

Regular Meeting

June 20, 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 recited.

B. Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Mutz, Perez, Raasch, Tatro, Gulas

Commissioners Absent: None

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

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

D. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting and Executive Session of May 22, 2023

A motion was made by President Gulas, seconded by Commissioner Mutz, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting and Executive Session of May 22, 2023. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Gulas, Mutz, Raasch, Perez, Tatro

Nays: None

E. Approval of the bills and payroll for the month of May, 2023

A motion was made by President Gulas, seconded by Commissioner Raasch to approve the bills and payroll for the month of May, 2023 in the amount of \$1,349,035.31. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Gulas, Raasch, Mutz, Perez, Tatro

Nays: None

F. Treasurer's Report for the month of May 2023.

Glenn Kelley, Director of Finance, gave the Treasurer's report for the end of month of May 2023 as follows:

Cash on hand beginning of month:	\$	3,808,036.56
Total Receipts:	\$	7,833,668.40
Total Disbursements:	\$	10,378,899.71
Cash on hand end of month:	\$	4,868,199.36
Total Investments:	\$	7,842,701.03
Total Cash & Investments:	\$	12,710,900.39

Vice President Tatro made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of May 2023. Commissioner Mutz seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

Ayes: Tatro, Mutz, Raasch, Perez, Gulas  
Nays: None

## G. Communications

### 1. Executive Director Correspondence

Mr. Brad Staab, Executive Director thanked the Joliet Park District staff for all of their work, everything is in full swing with the arrival of summer; camps, golf, softball/baseball etc. and the Taste of Joliet. The staff members all have their regular jobs in addition to their Taste of Joliet jobs, it's great to see everyone come together to make this event happen. Mr. Staab informed the Board that Taste of Joliet ticket sales continue to be strong with the highest presale we've ever had at approximately 3000 each for Saturday and Sunday.

### 2. Staff Reports

John Ekstrom, Director of Parks/Golf Grounds, commented on the great job the Park Services staff is doing.

Mr. Ekstrom informed the board of the great job Jason Shook, Wedgewood Golf Club PGA Professional and Dan McDonald, Golf Grounds Superintendent and their staffs did on the Joliet Amateur tournament the first weekend in June at Wedgewood Golf Club. The course is in great shape and the tournament was well run.

Mr. Ekstrom updated the board on the Wedgewood Golf Club sign, it is in process and Park Services will address it again after the Taste of Joliet.

Mr. Ekstrom announced that the district has been awarded a grant from Gametime Recreation. This grant will be used for improvements at the Forest Play Lot, Longleat Park and Fall Creek Park.

Mr. Glenn Kelley, Director of Finance, informed the Board that Scientel Solutions has installed all of the hard drives and will start installing new cameras next week. All installed cameras are currently working and being monitored.

Mr. Kelley stated that Selden Fox, our auditor for fiscal year 2022, is not present today. They have filed an extension with the Secretary of State on our behalf.

Mr. Kelly updated the board on our POS system. An agreement has been signed with Comcast to install a new line to the Inwood Sports Complex. Matt Fitzgerald, Information Technology Personnel, is working on a fiber optics line at the airport.

Ms. Teri Talarico, Director of Operations, informed the Board that the District's new website went live June 1st, a big thank you to Katie Wrona, Communication Superintendent and Alyssa Martinez, Social Media Specialist, for their work on this.

Ms. Talarico announced that there is an invitation to bid out to the public for the Refrigeration System and the Dasher Boards for the Ice Arena project. These two pieces of the project were chosen at this time based on the time it will take to receive the equipment/materials after the bid is awarded. The bid opening will be July 12, 2023. Ms. Talarico commends Dan Hinz, Ice Arena Superintendent for his ability and knowledge in regards to the ice arena, he is a valuable asset to the Joliet Park District.

President Gulas mentioned the need for additional portable's at the most recent Concert in the Park, Ms. Talarico also received community feedback in this regard. While we cannot determine how many will attend the concerts, discussion indicated an additional 2 units may be needed for the remaining summer concerts, depending on weather. For the May and September concerts the current number should be find.

#### H. Action Items

##### 1. Old Business

There was no old business.

##### 2. New Business

##### a. Approval of Second Amendment to License and Concession Agreement between Legacy Sports LLC and Joliet Park District

Ms. Talarico informed the Board that she, Mr. Staab and Mr. Hinz met with Steve Egan of Legacy Sports LLC as he is interested in extending his lease for another year. This is good as the ice arena will be closed during renovation. Mr. Egan expressed interested in extending his lease further after the renovations.

