

Regular Meeting

March 27, 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 Paul.

B. Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Mutz, Paul, Tatro, Gulas

Commissioners Absent: Jobe-Gavin

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 February 27, 2023

A motion was made by Commissioner Paul, seconded by Commissioner Mutz, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting and Executive Session of February 27, 2023. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Paul, Mutz, Tatro, Gulas

Nays: None

Absent: Jobe-Gavin

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

A motion was made by Vice President Tatro, seconded by Commissioner Mutz, to approve the bills and payroll for the month of February, 2023 in the amount of \$1,192,224.88. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Tatro, Mutz, Paul, Gulas

Nays: None

Absent: Jobe-Gavin

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

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

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| Cash on hand beginning of month: | \$ | 4,481,020.98 |
| Total Receipts: | \$ | 1,932,673.76 |
| Total Disbursements: | \$ | 5,546,893.03 |

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| Cash on hand end of month: | \$ | 3,767,145.71 |
| Total Investments: | \$ | 7,753,180.86 |
| Total Cash & Investments: | \$ | 11,520,326.57 |

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

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

G. Communications

1. Executive Director Correspondence

Brad Staab, Executive Director, informed the Board that Taste of Joliet tickets sales have exceeded \$100,000.

Mr. Staab also informed the Board that we are preparing to re-erect the statue previously on the corner of Caton Farm and Route 59 at the entrance of the Wedgewood Golf Course. With this installation, we will be hooking Wedgewood up to city water, Mr. Staab explained the trenching needed to be done to accomplish this.

Mr. Staab stated that the flag pole between the Joliet Memorial Stadium and the Harlow Lockwood Softball Fields will be installed in the next 2 weeks, the cement will cure for a week and then the flag will go up.

Mr. Staab thanked staff and Board members for their help in securing \$686,000 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding from Will County.

Mr. Staab informed the Board that we will be receiving \$50,000 in lieu of land from the Timber Point development and late this summer we will receive \$379,000 in lieu of land from Rock Run Phase 1 development.

The Capital and Improvement list was discussed, with the conclusion that a work session will be needed to work on this list and its relation to the Revenue Bond.

2. Staff Reports

John Ekstrom, Director of Parks/Golf Grounds, informed the Board that the Island Green at Inwood Golf Club is opening April 1.

Mr. Ekstrom stated that Brian Legan, Inwood Golf Club Manager, and staff are holding an Adult Easter Egg Hunt on Friday April 7th with approximately 130 people registered.

Mr. Ekstrom stated that the roof on the Barber & Oberwortmann Horticultural Center that was approved last month started today and should be done next week. Construction at the Horticultural Center is on hold, waiting for blue prints that we should receive in mid- April.

Mr. Ekstrom and Casey O'Connell, Recreation Superintendent, have been asked to participate in a panel with the City of Joliet for their City Center Park across from the Rialto Square Theater.

Terry Keigher, Director of Recreation, updated the Board on registration: softball and kickball registration is about the same as last year; soccer registration has ended and there are over 400 children signed up. Registration for summer camp and summer preschool is going well, staff is currently looking to hire summer camp counselors.

Mr. Keigher informed the Board that the youth baseball/softball season has started at the Inwood Sports Complex. WJOL is holding a high school softball tournament Wednesday and Thursday of this week. Joliet Catholic Academy and Plainfield Central baseball teams and Joliet West, Joliet Catholic Academy and Lincolnway West softball teams are playing games at the softball fields.

Mr. Keigher informed the Board of the two Easter Egg Hunts this Saturday, April 1, 10am at Nowell Park and noon at Heggie Field.

Mr. Kelley informed the Board that the Audit for fiscal year 2022 has been started and is going well.

Mr. Kelley explained the security camera agreement has been signed and discussed the service agreement.

Mr. Kelley discussed the new Direct Energy contract for our electric bill and our rates on this contract. This led to a discussion of halogen lights being installed across the district, this project is almost done.

Teri Talarico, Director of Operations, informed the Board that Dan Hinz, Ice Arena Superintendent, has been doing smaller projects at the ice arena; the gate, the locker room doors and new carpet will soon be installed on the benches in the locker rooms.

