

Regular Meeting
September 25, 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, Raasch, Tatro, Gulas
Commissioners Absent: Perez

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 August 28, 2023.
A motion was made by President Gulas, seconded by Commissioner Raasch, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting and Executive Session of August 28, 2023. The motion carried as follows:

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

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

A motion was made by Vice President Tatro, seconded by Commissioner Mutz to approve the bills and payroll for the month of August, 2023 in the amount of \$1,885,924.68. The motion carried as follows:

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

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

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

Cash on hand beginning of month:	\$	9,875,883.51
Total Receipts:	\$	20,143,798.96
Total Disbursements:	\$	18,468,645.38
Cash on hand end of month:	\$	9,521,385.27

Total Investments:	\$	7,516,015.65
Total Cash & Investments:	\$	17,037,400.92

Commissioner Mutz made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report for the month of August 2023. Commissioner Raasch seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

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

G. Communications

1. Executive Director Correspondence

Mr. Brad Staab, Executive Director, recognized Senator Meg Loughran Cappel as a great friend and partner of the Joliet Park District. President Gulas presented Senator Cappel with a Resolution stating the highlights of the partnership.

Resolution by Joliet Park District

A Tribute to State Senator Meg Loughran Cappel

Whereas: State Senator Meg Loughran Cappel has proven her leadership, care and support to the Joliet Park District and its resident since taking office in December 2020; and Whereas: Senator Loughran Cappel demonstrated outstanding leadership by sponsoring SB1861, which allows the sale of the Slash Station property that closed in 2018 due to loss revenue and continued warehouse & commercial growth in the area, thereby allowing the Joliet Park District to raise the necessary funds to improve outdoor recreation; and

Whereas: Senator Loughran Cappel cares about the present and future residents of the Joliet Park District by including a \$150,000 capital grant in her budget to go towards a new playground at Longleat Park, which was last installed in 2000; and Whereas: Senator Loughran Cappel and her Youth Advisory Board demonstrated their support of conservation by organizing an Earth Day cleanup with the Joliet Park District at Paul E. Briese Park. Now, Therefore, be it resolved that the Joliet Park District, through its duly authorized and assembled Board of Commissioners, publicly commends State Senator Meg Loughran Cappel and recognizes her significant contributions to the Joliet Park District and its residents.

Be It Further Resolved that this Resolution be spread of record and a copy be presented to State Senator Meg Loughran Cappel. Dated, at Joliet, Illinois this 25 day of September, 2023

Senator Cappel appreciates the recognition for doing her job and appreciates everything the Park District does for the community.

Mr. Staab introduced and welcomed the new Director of Recreation, Ms. Laura Brumfiel.

Mr. Staab informed the Board that the painters are working on painting the main airport hangar and expect it to be done by November 1, 2023 providing the weather cooperates.

Mr. Staab reminded the board of the 2:00pm Budget meeting before the regular 5:00pm Board meeting on November 20, 2023.

Mr. Staab thanked the Inwood Athletic Club staff, the Rise and Ride event that took place yesterday was great.

Mr. Staab thanked Ms. Jennifer McFarland, Airport Superintendent, on her work for a successful Airport Fest, it's one of the District's best events. Ms. McFarland had great weather and a lot of people attended the Fest.

2. Staff Reports

Mr. John Ekstrom, Director of Parks/Golf Grounds informed the board of renovations taking place at the entrance parking lot at the Pilcher Park Nature Center. The reconfiguration is to deter unwanted gatherings and destruction in the parking lots.

Mr. Ekstrom informed the board that the district has twelve parks west of Route 59, feedback from residents includes the need for trees at these parks. This week Park Service staff along with Allied Landscape will add 1 or 2 trees to each of these parks, as had been done the past several years.

Mr. Ekstrom mentioned that Mr. Keith Murray, Maintenance II Employee and his staff will be installing the domestic water line into the Wedgewood Golf Club Clubhouse this week. Thanks to Mr. Murray and his staff for their hard work.

Ms. Brumfield told the Board that she is excited to work with them.

Ms. Brumfiel mentioned that Nowell Park Recreation Center will have its 5 - year anniversary in October. To commemorate this anniversary there will be a membership special and staff is working on activities.

Ms. Brumfield informed the Board that the Sunshine and Rainbow Preschool program will have Grandparents Day on Wednesday and Touch a Truck on Friday.

Ms. Brumfield informed the Board that the SRJC Unified volleyball team competed at Special Olympics and placed third. Ms. Brumfiel congratulated the team.

Ms. Brumfield also mentioned that at the Joliet Memorial Stadium this week University of St Francis will have their Homecoming and next week Joliet Catholic Academy will have theirs.

