

Regular Meeting  
April 27, 2015

At the call of President Glen Marcum, the Joliet Park District Board of Commissioners met for a Regular Meeting on Monday, April 27, 2015 at the Presence Inwood Athletic Club, 3000 W. Jefferson Street, Joliet, IL. The meeting began at 5:00pm.

Pledge to the Flag

The Pledge to the Flag was led by Commissioner Broderick.

Roll Call

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

Commissioners Absent: None

- A. Approval of the minutes of Legislative Breakfast Meeting of March 16, 2015, Special Meeting and Executive Session of March 16, 2015 and Regular Meeting and Executive Session of March 23, 2015.

A motion was made by Vice President Schultz, seconded by Commissioner Gulas to approve the minutes of the Legislative Breakfast Meeting of March 16, 2015, Special Meeting and Executive Session of March 16, 2015 and Regular Meeting and Executive Session of March 23, 2015. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: All in favor

Nays: None

- A. Approval of the bills and payroll for the month of March 2015

Dominic Egizio, Chief Executive Office, informed the Board that the repair work performed on a truck at the Joliet Regional Airport was for the speedometer and the truck was slipping out of four-wheel drive.

Commissioner Broderick asked about an expense from Alliance Fence. Mr. Egizio stated that the expense was for a fence for Field 6 at the Inwood Sports Complex.

Commissioner Broderick wanted to recognize the expense for KK Stevens Publishing for \$14,026.33. He commended Brad Staab, Director of Public Relations/Marketing, for reducing publishing cost by almost \$30,000.00 and increasing the Joliet Park District website development.

Commissioner Broderick made a motion to approve the bills and payroll for the month of March 2015. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Gould and it carried as follows:

Ayes: All in favor

Nays: None

- B. Treasurer's Report for the month of March 2015

Mr. Pehle, Director of Finance, presented the Treasurer's Report for the month of March 2015 as follows:

Cash on hand beginning of month:	\$ 349,588.46
Total Receipts during month:	\$ 1,354,581.58
Total Disbursements during month:	\$ 1,375,212.08
Cash on hand end of month:	\$ 328,957.96
Total Investments:	\$14,573,443.42
Total Cash and Investments:	\$14,902,401.38

Mr. Pehle stated that the total investments is higher due to the Referendum funds being invested. The funds will be reduced as Referendum projects are completed.

Operating cash was \$374,213.16 compared to \$250,464.57 at the end of last year. Mr. Pehle stated that the Joliet Park District is seeing significant decreases in payroll and revenue is up from last year. The surplus will go towards the General Fund deficit.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gulas, seconded by Commissioner Broderick to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of March 2015 as presented. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: All in favor

Nays: None

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

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

E. Communications

1. Chief Executive Officer's Correspondence

Mr. Egizio commented on the on-line interactive leisure guide. Mr. Egizio stated that golf and softball has kicked off with the beginning of spring and staff continues to prepare for the Taste of Joliet. .

2. Presentation of Indoor Training Facility/East Side Rec Center

Mr. Egizio presented pictures and artist renderings of the East Side Recreation Center to the Board. There will be four different drawings shown at the Special Meeting on May 5, 2015 at Hartman Recreation Center. At the meeting, the public will be able to vote on which design most fits the community needs. Commissioner Schultz suggested that instead of voting, the public should write comments about each design. Mr. Egizio stated that the date of the meeting will be broadcast on the radio and will be sent out to emails and featured on Facebook. Local community leaders and neighborhood groups will also be contacted.

Mr. Egizio gave a summary of key features of the East Side Recreation Center. Features would include a fitness area, locker-room, childcare room, multipurpose rooms, walking track, turf field for indoor soccer, baseball and lacrosse. In the future, the Joliet Park District would be able to purchase removable wooden floors that can be laid on the field turf for other activities such as volleyball.

Mr. Egizio stated that the tentative schedule to start construction on the East Side Recreation Center is this fall however Mr. Egizio expressed that this may be too aggressive. The area in Nowell Park still needs a survey completed to locate possible underground sewage lines and floodplains. In addition, if the bath house is not part of the plans for the Center, it will need to be demolished.

Mr. Egizio informed the Board that he met with the Joliet Historic Preservation Commission last week and there are discussions in progress for a compromise regarding the bath house. One compromise may be that the Joliet Park District would be able to feature story boards near the existing pavilion about the history of Nowell Park pool and bath house.

Mr. Egizio continued the presentation by showing the Board renderings of the Inwood Indoor Training Facility. Mr. Egizio stated that part of the drawings of the Indoor Training Facility are ones that were used when the Joliet Park District applied for a grant in 2011.