Ms. Talarico provided tickets from Erin Moncek, Ice Skating Director, for the Board to attend the Ice Show this weekend.

Ms. Talarico informed the Board that Adler Roofing is currently repairing the gutters at the Pilcher Park Nature Center. Park Services removed a branch that was hanging over the front of building – it was interfering with the gutters.

Ms. Talarico stated that for Earth Day the Inwood Athletic Club will be having yoga at Pilcher Park at 8:00am Saturday, April 22, with stewardship opportunities following from 9-noon.

Mr. Staab mentioned that the Inwood Athletic Club has a press conference Friday at 9:30 am with WJOL announcing naming rights for Emediate Cure Quick Care.

Vice President Tatro thanked Mr. Hinz for his great work.

3. Board Discussion – Splash Station Property

Mr. Staab wanted to discuss the status of Splash Station which has not been open since 2018. We had an appraisal done on the property approximately 6 months ago, and another one recently in case the district wants to sell the property. In case we decide to sell this property, we have had legislation created that has gone through 2 levels of the state Capital. This is the 4th year the park has not opened, during that time the landscape has change with a lot of truck traffic in the area. The new appraisal has a valuation of \$6,000,000, which is higher than last year's appraisal of \$4,360,000. President Gulas shared the losses at Splash Station: 2013 a loss of \$184,000; 2014 a loss of \$166,000; 2015 a loss of \$77,000; 2016 a loss of \$170,000; 2017 a loss of \$132,000; 2018 a loss of \$161,000. President Gulas does not see a future for Splash Station and thinks we should sell this property. Commission Paul agrees with President Gulas and would like to look for other water options. Commissioner Mutz agrees and thinks we need to do something water related. The Board directs staff to proceed with the sale of this property.

H. Action Items

1. Old Business

There was no old business.

2. New Business

a. Quote and Award of Contract

- a(1) Joliet Regional Airport – Airport High Intensity Beacon Light
Hali-Brite Inc. - \$15,193.75

Mr. Staab explained this is a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) project and the district will be reimbursed once it is installed. Mr. Staab is recommending approval.

President Gulas made the motion to award the Airport High Intensity Beacon Light project to Hali-Brite Inc. in the amount of \$15,193.75. Commissioner Mutz seconded the motion.

Ayes: Gulas, Mutz, Paul, Tatro,

Nays: None

Absent: Jobe-Gavin

I. Board Comment

1. Committee Report

a. Joliet Park Foundation

No Report – meeting was postponed for lack of quorum; no meeting date scheduled.

2. Joliet Regional Airport
No Report, next meeting April 5th.

President Gulas commented that the winter Bootcamp had great feedback. Many veterans of the program returned for this session. Spring Bootcamp registration is underway and we are getting new and returning members which is great.

President Gulas stated that the Sap to Syrup looked like a huge success on Facebook. She also commented that the Nature Center always has a lot of cool programs.

President Gulas mentioned that the yellow windscreen and caps at the softball fields make the fields stand out. And thank you to Park Services for the new office build out at the fields.

President Gulas commented on the Iceland and Ireland trips, Ms. O'Connell organizes these trips and does a great job. She has a trip to Washing DC next month.

Mr. Ekstrom offered a rendering of the new Park Services shop, it will have 8 garage doors. Trucks will be all under roof when this project is complete.

- J. Executive Session: The Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal of a Specific Employee or Legal Counsel for the Park District; Collective Negotiating Matters or Deliberations Concerning Salary Schedules for One or More Classes of Employees; 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 5:55pm, a motion was made by President Gulas, seconded by Vice President Tatro, 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, Tatro, Mutz, Paul
Nays: None
Absent: Jobe-Gavin

At 6:25pm, 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, Mutz, Paul

Nays: None

Absent: Jobe-Gavin

K. Adjournment

With all agenda items discussed, a motion to adjourn was made by President Gulas. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mutz, and it carried unanimously. The time was 6:38pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Kasprisin

Recording Secretary