Ms. Brumfield mentioned that the season will be completed at the Harlow Lockwood Softball Fields/Inwood Sports Complex by the end of October and staff is working on their list of off season tasks.

Ms. Brumfiel thanked the Recreation Staff for all of their hard work.

Mr. Glenn Kelley, Director of Finance, informed the Board that the Property/Liability Insurance is up for renewal, IPARKS will be the carrier, the premium has risen slightly.

Mr. Kelley updated the board on our POS system; Namscorp is working to become compliant with Sportsman, the park district's registration software.

Mr. Kelley mentioned that all of the security cameras have been installed. Mr. Kelley will be meeting Scientel at the Barber & Oberwortmann Horticultural Center for camera placement at that location.

Mr. Kelley informed the Board that Direct Energy, the gas and electric broker, has offered a Blend and Extend program, that he is looking into.

Ms. Teri Talarico, Director of Operations, updated the Board on the Ice Arena project. The Bid packets went out today for the ten remaining pieces of the project. The bid opening will be October 6, 2023.

Ms. Talarico mentioned that there will be a Fall Sunset Hike at the Pilcher Park Nature Center on October 18, 2023. This will be a celebratory hike as Pilcher park will receive special national recognition for the protected status of its old-growth forest joining over 200 celebrated old forests in the Old Growth Forest Network.

Ms. Talarico introduced Ms. Denise Ryan, Fitness Coordinator, who put together a presentation on the Boot Camp program offered through the Inwood Athletic Club. This program has been offered almost 20 years, 40 seasons and is unique to the Joliet Park District. This program has touched over 600 participants during its tenure. This is a results driven fitness program with a nutrition component. Every season begins and ends with testing in and out. Carla Greenup, Personal Trainer, is the lead Instructor for this program and Greg Weitting, Personal Trainer, together are the lifeblood of the program. This program changes lives for the better.

H. Action Items

1. Old Business

There was no old business.

2. New Business

- a. Ratification of Approval of Agreement for Transfer of Entitlements in the amount of \$78,000 Between Joliet Regional Airport and the City of Pekin.

Mr. Staab stated that the Joliet Regional Airport accepted funding from the State of Illinois, there is an expiration date on that funding, we can transfer those funds to another municipality and they will transfer to us when they cannot use their funds. Ms. McFarland explained that this \$78,000 is from our 2019 Entitlement and the project is not ready to use these funds. The Joliet Regional Airport is currently working on an Environmental Assessment project.

President Gulas made the motion to accept the Ratification of Approval of Agreement for Transfer of Entitlements in the Amount of \$78,000 Between the Joliet Regional Airport and the City of Pekin. Commissioner Mutz seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

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

b. Bids and Award of Contracts

b(1). Purchase and Installation of a New Pool Dehumidification Unit
Key West Metal Industries - \$539,500

Ms. Talarico informed the Board that two bids were received. Key West Metal was the lower bidder. This project will take approximately 40 weeks to complete and there is a crane involved. This is an air quality issue.

Commissioner Raasch made the motion to award the bid for the Purchase and Installation of a New Pool Dehumidification Unit to Key West Metal Industries in the amount of \$539,500. Commissioner Mutz seconded the motion and it carries as follows:

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

I. Board Comment

1. Committee Report

a. Joliet Park Foundation

President Gulas reported that there was not a quorum, so no meeting. In the past the Joliet Park Foundation had a Poinsettia Luncheon that a group of woman involved in the Joliet Park Foundation were invited to attend. It was decided that this luncheon will be open to the public for \$20 per person.

2. Joliet Regional Airport

Commissioner Raasch reported that the next Airport meeting will be next Wednesday at 5:30pm. Commissioner Raasch also congratulated and thanked Ms. McFarland for the great Airport Fest event.

President Gulas mentioned the last Concert in the Park was a great success. President Gulas heard that Airport Fest was very well attended, thank you Ms. McFarland. The Parkwood Ribbon Cutting had a nice turn out. The Rise and Ride was well attended, thank you to the Inwood Athletic Club staff. Congratulations to Ms. Brumfield.

Vice President Tatro and Commissioner Mutz both commend Ms. McFarland on a great event and welcome Ms. Brumfiel.

- J. 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 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, Raasch, Mutz,
Nays: None
Absent: Perez

At 6:14pm, a motion was made by Vice President Tatro and seconded by President Gulas, to reconvene to Open Session. The motion was carried as follows:

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

K. Adjournment

With all agenda items discussed, a motion to adjourn was made by President Gulas. The motion was seconded by Vice President Tatro, and it carried unanimously. The time was 6:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Kasprisin
Recording Secretary