

Regular Meeting
January 23, 2023

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 Jobe-Gavin.

B. Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Mutz, Paul, Jobe-Gavin, Tatro, Gulas
Commissioners Absent: None

C. Convening the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance Hearing

President Gulas opens the Public Hearing for public comment, both oral and written, for the approval of the Joliet Park District Fiscal Year 2023 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance.

Brad Staab, Executive Director, stated that the proposed budget for the fiscal year January 1 through December 31, 2023 was available for public view, in person and online, for just over 30 days. Staff has not received any written or oral comments during this time.

When given the opportunity for the public to speak, no one came forward to address the Board concerning the intent of the Board to approve the 2023 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance.

President Gulas made a motion, seconded by Vice President Tatro, to adjourn the 2023 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance Hearing. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Gulas, Tatro, Mutz, Paul, Jobe-Gavin
Nays: None

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

Owen McCarthy, Joliet Park District resident and Inwood Athletic Club (IAC) member, expressed his frustration regarding the lack of pool lanes available for IAC members. Mr. McCarthy stated that it appears that the swim teams have priority over the members. Mr. McCarthy would like to see more lanes open to members. Executive Director Brad Staab stated that he would arrange a meeting with Mr. McCarthy to discuss his concerns.

E. Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting of December 19, 2022 and the Regular Meeting and Executive Session of December 19, 2022

A motion was made by President Gulas, seconded by Commissioner Paul, to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of December 19, 2022 and of the Regular Meeting and Executive Session of December 19, 2022. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Gulas, Paul, Mutz, Jobe-Gavin, Tatro
Nays: None

F. Approval of the bills and payroll for the month of December 2022 - \$1,209,274.94

A motion was made by Commissioner Jobe-Gavin, seconded by Vice President Tatro, to approve the bills and payroll for the month of December 2022 in the amount of \$1,209,274.94. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Jobe-Gavin, Tatro, Mutz, Paul, Gulas
Nays: None

G. Treasurer's Report for the month of December 2022.

Glenn Kelley, Director of Finance, gave the Treasurer's report for the end of month of December 2022 as follows:

Cash on hand beginning of month:	\$	7,611,094.54
Total Receipts:	\$	28,644,123.65
Total Disbursements:	\$	25,515,041.60
Cash on hand end of month:	\$	7,368,034.13
Total Investments:	\$	7,712,641.92
Total Cash & Investments:	\$	15,080,676.05

Commissioner Mutz made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of December 2022. Commissioner Jobe-Gavin seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

Ayes: Mutz, Jobe-Gavin, Paul, Tatro, Gulas
Nays: None

H. Communications

1. Executive Director Correspondence

Mr. Staab introduced Eric Wesel from Will County Division of Transportation. Will County DOT is interested in purchasing or entering into an agreement for two parcels of land along Francis Road & Gougar Road that the Joliet Park District owns. It was noted that the park district has struggled with maintaining the over grown trees due to lack of proper equipment. The total appraisal for the two parcels is around \$60,000. Currently Will County DOT has right of entry to do some tree clearing. Staff is looking for direction from the Board on moving forward on the sale of the two parcels or an agreement between the two local government agencies. The Board was in agreement to move forward on the land transfer or sale. A final contract/agreement will be brought to the Board for approval.

2. Staff Reports

John Ekstrom, Director of Parks & Golf Grounds, stated that Park Services staff continues to work on the Barber and Oberwortmann Horticultural Center and Golf Grounds Crews are performing winter maintenance on equipment.

Mr. Ekstrom announced that the new playground for John Leach Park has arrived and demolition on the existing equipment will begin in the next two weeks.

Mr. Ekstrom stated that the pre-bid meeting for the new Pickleball Courts that will be located at Inwood Park will be on January 26, 2023.

Terry Keigher, Director of Recreation, stated that there is a gymnastics meet at the Kathy Green Multi-Purpose Center on January 28. The meet will host around 100 gymnast.

Mr. Keigher announced that on Friday, February 1, Special Recreation of Joliet & Channahon (SRJC) will host their Valentine's Day Dance in the KGMPC gym. Staff is expecting about 200 people from different Special Recreation agencies.

The Board was informed about a request from the Potawatomi Nations to rebury human skeletal remains and artifacts from Gougar Mound that were found and that correspond with individuals already reburied in 1969 at the Pilcher Park memorial off Gougar Road. It was stated that Potawatomi Nations will need to first acquire approval from Illinois Department of Natural Resources since Pilcher Park is a nature preserve. The Board was in agreement to allow the reburial if it was approved by IDNR, noting that a special use permit application would need to be completed at that time.

