

Regular Meeting
October 26, 2015

At the call of President Glen Marcum, the Joliet Park District Board of Commissioners met for a Regular Meeting on Monday, October 26, 2015 in the Board Room of Presence Inwood Athletic Club, 3000 W. Jefferson Street, Joliet. The meeting began at 5:00pm

Pledge to the Flag

The Pledge to the Flag was led by Commissioner Gulas.

Roll Call

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

A. Approval of the minutes of Regular Meeting and Executive Session of September 28, 2015 and Special Meeting and Executive Session of October 13, 2015

President Marcum stated that the Board received corrected minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 28, 2015. The corrected minutes for September 28, 2015 added 'a motion was made by Commissioner Mutz' under approval of the minutes for Special Meeting and Executive Session of August 18, 2015 and for Regular Meeting and Executive Session of August 24, 2015.

A motion was made by Vice President Schultz to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 28, 2015 as corrected, the Executive Session of September 28, 2015, and the Special Meeting and Executive Session of October 13, 2015. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Broderick and it carried as follows:

Ayes: All in favor

Nays: None

B. Approval of the Bills and Payroll for the Month of September 2015

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

Ayes: All in favor

Nays: None

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

Matthew Pehle, Interim Chief Executive Officer/Director of Finance, gave the Treasurer's Report for the month of September 2015 as follows:

Cash on hand beginning of month:	\$ 847,337.23
Total Receipts during month:	\$ 4,073,805.60
Total Disbursements during month:	\$ 2,999,178.87
Cash on hand end of month:	\$ 1,921,963.96
Total Investments:	\$15,662,769.38
Total Cash and Investments:	\$17,584,733.34

Mr. Pehle noted that the Operations Fund balance of \$2,401,649.50 compares to last year's \$2,607,580.03. This is down \$200,000.00 compared to September of last year because of receiving a larger property tax payment in October.

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

Ayes: All in favor

Nays: None

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

Tracy Jungles thanked the Board for their consideration regarding the ice skating coaching policy. Ms. Jungles stated that there has been no negative effect at other ice skating facilities that allow outside coaches to come in and teach. Ms. Jungles informed the Board that there is a waiting list for some of the Inwood coaches so allowing outside coaches to come in may alleviate this problem. She asked the Board for freedom when choosing a coach and allow open coaching during freestyle practice.

Larry Jungles address the current ice rink policy about ice skating coaches having to be employed by the Joliet Park District. He stated that other rinks are operating fine with an open coaching policy. Mr. Jungles gave an example of the Bolingbrook rink and how the policy works well and that some of the outside coaches have joined the Bolingbrook staff because they receive more recognition since staff is featured in the facilities and on the website. Mr. Jungles continued to give examples on how the current Inwood policy is not fair to the tax payers or ice skaters and has proven to be counterproductive.

Brian Rutherford stated that his daughter started skating at Inwood four years ago and how her coach started school and could no longer work at Inwood. Even though she was willing to continue coaching his daughter she could not coach at Inwood because she was no longer on staff. Mr. Rutherford asked the Board to change the policy and let skaters bring in coaches of their choice. We need to try new things and move the program in a direction to benefit the children.

Alfredo Melesio spoke on behalf of Spanish Community Center baseball and softball program and thanked the Joliet Park District for their assistance with the program. The Spanish Community provides the program but the Joliet Park District provides the facilities. From May to August Desmond Park, Forest Park, Nowell Park and Varnado Park were used for practice and games. Mr. Melesio stated that it was a successful year and even saw a positive change in his own daughter because of her participation in the program. Mr. Melesio presented a report for the 2015 season to the Board which included numbers for participants, teams and demographics.

R. Dale Evans informed the Board about the condition of Osgood Park. Mr. Evans concern was that the park was not going to be completed until 2017. Mr. Evans also expressed his concern about the genres picked to entertain at the Taste of Joliet. Mr. Evans urged the Board to represent all of the community and not just one portion of it.