Mr. Egizio stated that staff have toured other indoor training facilities to get ideas of what would benefit the Joliet Park District residents. Key features of the Indoor Training Facility would be walking track, multipurpose rooms, classrooms and field turf for baseball and soccer. In the future, the Joliet Park District would be able to purchase removable wooden floors that can be laid on the field turf for other activities such as

volleyball. Mr. Egizio met with the City of Joliet regarding the square footage of the facility. The City of Joliet current building code states that the maximum square footage for a floor area is 42,531 square feet.

Mr. Egizio informed the Board that part of the Indoor Training Facility plans would include a new entrance and updated bathrooms for the Multi-Purpose Center since the Multi-Purpose Center is not ADA compliant.

Commissioner Broderick inquired about the amount of parking space available with the new facility. Mr. Egizio stated that parking will be considered but the plan is that the facility would be used more often during the off season when the traffic is lighter.

3. Glenda McCullum, Stop the Gun Violence Initiative: Varnado Park  
Pastor Glenda McCullum, One South May Street, Joliet, informed the Board that she was here to request the use of Varnado Park for a Community Day on Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>. The event will have games, prizes, music and food. Pastor McCullum is part of the Stop the Gun Violence Initiative and the purpose of the event is to reach out to the community and show the families that there is help, healing and harmony. The kids in the neighborhood need to stay active and be involved to prevent the violence.

Pastor McCullum requested that the Board consider improvements to Varnado Park by installing lighting, increasing parking, and look at adding bathrooms and a concession stand. Pastor McCullum stated that the kids need a place to go and be active.

Mr. Egizio stated that Varnado Park is a long term lease park. The park was developed for baseball use; any major improvements may not be feasible.

Commissioner Broderick agreed with Mr. Egizio about major improvements on a lease park but feels that there can be some updating to the field.

Commissioner Gould asked Pastor McCullum if the current baseball field is the right use of the park for the neighborhood, Commissioner Gould thought that there was a baseball league that uses Varnado Park. Pastor McCullum stated that there is not a current league but she has been working with different community groups to get a league started. Mr. Egizio stated that Terry Keigher, Director of Recreation, will work with Pastor McCullum on information about a baseball league using Varnado Park.

#### F. Action Items

##### 1. Old Business

- a. Construction Manager – East Side Community Center and Indoor Training Facility (PULLED)

The Construction Manager contracts for the East Side Community Center and Indoor Training Facility was pulled from the agenda. Mr. Egizio stated that the contracts are still being reviewed.

##### 2. New Business

- a. Request from Stop the Gun Violence Initiative to use Varnado Park for a Community Event

Mr. Egizio stated that the Jolie Park District would waive the insurance requirement for the event although Stop the Gun Violence Initiative representatives will need to meet with the Joliet Police Department to make sure there is police presence at the event. Pastor McCullum assured the Board that the Joliet Police Department has been contacted and that there will be police at the event.

Mr. Egizio recommended approval of the request from Stop the Gun Violence Initiative to use Varnado Park for a Community Event based on receiving and reviewing the Special Use Permit.

A motion was made by Vice President Schultz, seconded by Commissioner Broderick to approve the request from Stop the Gun Violence Initiative to use Varnado Park for a Community Event based on the Chief Executive Officer receiving and reviewing the Special Use Permit. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: All in favor

Nays: None

b. Approval of 2015-2016 Annual Budget

1. Ordinance #797 - Annual Budget & Appropriation Ordinance

Mr. Pehle reported that no comments were received from the public while the 2015-2016 annual budget was placed on thirty day display and he recommended approval.

Commissioner Broderick asked for clarification on the additional full-time position at the Hartman Recreation Center. Commissioner Broderick understood that the position was going to be put on hold pending the funding for Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R).

Mr. Egizio stated that the funding for the CCR&R has been approved for the remainder of the State of Illinois fiscal year ending June 30<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Egizio asked that the position remain in the budget. The removal of the position from the budget would mean that Hartman Recreation Center would not be able to fill the position even if the CCR&R funding is approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gould, seconded by Vice President Schultz, to adopt Ordinance #797 for the 2015-2016 Annual Budget and Appropriation. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: All in favor

Nays: None

c. Resolution #15-160 – Identifying Estimated Revenue Sources for fiscal year ending April 30, 2016

A motion was made by Commissioner Gulas to adopt Resolution #15-160, identifying estimated revenue sources for fiscal year ending April 30, 2016. Vice President Schultz seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

Ayes: All in favor

Nays: None

d. Resolution #15-161 – Authorizing the purchase of vacant land on Gougar Road (Pilcher Park/Hoberg Property)

Mr. Egizio stated the property is adjacent to the golf course and Pilcher Park. The funding will come from the voter approved referendum for park improvements. The cost of the land is \$50,530.00. Mr. Egizio recommended purchase of the vacant land on Gougar Road (Pilcher Park/Hoberg Property).

