

Regular Meeting
December 21, 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: Raasch, Perez, Mutz, Tatro, Gulas
Commissioners Absent: None

C. Convening the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance Hearing

The Public Hearing for public comment for the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance Hearing was called to order. Executive Director, Brad Staab stated that the Budget has been posted/on display for the past 30 days and staff has not received any written or verbal questions or comments. President Gulas made the motion to close the Hearing. Commissioner Raasch seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

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

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

When given the opportunity to comment Bill Leach came forward to address the Board. Mr. Leach does not live in Joliet but does a lot of work in Joliet. Mr. Leach expressed concern at the lack of Basketball programming. Director of Recreation, Laura Brumfiel, explained the progression of the District's basketball programs and expressed interest in collaborating with Mr. Leach's basketball organization.

E. Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting of November 20, 2023 and the Regular Meeting of November 20, 2023.

A motion was made by President Gulas, seconded by Commissioner Mutz, to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting on November 20, 2023 and Regular Meeting on November 20, 2023. The motion carried as follows:

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

F. Approval of the bills and payroll for the month of November, 2023 - \$1,299,499.47

A motion was made by Vice President Tatro, seconded by Commissioner Raasch to approve the bills and payroll for the month of November, 2023 in the amount of \$1,299,499.47. The motion carried as follows:

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

G. Treasurer's Report for the month of November 2023.

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

Cash on hand beginning of month:	\$	13,062,806.02
Total Receipts:	\$	27,495,156.97
Total Disbursements:	\$	23,209,649.60
Cash on hand end of month:	\$	12,511,196.02
Total Investments:	\$	7,608,447.91
Total Cash & Investments:	\$	20,119,643.93

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

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

H. Communications

1. Executive Director Correspondence

Mr. Brad Staab, Executive Director recognized Tom Reedy of Stifel Public Finance and Anthony Miceli of Speer Financial Inc., both of whom assisted the District in Bond Rating calls with week. The Joliet Park District's bond rating has increased to an A- from a negative rating in 2019, thank you to the staff, Board and Mr. Reedy and Mr. Miceli.

Mr. Staab informed the Board that the Taste of Joliet details will need to be decided next month.

Mr. Staab thanked the Board and Staff for their support in everything the District accomplished this year.

2. Staff Reports

Mr. Ekstrom updated the Board on the Barber & Oberwortmann Horticultural Center project, the walls were primed this week.

Mr. Ekstrom advised the Board that the renovation of the SRJC Room 1 in the Kathy Green Multi-Purpose Center should be complete at the end of January, 2024. The renovation consists of new cabinets, new flooring, new appliances, all great improvements to the room.

Mr. Ekstrom mentioned that the Fall Creek playground should be complete in mid-January. Currently the crew is awaiting implements from Game Time to complete this project.

Mr. Ekstrom mentioned that he and Dan McDonald, Golf Grounds Superintendent, have received documentation regarding the irrigation systems from Larry Collins of EC Design. Mr. Ekstrom and Mr. McDonald have requested additional information prior to putting this project out for bid and are expecting that on January 12, 2024. Additionally, Mr. Ekstrom and Mr. McDonald met with Holembeak Golf Construction, a golf course irrigation company that dredges ponds/digs the muck and silt out of ponds.

In answer to Board member questions, Mr. Ekstrom confirmed that the Inwood and Wedgewood Golf Course parking lot projects will go out to bid in January, 2024.

Ms. Brumfield informed the Board of the following highlights:

- All winter camps will be in session at Nowell Park Recreation Center and the Kathy Green Multi-Purpose Center for the next two weeks.
- The Kathy Green Multi-Purpose Center has new hallway furniture, it looks great,
- Breakfast with Santa at Nowell Park Recreation Center was last Saturday, 254 people attended.
- The Angel Tree helped 74 Nowell Park Recreation Center families.
- The new bleachers for the Kathy Green Multi-Purpose Center are expected in late January 2024.

Mr. Glenn Kelley, Director of Finance, informed the Board that the Namscorp POS system is currently on hold. Namscorp reported that all processing will not be reported together and that they will not be able to integrate with Sportsman for all transactions. Mr. Kelley is receiving conflicting information from Namscorp and Sportsman and will be working with them in the coming weeks.

Mr. Kelley advised the Board that he met with Direct Energy extending the Districts contract to July 2026 at a rate of 6.9 cents, the District current contract was 8.2 cents expiring July 2025. Direct Energy will get quotes for the District for the natural gas.

Mr. Kelley mentioned that he is working with Busey Bank to determine what type of account/investment the Revenue Bond proceeds can be deposited into upon receipt.

Ms. Teri Talarico, Director of Operations, advised the Board that Blue Tides hosted the Candy Cane Classic swim meet earlier this month with 8 teams and 312 swimmers, this meet generated revenue of \$10,000 for the 2 day meet. The pool was closed to members those 2 days.

Ms. Talarico mentioned that the Boot Camp program starting in January 2024 is open for registration currently 41 signed up with a max capacity of 50. The Inwood Athletic Club has announced the Run3 Series for 2024. The Hill Yeah race is being replaced by the Santa Shuffle for the 2024. The Santa Shuffle is a collaboration with the Joliet Chamber of Commerce. The first race will be the Sundowner race in July. There is currently a 1 month membership sale at the Inwood Athletic Club, 375 memberships have been sold thus far.

Ms. Talarico mentioned that the Ice Arena project is currently getting numbers for the roof replacement, new bleacher planks and a generator.