Jean Reese stated that she came to hear more information regarding the cell tower near the softball fields because she and her neighbors have concerns.

Don Walker informed the Board that he was also present to hear more information regarding the cell tower. Mr. Walker had the same concerns as Ms. Reese.

Kevin Masquida stated that he has been skating since 1977 and has enrolled his two daughters in the Inwood ice skating program but because of the current coaching policy, he has to take his daughters to another rink to practice because their coach is not on staff. Mr. Masquida asked the Board to consider the burden that is put on families because of the policy. He also informed the Board that he is here doing freestyle skating and there is plenty of room for skaters and their instructors.

Elliot Range stated that he is a citizen concerned about the condition of Osgood Park and presented pictures to the Board. Mr. Range would like to see improvements to Osgood Park along with an addition of a walking trail and disc golf course.

Judy Gurrola stated that she is here with her three children and wanted to express her concerns about the condition of Osgood Park. She asked the Board to update the park because there is no swings, slides, picnic table or even a garbage can.

Dominic Labona stated that he is here to show his support on the improvements needed at Osgood Park.

President Marcum informed the residents that Osgood Park was one of the parks chosen to be renovated and that the park is planned to be renovated in spring of 2016 instead of 2017. Osgood Park was moved up on the schedule because the equipment was not safe and needed to be removed. A new playground will be installed along with the pour n' place surface.

E. Communications

1. Staff Reports

Mr. Pehle thanked the staff and volunteers for all their work that went into the Fall Concert. Even though the weather was not the best, the concert went well.

Mr. Pehle thanked the volunteers who helped with the cleanup at Hoberg Property.

Mr. Pehle and Larry Burich, Director of Planning and Parks, presented slides of the playgrounds that are currently being renovated. All six parks (Rockdale School, Mayor Art Schultz Park, Paul E. Briese, Gottschalg, Crombie and Legion) will be completed before the end of the year. Mr. Pehle informed the Board that ribbon cutting ceremonies will be planned for the parks once the renovations are complete.

Mr. Pehle invited the Commissioners to come to the Red Eye race on November 15th to hand out medals.

2. Presence Inwood Athletic Club Ice Arena - Ice Skating Instructors

Mr. Pehle stated that Ted Brodeur, Director of Revenue Facilities, Dan Hinz, Ice Arena Coordinator, and he met with Commissioner Gulas to discuss the ice-skating instructor policy for the ice arena. The existing policy started in 2009 to help with concerns at that time. A meeting with the parents is scheduled for Tuesday, October 27th. Staff will come back to the Board with a recommendation regarding the policy.

3. License Agreement with SBA Towers IX, LLC for a New Cell Tower at Inwood Sports Complex

Mr. Pehle stated that the Board received a proposal earlier this month from Eric Lennington, Ton 80 Realty Services, Inc., for the Inwood Sports Complex cell tower. Mr. Lennington requested to be on tonight's agenda but he is not present at this time. Mr. Pehle noted that he will inform Mr. Lennington that the Board is requesting that Mr. Lennington meet with the community and hear their concerns. Commissioner Mutz requested that the Mr. Pehle send Mr. Lennington the contact information for the neighborhood associations who came today.

F. Action Items

1. Old Business

There was no Old Business brought before the Board.

2. New Business

a. Resolution of Credentials and Registration - IAPD (For January 2016 IAPD Conference)

Mr. Pehle advised the Board that this is the annual credential certificate for IAPD's annual business meeting in conjunction with the IAPD/IPRA Conference in January 2016. Typically, delegates are the Board's president and vice president as first and second delegates and the remainder of the commissioners as alternates.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gulas, seconded by Commissioner Mutz, to list President Marcum and Vice President Schultz as the District's delegates to the annual business meeting, with Commissioners Broderick, Gulas and Mutz listed as alternates. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: All in favor

