

Regular Meeting
September 18, 2017

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

When given the opportunity for the public to speak, no one came forward to address the Board.

D. Approval of the Minutes of Regular Meeting and Executive Session of August 28, 2017

A motion was made by Commissioner Clement, seconded by Commissioner McGuire, to approve the Minutes of Regular Meeting and Executive Session of August 28, 2017. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Clement, McGuire, Tatro, Mutz, Gulas

Nays: None

E. Approval of the bills and payroll for the month of August 2017 - \$2,327,892.89

A motion was made by Commissioner Tatro, seconded by Commissioner Clement, to approve the bills and payroll for the month of August 2017 in the amount of \$2,327,892.89. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Tatro, Clement, McGuire, Mutz, Gulas

Nays: None

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

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

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| Cash on hand beginning of month: | \$ 1,528,440.80 |
| Total Receipts during month: | \$ 1,761,555.80 |
| Total Disbursements during month: | \$ 2,480,087.85 |

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| Cash on hand end of month: | \$ 809,908.75 |
| Total Investments: | \$14,460,097.14 |
| Total Cash and Investments: | \$15,270,005.89 |

Mr. Pehle noted that the Operations Fund is \$826,930.27 compared to last year's balance of \$1,324,392.62.

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

Ayes: McGuire, Tatro, Clement, Mutz, Gulas

Nays: None

G. Communications

1. Resolution – Alec P. Smego Proclamation

Katie Zaban, Nature Center Superintendent, introduced Alec Smego. Ms. Zaban stated that Alec is working on his Eagle Scout rank.

Commissioner Tatro read the Alec P. Smego resolution. Whereas: Alec P. Smego built and installed an insect/pollinator home that promotes solitary bees and insects to have a place to sleep, lay their eggs, and hide in the Kids N' Nature Garden at the Nature Center in Pilcher Park; and whereas: Alec P. Smego brought distinguished prestige to the community through his tireless efforts and dedication to Pilcher Park; and whereas: Alec P. Smego 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 Alec P. Smego and recognizes this outstanding achievement; be It further resolved that this Resolution be spread of record and a copy be presented to Alec P. Smego. Dated, at Joliet, Illinois this 18th day of September, 2017.

2. Executive Director Correspondence

Tom Carstens, Executive Director, noted that some Commissioners and staff will be attending the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) conference next week.

Mr. Carstens stated that the construction of the Nowell Park Recreation Center is moving forward. Staging will begin next week.

Mr. Carstens informed the Board that there have been 15 issues with the Inwood (Stadium) Skate Park in the last three months. Issues mostly include graffiti which will be removed and structure repainted. Staff is discussing possible solutions to the problems. The skate park was funded by an OSLAND Grant. Mr. Carstens stated that he has discussed the issues with some of the skate park participants and Joliet Police Chief Benton is aware of the problems.

3. Staff Reports

Brad Staab, Deputy Director, stated that the Joliet Park District's Winter/Spring catalog will be available November 5.

Mr. Staab announced that the Joliet Park District is working with Unidos Marketing Network, LLC on producing videos for SRJC Autumn Lights and the Red Eye 5k Run.

Larry Burich, Director of Planning/Parks, updated the Board on the Pilcher Park Phase II project. The completion date is being moved back to late October due to issues with the road bridges. Mr. Burich discussed the security gates being placed near the Nature Center, the entrance/exit off Gougar Road and the one way road (exit) near the Robert Pilcher statue.

Mr. Burich stated that the playground renovations are complete at Thomas Jefferson School and Warren-Sharpe Park however staff is waiting for a replacement part for the Jennifer Ann Voots playground at Carl Sandburg School. Mr. Burich also stated that the West Park renovation was on schedule and going well.

Terry Keigher, Director of Recreation, first thanked his staff for a great summer and then thanked Larry Burich and Park Services for the installation of a small playground at the Multi-Purpose Center. The students from the Sunshine & Rainbows Learning Center have been enjoying the equipment. Mr. Burich stated that the playground came from Nowell Park, which needed to be removed because of the new recreation center.

Mr. Keigher informed the Board that Laura Brumfiel, Recreation Superintendent, will be attending the NRPA Conference as part of a grant, which the Hartman Recreation Center received.

Mr. Keigher informed the Board that the attorney for Cutting Edge Catering & Events is reviewing the contract for the exclusive caterer at the Barber & Oberwortmann Horticultural Center.

Mr. Keigher stated that staff is reviewing cost for installation of double pane glass panels for the Bird Haven Greenhouse Ron Dodd Showroom. It was noted that all other growing rooms have the double pane glass panels.

