2014 referendum, provide for the levy of taxes to pay said bonds, and for the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Tatro, Clement, McGuire, Mutz, Gulas

Nays: None

- b. Ordinance #819 – Consideration and action on an ordinance to issue not to exceed \$1,400,000 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2018B, and not to exceed \$200,000 Taxable General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2018C, of the District to pay for certain capital projects and provide for the payment of certain outstanding obligations of the District, provide for the levy of taxes to pay said bonds, and for the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof.

A motion was made by Commissioner McGuire, seconded by Commissioner Tatro, to approve Ordinance #819 – Consideration and action on an ordinance to issue not to exceed \$1,400,000 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2018B, and not to exceed \$200,000 Taxable General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2018C, of the District to pay for certain capital projects and provide for the payment of certain outstanding obligations of the District, provide for the levy of taxes to pay said bonds, and for the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: McGuire, Tatro, Clement, Mutz, Gulas

Nays: None

- c. Ordinance #817 - Annual Budget & Appropriation Ordinance – Approval of January 1 – December 31, 2018 Budget

Mr. Pehle stated that there were a few minor changes to the budget and no comments were received from the public regarding the budget during the 30 day display.

A motion was made by Commissioner Tatro, seconded by Commissioner McGuire, to approve Ordinance #817 - Annual Budget & Appropriation Ordinance – January 1 – December 31, 2018. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Tatro, McGuire, Clement, Mutz, Gulas

Nays: None

I. Board Comment

1. Committee Report

a. Joliet Park Foundation

Commissioner Clement noted that the Foundation had their Board Meeting on January 10, 2018. Discussions included events for 2018: Taste of Joliet 50/50 Raffle (June 22-23), Glen Marcum Moonlight Scramble (August 4) and Blues & Brews (date to be determined). Commissioner Clement also stated that the Joliet Park Foundation will be the recipient of the On The Rocks fundraiser that will be held on every Sunday in March.

b. Joliet Regional Airport

There was no report.

President Gulas and Commissioner Clement commended the Nordic Ski Club of Joliet on a successful race at Woodruff Golf Course. Mr. Carstens noted that the Nordic Ski Club has ski available at the Pilcher Park Nature Center for the public to rent.

Vice President Mutz congratulated Mike Wilhelmi on his recognition and wished the Wish Upon A Star a successful Wish Wonderfest event.

J. Executive Session: The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of a specific employee or legal counsel for the Park District 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1); purchase or lease of real property for the use of the Park District, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5); the setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the Park District 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6); pending litigation or probable or imminent litigation 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11)

There was no Executive Session

K. Adjournment

With all agenda items discussed, a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Tatro. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Clement and it carried unanimously. The time was 5:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa Talarico  
Recording Secretary