

Regular Meeting  
November 18, 2024

A. Call to Order & Pledge to the Flag

At the call of the President 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, Tatro, Gulas

Commissioners Absent: Mutz

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 of October 28, 2024.

A motion was made by Commissioner Raasch, seconded by Vice President Tatro, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 28, 2024. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Raasch, Tatro, Raasch, Perez, Gulas

Nays: None

Absent: Mutz

E. Approval of the bills and payroll for the month of October, 2024.

A motion was made by President Gulas, seconded by Commissioner Raasch to approve the bills and payroll for the month of October, 2024. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Gulas, Raasch, Perez, Tatro

Nays: None

Absent: Mutz

F. Treasurer's Report for the month of October, 2024.

Glenn Kelley, Director of Finance, gave the Treasurer's report for the end of the month of October 2024 as follows:

Cash on hand beginning of month:	\$	14,643,837.27
Total Receipts:	\$	38,570,260.90
Total Disbursements:	\$	29,385,772.39
Cash on hand end of month:	\$	14,283,597.23
Total Investments:	\$	14,099,060.15
Total Cash & Investments:	\$	28,382,657.38
Total Fund Balances	\$	23,892,717.25

Commissioner Raasch made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of October, 2024. Commissioner Perez seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

Ayes: Raasch, Perez, Tatro, Gulas

Nays: None

Absent: Mutz

## G. Communications

### 1. Executive Director Correspondence

Mr. Brad Staab, Executive Director expressed condolences to Teri Talarico, Director of Operations, who lost her mother last night.

In her absence, Mr. Staab gave Laura Brumfiel, Director of Receptions report as follows:

Kathy Green Multi-Purpose Center:

- New hoops in the gymnasium are being installed this week
- Youth basketball classes and youth art classes are full at this time
- Sunshine and Rainbows will begin decorating the trees with their families using homemade ornaments December 4<sup>th</sup>
- Fall dance, cheer, and poms recital is 11/23 at 9:00am and 11:00am
- Holiday craft show will be held on 11/30/24

Inwood Sports Complex:

- Kickball in the snow charity event this Sunday
- Jay Darnell winter baseball showcase on 11/29
- Working on batter's box replacements currently
- Fall soccer concluded on 11/9

Nowell Park Recreation Center:

- Breakfast with Santa and Vendor Expo is 12/14 9am-12pm

Hartman Recreation Center:

- The turf has been installed at Hartman. We are painting lines and putting down infill this week. Looking to open it after Thanksgiving.

Joliet Memorial Stadium:

- Hosting the Joliet Catholic Academy vs Morris football game this Saturday at 2pm

### 2. Staff Reports

Mr. Kelley reported that the District has two Certificates of Deposit maturing, both will be renewed for six months.

Mr. Kelley informed the Board that the Namscorp POS equipment has been ordered for the golf courses. Ms. Jodi Brooker, Golf Course Food and Beverage Manager, is working with Namscorp on

the menus for all three courses. It is the intention to have all three courses open with the new system in 2025.

Mr. Kelley updated the Board on the health insurance quotes, the District will be switching from United Healthcare to Blue Cross Blue Shield.

Mr. John Ekstrom, Director of Golf Grounds and Horticulture, welcomed the new Director of Park Services Mr. Jim Baranak.

Mr. Ekstrom expressed looking forward to his new opportunity as Director of Golf Grounds and Horticulture. The following are the hi-lights from his areas:

- Inwood Golf Course is having a Holiday Wine and Cheese on December 3 & 5
- The Bird Haven Greenhouse will be holding the Poinsettia sale on December 7 & 8 and photos with Santa on Saturdays in December.
- The greens at the golf courses will be roped off during the winter.
- The windscreens and nets will be taken down at the Pickleball courts.
- The sign has been reinstalled at Richard Jachinowski Park.
- The community would like Gutierrez Park to be taken down, it attracts homeless people. Caesar Cardenas, Joliet City Council Member is obtaining signatures from neighbors for this.

Mr. Jim Baranak, Director of Parks reported that Park Services is working on fall clean up, doing maintenance and will be starting winter task list soon.

Ms. Teri Talarico, Director of Operations was not present/no report.

President Gulas shared that the Oakwood Estate Homeowners Association President contact her about the creek in that area backing up due to golf balls, branches and clothing. The City of Joliet is not doing anything to remedy this. Mr. Ekstrom will look at the creek on our property.

#### H. Action Items

1. Old Business
2. New Business
  - a. Approval of Ordinance #860 – An Ordinance Providing for the Levying, Assessment and Collection for Taxes for the Year 2024 of the Joliet Park District Will & Kendall Counties, Illinois

President Gulas made a motion to approve Ordinance #860 – An Ordinance Providing for the Levying, Assessment and Collection for Taxes for the Year 2024 of the Joliet Park District Will & Kendall Counties, Illinois. Commissioner Perez seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

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

- b. Approval of Ordinance #861 – Abating the Tax Hereto Levied for the Year 2024 to Pay Principal of and Interest on General Obligation Park Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2024A of the Joliet park District, Will and Kendall Counties, Illinois

Vice President Tatro made a motion to approve Ordinance #861 – Abating the Tax Hereto Levied for the Year 2024 to Pay Principal of and Interest on General Obligation Park Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2024A of the Joliet Park District, Will and Kendall Counties, Illinois. Commissioner Raasch seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

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

- c. Quotes and Award of Contracts
  - c(1). Award of Cleaning & Striping Joliet Memorial Stadium Track  
Kiefer USA - \$47,290.00

It was explained that this is a deep clean and re-striping of the track at Joliet Memorial Stadium.

Mr. Staab stated that Kiefer USA/America LLC pricing is based on a contract award from TIPS, a cooperative purchasing organization for public sector procurement. After completion of a competitive solicitation and selection process in accordance with the Illinois Joint Purchasing Act, TIPS awarded Contract No. 23010402 to Kiefer USA/America LLC, with the term expiring on April 30, 2025. As a member of TIPS, the Joliet Park District may accept the proposal from Kiefer USA/America LLC.

President Gulas made a motion to Award of Cleaning & Striping Joliet Memorial Stadium Track to Kiefer USA for \$47,250.00. Commissioner Raasch seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

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

- d. Bids and Award of Contracts
  - d(1). Award of Tee & Green Supplies for Woodruff, Wedgewood and Inwood Golf Courses and Inwood Sports Complex  
Various Suppliers – Total \$153,544.78

Mr. Ekstrom explained that this is the yearly order of chemicals and fertilizers.

Commissioner Raasch made a motion to Award of Tee & Green Supplies for Woodruff, Wedgewood and Inwood Golf Courses and Inwood Sports Complex to various supplies totaling \$153,544.78. Vice President Tatro seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

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

I. BOARD COMMENT

1. Committee Report

a. Joliet Park Foundation

President Gulas informed the Board that the Foundation approved \$10,000 for glass replacement at the Bird Haven Greenhouse. The Foundation will not be involved in the 2025 Taste of Joliet. The Foundation is planning a beer/wine walk at Pilcher park to replace the Taste of Joliet 50/50. The Moonlight Golf Outing will be Friday, August 1, 2025.

b. Joliet Regional Airport

No report. The Holiday Party is December 4<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Raasch commented that he would like to bring back Work Sessions.

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

There was no Executive Session.

K. Adjournment

With all agenda items discussed, a motion to adjourn was made by Vice President Tatro. The motion was seconded by President Gulas, and it carried unanimously. The time was 5:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Kasprisin  
Recording Secretary