Mr. Keigher announced that the Special Recreation of Joliet & Channahon (SRJC) will be hosting Autumn Lights, a dinner/fundraising, on September 30 in the Cart Barn at the Inwood Golf Club. Proceeds raised will go to SRJC Scholarships.

Ted Brodeur, Director of Revenue Facilities, announced that Inwood Golf Club will be hosting a Bears/Packers tailgating party with the football game on the big screen on Thursday, September 28.

H. Action Items

1. Old Business

There was no Old Business brought before the Board.

2. New Business

Approve the renaming of the Multi-Purpose Center to the Kathy Green Multi-Purpose Center

Mr. Carstens stated that staff recommends renaming the Multi-Purpose Center to the Kathy Green Multi-Purpose for her vision and work for the Special Recreation program, for her (30 years) dedicated service to the Joliet Park District along with her involvement with numerous agencies that are devoted to people with special needs. Kathy was an asset to the Joliet Park District and a great coworker and friend.

Commissioner Mutz made a motion to approve the renaming of the Multi-Purpose Center to the Kathy Green Multi-Purpose Center. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Tatro and it carried as follows:

Ayes: Mutz, Tatro, Clement, McGuire, Gulas

Nays: None

Mr. Carstens informed the Board that a renaming ceremony may be held at the end of October 2017.

b. Approve Resolution #17-186 – Inwood Athletic Club and Golf Rates for Village of Shorewood Residents

Mr. Carstens stated that staff recommends, for increased participation, to adjust fees for the Village of Shorewood residents since the Village of Shorewood does not have a park district or facilities similar to the Joliet Park District. The Board was presented with the rates which fall between the Joliet Park District resident rate and non-resident rate.

Commissioner Mutz made a motion to approve Resolution #17-186 – Inwood Athletic Club and Golf Rates for Village of Shorewood Residents. His motion was seconded by Commissioner McGuire and it carried as follows:

Ayes: Mutz, McGuire, Clement, Tatro, Gulas

Nays: None

c. Bids & Award of Contract

1. Reject All Bids Received September 13, 2017 for the Wedgewood Golf Course Phase I

Mr. Brodeur noted that bids were opened for Wedgewood Golf Course Phase I and came in over budget. Staff will need to review plans and make adjustments. Staff is recommending to reject all bids for Wedgewood Golf Course Phase I project.

Commissioner McGuire made a motion to reject all bids received September 13, 2017 for the Wedgewood Golf Course Phase I project. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Clement and it carried as follows:

Ayes: McGuire, Clement, Tatro, Mutz, Gulas

Nays: None

I. Board Comment

1. Committee Report

a. Joliet Park Foundation

President Gulas stated that the ceiling shades have been installed in the Bird Haven Greenhouse - Brown Room and the Foundation will be meeting on September 20.

b. Joliet Regional Airport

Commissioner McGuire announced that the Joliet Regional Airport Festival is September 24 and helicopter rides will be available for the first time. Young Eagles Flight Day is October 7.

Commissioner McGuire informed the Board that the taxiway improvements have been delayed until spring of 2018.

The Board discussed the addition of another hangar since there are 51 planes on the waiting list. It was noted that the Board previously approved one hangar which can hold up to twelve planes.

The Board agreed to let Mayor Rick Chapman address the Board. Mayor Chapman, representing the Village of Shorewood, expressed his appreciation for the different government bodies working together and stated that the Shorewood residents will be happy with the new Park District rates.

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

At 5:30pm a motion was made by Commissioner McGuire, seconded by Commissioner Tatro, to go into Executive Session for 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). The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: McGuire, Tatro, Clement, Mutz, Gulas
Nays: None

K. Reconvene to Open Session

At 6:05pm a motion was made by Commissioner Tatro and seconded by Commissioner McGuire, to reconvene to Open Session. The motion unanimously carried.

L. Action from Executive Session

No action was taken.

The Board briefly discussed public comment regarding the renaming of Oak Valley Park to Semaj Crosby Park.

Attorney Steve Adams informed the Board about a new law requiring volunteers, who work with children, to sign a disclosure that they are not on the sex offender list or have never been convicted of a sex offender offense. Mr. Adams will follow up with staff regarding the form.

Mr. Adams noted that there are new standards for DCFS reporting for abused and neglected children and Mr. Adams will communicate the new standards to the appropriate staff.

M. Adjournment

With all agenda items discussed, a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Clement. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Tatro and it carried unanimously. The time was 6:09pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa Talarico
Recording Secretary