A motion was made by Vice President Schultz to adopt Resolution #15-161, authorizing the purchase of vacant land on Gougar Road (Pilcher Park/Hoberg Property). Commissioner Gould seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

Ayes: All in favor

Nays: None

e. Resolution #15-162 - Lease Agreement for Forest Park Trail Extension

Mr. Egizio stated that there was mention to extend the walking trail at Forest Park during the time the park was renovated. The lease agreement stated that the Joliet Park District would pay Holy Cross Church annually one dollar rent for the land so the trail can be extended. It was noted that there is a change in the agreement in section 3(C); it should read church's not school's. Mr. Burich, Director of Planning/Parks, informed the Board that there is still material available for the trail to complete the extension.

Mr. Egizio is recommending approval of Resolution #15-162 for the lease agreement for Forest Park with the change stated and Chief Executive Officer review.

A motion was made by Commissioner Broderick to adopt Resolution #15-162, for the lease agreement for Forest Park Trail Extension based on the change stated and Chief Executive Officer review. Commissioner Gulas seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

Ayes: All in favor  
Nays: None

f. Resolution #15-163 – Establishing Cell Phone Compensation Policy

Mr. Pehle stated that this is a first time cell phone compensation policy that will affect around 20-30 employees. The policy states that employees will be responsible for their own phone and then given a monthly stipend based on different levels and how much the employee uses the cell phone for work. Mr. Pehle said that this policy should save the Joliet Park District around \$500 to \$1000 a month.

Mr. Egizio stated that the Joliet Park District will still have approximately eight phones available for staff to be used in certain circumstances. For example when a day camp is at a park, they need to have a phone in case of an emergency.

Mr. Egizio is recommending approval of Resolution #15-163 for establishing a cell phone compensation policy.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gould to adopt Resolution #15-163, for establishing a cell phone compensation policy. Commissioner Broderick seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

Ayes: All in favor  
Nays: None

3. Bids

a. Equipment Lease – Joliet Park District Vehicles (PULLED)

The agenda item for the bids for the Equipment Lease - Joliet Park District Vehicles was pulled. Mr. Egizio stated that the deadline for the bid specs has been extended because the bid specs were not sent out in all the packets. May 14, 2015 will be the new date for the bid opening.

4. Quotes

a. Inwood Park District Indoor Training Facility

Mr. Egizio stated that the quote is from Ruettiger, Tonelli & Associates, Inc. our Engineer of Record, for the civil design and landscaping aspects for the Nowell Park Recreation Center not the Indoor Training Facility. The staff is recommending that the quote of \$28,000.00 from Ruettiger, Tonelli & Associates, Inc., 129 Capista Drive, Shorewood, IL 60404 be accepted pending attorney review.

Vice President Schultz made a motion to approve the quote of \$28,000.00 from Ruettinger, Tonelli & Associates, Inc. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Gulas and it carried as follows:

Ayes: All in favor

Nays: None

Mr. Egizio submitted the April 1, 2015 Joliet Regional Airport Committee minutes to the Board.

G. Executive Session: Imminent and Probable Litigation and Appointment, employment, compensation or performance of specific employees of the Park District

Marji Swanson, Counsel to the Joliet Park District, corrected the Executive Session agenda item. It should state Pending Litigation not Probable Litigation.

At 6:00 p.m. a motion was made by Commissioner Broderick, seconded by Vice President Schultz, to go into Executive Session for the Pending Litigation and Appointment, Employment, Compensation or Performance of Specific Employees of the Park District. The motion unanimously carried.

H. Action from Executive Session

At 6:33 pm a motion was made by Commissioner Gulas, seconded by Commissioner Broderick, to return to Regular Session. The motion unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Schultz, seconded by Commissioner Broderick to continue negotiations for the pending litigation as discussed in Executive Session with a six month time limit. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Schultz, Broderick, Gulas, Marcum

Nays: Gould

I. Adjournment

With all agenda items discussed, a motion was made by Vice President Schultz, seconded by Commissioner Gould, to adjourn the meeting. The motion unanimously carried. The time was 6:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dominic P. Egizio, Jr.  
Board Secretary