The Board was given information on the Old-Growth Forest Network, a national nonprofit organization. The organization reached out to Katie Zaban, Nature Center Superintendent, to ask if the park district would give permission to include Pilcher Park in this national network that highlights protected, publicly accessible old-growth forests. If Pilcher Park is enroll, a sign is given to display the inclusion in the network. The Board was in agreement to include Pilcher Park in the Old-Growth Forest Network.

The Board was given information about a request from Bella Cucina Catering to serve alcohol at an event held at the Nature Center. It was noted that the event is a bridal shower and only one type of alcoholic drink would be served. The Board was in agreement to approve the request and that a formal vote would be taken at the February Regular Board Meeting.

I. Action Items

1. Old Business

There was no old business.

2. New Business

- a. Approval of Ordinance ~~#845~~ 853 – Budget & Appropriation Ordinance Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2023

Vice President Tatro made a motion to approve Ordinance #853 - Budget & Appropriation for fiscal year beginning January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2023. Commissioner Mutz seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

Ayes: Tatro, Mutz, Paul, Jobe-Gavin, Gulas

Nays: None

- b. Quotes and Award of Contract

- b(1). Park District Security Equipment and Maintenance Agreement
Sciencel Solutions - \$480,500.00

Mr. Staab requested the agenda item for Park District security equipment be postpone until the next meeting. The Board agreed to postpone until the February Board meeting.

- b(2). Park District Equipment: Kubota Skid Steer
Burriss Equipment Co. - \$71,387.41

Mr. Ekstrom stated that the existing skid steer is from 1992 and is not performing as it should. It was noted that the park district needs to rent a skid steer if one is needed for the project. The Board was informed that the Burriss Equipment's pricing is based on a contract award from Sourcewell, a national purchasing cooperative, which the Joliet Park District is a member. After completion of a competitive solicitation and selection process in accordance with the Illinois Joint Purchasing Act, Sourcewell awarded Contract No. 031121-KBA to the Kubota Tractor Corporation, on April 28, 2021, with the term expiring on August 30, 2025. As a member of Sourcewell, the Joliet Park District may purchase the zero turn mowers from Burriss Equipment pursuant to Contract No. 031121-KBA.

President Gulas made a motion to approve the purchase of one Kubota Skid Steer from Burriss Equipment, 2216N. Green Bay Rd, Waukegan, IL 60087, through Sourcewell Contract No. 031121-KBA, in the amount of \$71,387.41. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Paul and it carried as follows:

Ayes: Gulas, Paul, Mutz, Jobe-Gavin, Tatro

Nays: None

J. Board Comment

1. Committee Report

- a. Joliet Park Foundation

President Gulas stated that the Foundation Board met on January 11, 2023 but there was not a quorum to vote on action items. President Gulas stated that there would not be a Tunes & Brews

this year and other replacement events were being discussed. President Gulas announced that the Foundation will be partnering with Wild Birds Unlimited-Joliet, which will benefit the bird-viewing area at the Pilcher Park Nature Center. Wild Birds Unlimited is willing to donate birdseed and feeding stations to the site.

2. Joliet Regional Airport

There was no report.

President Gulas commended the Park Services staff on an amazing job with the Horticultural Center renovation project and for the phenomenal work on the Inwood Athletic Club upgrades.

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

At 5:35pm, a motion was made by President Gulas, seconded by Commissioner Paul, to go into Executive Session per the Open Meeting Act to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of a specific employee of the Park District, Section 2(c)(1); to discuss the 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, Section 2(c)(5); to discuss the setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the Park District, Section 2(c)(6); and, to discuss pending litigation or probable or imminent litigation, Section 2(c)(11). The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Gulas, Paul, Mutz, Jobe-Gavin, Tatro

Nays: None

At 5:54pm, a motion was made by President Gulas and seconded by Vice President Tatro, to reconvene to Open Session. The motion was carried as follows:

Ayes: Gulas, Tatro, Paul, Jobe-Gavin, Mutz

Nays: None

Commissioner Paul left the meeting at 5:54pm.

There was a brief discussion regarding the revenue bond and timeline for the Ice Arena new refrigeration system and renovation. The option to include other park district capital projects was mentioned and the pros and cons of increasing the amount of the revenue bond. Mr. Staab will compile a complete list of current capital improvement projects and the different amounts of revenue bond payments.

L. Adjournment

With all agenda items discussed, a motion to adjourn was made by Vice President Tatro at 6:09pm. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jobe-Gavin, and it carried as follows:

Ayes: Tatro, Jobe-Gavin, Mutz, Gulas

Nays: None

Absent: Paul

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa Talarico
Recording Secretary