Nays: None

3. Bids and Award of Contracts

a. Award 2015-2016 Tree Removal Bid (Inwood, Wedgewood and Woodruff Golf Courses) to GroundsKeeper Landscape Care, LLC for \$59,700.00

Mr. Brodeur noted that the funds for the tree removal is from the voter approved 2014 Joliet Park District Referendum. GroundsKeeper Landscape Care, LLC came in with the lowest bid. Mr. Brodeur has called GroundsKeeper Landscape Care, LLC several times to go over the project and has contacted the references. It is the staff's recommendation to award this project to GroundsKeeper Landscape Care, LLC, 10640 Bonnieglenn Place, Orland Park, IL 60462 for the bid in the amount of \$59,700.00.

A motion was made by Vice President Schultz, seconded by Commissioner Mutz, to approve staff recommendation to award project to GroundsKeeper Landscape Care, LLC for the amount of \$59,700.00. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: All in favor
Nays: None

Commissioner Mutz inquired about a plan to plant new trees. Mr. Brodeur stated that staff is working on a map that will be brought to the Board when completed.

b. Award 2016 Tee & Green Supplies Bid to Various Vendors for \$190,541.26

Mr. Brodeur, advised that bids were received for the 2016 tee and green supplies for next year. He advised there is considerable savings by ordering generic chemicals and if the order is placed by November 1, 2015. He recommended approval of the bids, totaling \$190,541.26 to the following companies: Supplies: Wittek, 3865 Commercial Ave. Northbrook, IL 60062; Bojo Turf Products P.O. Box 1325, Frankfort, IL 60423; SiteOne, 1385 East 36th Street, Cleveland, OH 44114; Van Diest Supply Co., 1634 Glenview Dr., E. Peoria, IL 61611; Pro Gro Solutions, 18950 W. County Hwy 5, E. Dubuque, IL 61025, Reinders, 3816 Carnation Street, Franklin Park, IL 60131; Burris Equip, 2216 N. Greenway Rd., Waukegan, IL 60087; McCloud Aquatic, 705 E. North St., Elburn, IL 60119.

Vice President Schultz commended Mr. Brodeur and staff for doing a great job with the golf courses.

Vice President Schultz made the motion to approve staff's recommendation. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Broderick, and it carried as follows:

Ayes: All in favor
Nays: None

G. Board Comment
1. Committee Report
a. Policy

No report was given.

b. Joliet Park Foundation

Commissioner Gulas informed the Board that the Foundation will be hosting a Poinsettia Luncheon in December for past supporters of the Bird Haven Greenhouse.

President Marcum announced that the Foundation held a 50/50 raffle at the Fall Concert and the winner won \$440.

c. Joliet Regional Airport

No report was given.

Commissioner Gulas thanked the parents for coming out and speaking about their concerns regarding the ice skating policy and also stated that she appreciated their patience.

Vice President Schultz stated that he was proud of the staff and how everyone has been doing a great job.

President Marcum talked about the cleanup at Pilcher Park Hoberg Property and thanked the volunteers with special mention to Virgil and his volunteers from Helpers of Mother Earth (H.O.M.E) and the Talarico family.

President Marcum commended Mr. Staab for a great Fall Concert.

President Marcum assured the public that the Board and Staff continue to work on the plans for the playgrounds, the Nowell Park Recreation Center and the Pilcher Park roads renovation.

H. Executive Session: Deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of municipal employees; and consideration of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees

At 5:45pm a motion was made by Vice President Schultz, seconded by Commissioner Broderick, to go into Executive Session for deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of municipal employees; and consideration of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees. The motion unanimously carried.

J. Action from Executive Session

At 6:20pm, a motion was made by Vice President Schultz, seconded by Commissioner Gulas, to reconvene the Regular Meeting with no action to be taken from Executive Session. The motion unanimously carried.

K. Adjournment

With all agenda items discussed, Vice President Schultz made a motion to adjourn the meeting. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Broderick and it carried unanimously. The time was 6:21pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa L. Talarico
Board Secretary