I. Action Items

1. Old Business

There was no old business.

2. New Business

a. Approval of Ordinance #855 – Budget & Appropriation Ordinance Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024

Commissioner Raasch made a motion to adopt Ordinance #855 - Budget & Appropriation Ordinance Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024. Vice President Tatro seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

Ayes: Raasch, Tatro, Mutz, Perez, Gulas

Nays: None

b. Approval of Ordinance #856 – Consideration and action on an Ordinance providing for the issue of not to exceed \$11,000,000 General Obligation Park Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) of the District, for the payment of land condemned or purchased for parks, for the building, maintaining, improving and protecting of the same and the existing land and facilities of the District and for the payment of the expenses incident thereto, providing for the pledge of certain revenues to the payment of principal and interest on said bonds and the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay such principal and interest if the pledged revenues are insufficient to make such payment, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Inc.

Mr. Staab explained that Tom Reedy of Stifel Public Finance and Anthony Miceli of Speer Financial Inc. are present to answer any questions on the three ordinances with Bond issuance involved.

President Gulas made a motion to adopt Ordinance #856 as presented. Commissioner Mutz seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

Ayes: Gulas, Mutz, Raasch, Perez, Tatro

Nays: None

- c. Approval of Ordinance #857 - Consideration and action on an Ordinance providing for the issue of not to exceed \$1,450,000 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2024B, of the District, for Park District for the purposes of paying the costs of capital projects, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Inc.

Vice President Tatro made a motion to accept the approve Ordinance #857 - Consideration and action on an Ordinance providing for the issue of not to exceed \$1,450,000 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2024B, of the District, for Park District for the purposes of paying the costs of capital projects, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Inc. President Gulas seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

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

- d. Approval of Ordinance #858 - Consideration and action providing for the issue of not to exceed \$14,000,000 General Obligation Refunding Park Bonds of the District, for the purpose of refunding certain outstanding bonds of the District, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Inc.

President Gulas made a motion to approve Ordinance #858 - Consideration and action providing for the issue of not to exceed \$14,000,000 General Obligation Refunding Park Bonds of the District, for the purpose of refunding certain outstanding bonds of the District, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Inc. Commissioner Raasch seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

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

- e. Approval of Park Board Commissioners' Travel Expense –
January 25-27 IPRA/IAPD Conference, Chicago, IL

Ms. Talarico explained that this is preauthorization for commissioner expenses for the conference of up to \$1,000.00 per commissioner.

Commissioner Mutz made a motion to approve Park Board Commissioners' Travel Expense for the IPRA/IAPD 2024 Conference as presented. Vice President Tatro seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

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

f. Bids and Award of Contract

f.(1). Accept & Award Contract for Kathy Green Multi-Purpose Center
Roof Replacement – Filotto Roofing Inc. - \$130,600.00

Commissioner Mutz made a motion to accept the bid and award the Kathy Green Multi-Purpose Center Roof Replacement project to Filotto Roofing Inc. for the amount of \$130,600.00. President Gulas seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

Ayes: Mutz, Gulas, Perez, Raasch, Tatro

Nays: None

g. Quote and Award of Contract

g.(1). Accept & Award Contract for Audit Services for 2023 Fiscal Year
Selden Fox

Mr. Staab and Mr. Kelley concurred that they are happy with the work Selden Fox has done but it always takes a long time to get the report back. In working with the bond people, they learned that this is common with many Auditors currently as many have staffing issues.

President Gulas made a motion to accept the quote and award the Audit Services contract for the 2023 fiscal year to Selden Fox for the amount of \$23,500.00. Commissioner Mutz seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

Ayes: Gulas, Mutz, Raasch, Perez, Tatro

Nays: None

J. BOARD COMMENT

1. Committee Report

a. Joliet Park Foundation

President Gulas reported that the Poinsettia luncheon was held at the Pilcher Park Nature Center, Ms. Katie Zaban, Nature Center Superintendent, did an animal presentation that was amazing. Letters have been sent to the attendees of the luncheon reminding them that the luncheon was for the Joliet Park Foundation which is a 501 3C organization. The Foundation has received \$1,220 thus far as a result of the letter. The Joliet Park Foundation has also received \$4,105 as the beneficiary of In Memory of John Block, a Joliet Park District park services employee.

b. Joliet Regional Airport

Vice President Tatro reported that the next meeting is February 7, 2024 at 5:30pm

Commissioner Mutz wished the staff a Merry Christmas and thanked the staff for their work.

Commissioner Perez shared that he attended the Royal Ball with his daughter and it was a great event. Approximately 110 people attended the ball and everyone he spoke to was happy with the event. Commissioner Perez also commented on the atmosphere of the fitness floor, the background music changed the dynamic positively.

Vice President Tatro wished the staff a Merry Christmas and thanked them for making his job easier.

Commissioner Raasch thanked the staff for all of their work and help.

President Gulas wished the staff a Merry Christmas and thanked them for their hard work.

President Gulas also commented on the Scuba with Santa event, it's a new event this year, Molly Hoover, Aquatic Superintendent, has brought in new ideas to the aquatic area.

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 5:42pm, 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, Perez

Nays: None

At 6:17pm, a motion was made by President Gulas and seconded by Commissioner Mutz, to reconvene to Open Session. The motion was carried as follows:

Ayes: Gulas, Mutz, Raasch, Perez, Tatro

Nays: None

L. 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 6:18pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Kasprisin
Recording Secretary