Vice President made the motion to approve the Second Amendment to License and Concession Agreement between Legacy Sports LLC and Joliet Park District. Commissioner Mutz seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

Ayes: Tatro, Mutz, Perez, Raasch, Gulas,

Nays: None

##### b. Special Use permit – Joliet Unity Movement for 815 Event at Nowell Park

Mr. Staab stated that this event has been occurring a number of years at Nowell Park. It is a great event, the district has one concern, ATVs come to the event and ride on the baseball fields, drive on the property, resulting in damage to property and liability concerns. Mr. Staab is not comfortable

recommending the Special Use Permit because of the ATVs. Amy Sanchez of the Joliet Unity Movement for 815 Event at Nowell Park came to the board meeting to exercise her right to appeal to the Board. Ms. Sanchez is the Development Director for the Joliet Unity Movement for 815 Event at Nowell Park. Ms. Sanchez expressed that the 2021 event did have ATVs arrive and they were re-directed away from the event. Ms. Sanchez was not made aware of any issues at the 2021 event by police, elected officials or Joliet Park District staff until approximately three months after the event when contacted by Mr. Staab. Mr. Staab told her about situations that occurred outside Nowell Park, but in the area. Ms. Sanchez contends that they followed the rules for the event, she was not aware of what was happening outside the perimeter of the event. Everyone on the East side of Joliet knows that Nowell Park is a neutral setting for all. This is an event that helps many children that otherwise slip through the cracks. Ms. Sanchez expressed their desire to have the event at Nowell Park with a paid police officer present. The Board discussed the value of the event and expressed their concern for the safety of participants should the ATVs come to the event.

President Gulas made the motion to approve a Special Use permit – Joliet Unity Movement for 815 Event at Nowell Park on August 12, 2023 with the understanding that the City of Joliet police would be hired for security. Commissioner Raasch seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

Ayes: Gulas, Raasch, Mutz, Perez, Raasch, Tatro  
Nays: None

I. Board Comment

1. Committee Report

a. Joliet Park Foundation

President Gulas reported that the Foundation will have pink buckets at the main bar of the Taste of Joliet to collect funds instead of doing a 50/50 raffle. The pink buckets will have signage noting the donation will be used for playground equipment.

2. Joliet Regional Airport

Vice President Tatro reported that the April 5<sup>th</sup> Airport committee meeting did not have a quorum. The Airport Festival will be September 10, 2023 from 8:00AM – 3:00PM. The next meeting is Wednesday, August 2, 2023 at 5:30PM.

Vice President Tatro asked about the painting the airport building. Mr. Staab has someone preparing a quote to paint it to replicate a picture of the building from 1930. The concern with painting the building is that the doors will look worse than they do now. The contractor suggested sandblasting the doors, Mr. Staab mentioned that the Airport staff rejected the sandblasting on site as it would not be good for the airplanes.

President Gulas stated that she usually picks out an event that she's been to or heard about to comment on, this month the list is extensive. President Gulas mentioned that she hates to be specific for fear of leaving someone out but feel very strongly about pointing out areas that she personally had contact with since the last meeting. President Gulas commended the following:

Concert in the Park, probably had the biggest attendance that I've ever seen in the last 9 years and I've been to everyone.

Baseball at the Inwood Sports Complex is in full-swing. Robert Talarico, Athletic Superintendent Adult Sports Programming and his staff are like busy bees keeping a lot of balls in the air – no pun intended.

Array of activities going on at the Joliet Memorial Stadium prior to this Monday when Taste of Joliet things began. Trevor Brodeur, Athletic Superintendent Youth Sports Programming and his staff are changing gears daily and from early morning to evening with each different event that comes through the stadium.

Camps are in motion and there's a flurry of little people all over the main campus on a daily basis. Casey O'Connell, Recreation Superintendent, Karen Cooper, Recreation Superintendent and Sarah Kolodziej, SRJC Recreation Superintendent and their staff are making great memories for their campers.

The Pilcher Park Nature Center seem to have something for everyone, kids and families alike. I think every day I see a fun or unique event posted by Katie Zaban, Nature Center Superintendent.

Golf courses are crazy-busy with regular play, outings, events, and competitions happening on all or at least one course every day. Jason Shook, Wedgewood Golf Club PGA Professional, Brian Legan, Inwood Manager, Kirk Blakney, Woodruff Manager and Jodi Brooker, Food and Beverage Manager and the entire golf staff are taking advantage of the perfect weather we've had so far.

The Inwood Athletic Club fitness department just completed an extremely successful Bootcamp. Gina Giarrante - Rodriguez, Fitness Superintendent and her staff are second to none when it comes to that niche that we have in the fitness market.

Park Services completed the paver and brick work around the flagpole at the stadium. They're also in the process of putting my favorite (and public favorite) statue in place at its new home in front of Wedgewood Golf Course. They're also back at the Horticultural Center getting done what they can on the renovation in addition to keeping all of our parks and facilities looking great in the landscape department.

The IT staff have been inundated with the Taste of Joliet E-purchases and continue to be busy as each day draws closer to the Taste. Thanks to Donnie Sariyavong, IT Personnel and Matt Fitzgerald, IT Personnel!

The Admin area has been “all hands on deck” for a while now. Thank you to Glenn Kelley, Director of Finance and his staff, Communications, Beth Ley, Corporate Relations Supervisor and her work with the sponsors, Teri Talarico, Executive Assistant/Director of Operations and especially Brad Staab, Executive Director. Since last Monday he’s been in “Taste of Joliet mode”. Seriously, everyone has been working feverishly preparing for the big event. Again – thank you to everyone. I apologize if I didn’t call you out by name but as we always say, you are all creating a concert venue, and it’s a football stadium the other 362 days of the year. While that’s going on, this is also the busiest time for literally everything else at the Park District.....everyone has a “regular role” in addition to their temporary Taste role.

Thank you! We do notice everything you do and we appreciate it.

K. Adjournment

With all agenda items discussed, a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Mutz. The motion was seconded by Vice President Tatro, and it carried unanimously. The time was 6:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Kasprisin  
Recording Secretary