

Regular Meeting

March 25, 2024

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. Decennial Committee on Efficiency Meeting

The Decennial Committee on Efficiency Meeting was held. *Please note that minutes are available under the Decennial Committee on Efficiency meeting minutes.*

Roll Call for the Regular Board Meeting

Commissioners Present: Raasch, Mutz, 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 February 26, 2024.

A motion was made by President Gulas, seconded by Commissioner Mutz, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting and Executive Session of February 26, 2024. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Gulas, Mutz, Raasch, Tatro

Nays: None

Absent: Perez

E. Approval of the bills and payroll for the month of February, 2024 - \$1,005,364.77

A motion was made by Commissioner Raasch, seconded by Commissioner Mutz to approve the bills and payroll for the month of February, 2024 in the amount of \$1,005,364.77. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Raasch, Mutz, Tatro, Gulas

Nays: None

Absent: Perez

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

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

Cash on hand beginning of month:	\$	8,224,211.54
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Total Receipts:	\$	13,226,543.30
Total Disbursements:	\$	5,859,955.55
Cash on hand end of month:	\$	7,760,357.88
Total Investments:	\$	19,098,104.71
Total Cash & Investments:	\$	26,858,462.59
Total Fund Balances	\$	22,074,816.49

Commissioner Mutz made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of February 2024. Vice President Tatro seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

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

G. Communications

1. Executive Director Correspondence

Mr. Brad Staab, Executive Director updated the Board on the Taste of Joliet ticket sales which are currently over \$95,000 which is higher than last year at this time. Mr. Staab indicated that the contract for the beer sales at the Taste of Joliet will be with a third party, this contract should be ready for approval next month.

Mr. Staab informed the Board that he, Mr. Kelley and John Ekstrom, Director of Parks/Golf Grounds spoke with the low bidder of the Woodruff Golf Course and Inwood Golf Course irrigation project. Clarification was needed on how the project was bid and timelines. The low bidder bid the project based on doing both projects. The vendor would like a commitment for both projects. If the District decides to do only one project, the low bidder will honor the price, however, if the other project has a bid letting next year, the bid from this vendor will be significantly higher next year. The vendor indicated that Woodruff Golf Course could be completed this year at the end of the golf season, starting the project in October or November. Because Inwood Golf Course irrigation project is larger, the vendor was not confident that it would be completed for the beginning of the 2025 season.

This brings the Capital project list and funding back to the forefront. With ice arena project claiming a large portion of the Revenue Bond, and the project not scheduled for completion until September, therefore actual costs unknown until that time, it is difficult to commit to new projects.

Commissioner Mutz commented that the irrigation is needed at both golf courses, but complaints have recently come in about the roof at Inwood Athletic Center. Additionally, the beams in the roof at the Kathy Green Multi-Purpose Center have to be addressed. Commissioner Mutz is concerned about not having funding for these repairs.

President Gulas shared concern about the roof at the Inwood Athletic Center, when it rained last week the rain was coming in many locations in the building, window sills were wet and the buckets

keep moving around the facility. Additionally, equipment repairs and replacements cannot be abandoned.

Per Mr. Ekstrom, a structural engineer will be out next week to review the Kathy Green Multi-Purpose Center roof.

Vice President Tatro inquired which golf course makes more profit. Staff replied that Woodruff Golf Course is more profitable than Inwood Golf Course.

Commissioner Raasch questioned courting additional sponsorship opportunities.

2. Staff Reports

Mr. Ekstrom, Director of Parks/Golf Grounds, explained to the Board that with the nice weather the golf courses have had a lot of activity. Mr. Ekstrom is working on the plan to begin mowing and when golf carts will be able to be on the courses.

Mr. Ekstrom advised the Board that the Fall Creek Park project is complete and the park is open. The demolition is complete at Longleaf Park and the equipment is on location to begin work there.

Mr. Ekstrom mentioned that Filotto Roofing has stopped repairing the roof at the Kathy Green Multi-Purpose Center upon finding issues with trusses and sheet metal. The structural engineer will be here next week to inspect the roof.

Mr. Ekstrom told the Board that the concrete pad at Inwood Golf Course will be staked next week prior to the start of the paving project.

Mr. Kelley informed the Board that the yearly audit has been started.

Laura Brumfiel, Director of Recreation, informed the Board of the following highlights via Mr. Staab:

- The Nowell Park Easter Egg Hunt has been re-scheduled to Tuesday, March 26 from last week because of weather
- The gymnastics/tumbling program has 165 participants; Tumble Bees has 45 participants; spring soccer has 417 participants; dance has 161 participants
- Inwood Sports Complex has been opened for 2 weekends and has gone well, the bar generated \$4000
- The WJOL tournament is this Wednesday and Thursday at the Inwood Sports Complex and Jay Darnell's first tournament of the season will be this Friday and Saturday.

Ms. Talarico informed the Board of that Metra will be renovating a bridge at Hickory Creek, off of Highland Park Drive and Cass Avenue.

Ms. Talarico shared that the Pilcher Park Nature Center had their Sap to Syrup public event on March 9th with 391 attendees. The Inwood Athletic Club and Pilcher Park Nature Center will host an Earth Day Yoga and Stewardship day on April 20, 2024.

Ms. Talarico informed the Board of the Ice Arena Ice Show next weekend, Friday night and two shows Saturday, if any commissioners are interested in attending, please contact Ms. Talarico for tickets.

Ms. Talarico told the Board that the Inwood Athletic Club sold 213 memberships with their sale, this is less than last year but, currently there are more annual paid membership. Membership is not as high as 2019, but trending toward that number. The Inwood Athletic Club will be bringing Namastadium back this year in August.

President Gulas inquired on the Underwater Egg Hunt, Ms. Talarico responded that it occurred this past weekend. The event sold out at 50 participants, the children retrieved eggs from the pool and exchanged them for prizes.

I. Action Items

1. Old Business

There was no old business.

2. New Business

a. Bids and Award of Contract

a.1. Ratification of Approval of Award of Contract –
Wedgewood Golf Ball Shed Concrete Pad Project
Concrete by Wagner, Inc. - \$63,815.00

Mr. Ekstrom explained that the Joliet Park District requested bids for the Wedgewood Ball Shed Concrete Pad project. The invitation to bid was published in the Herald News on February 29, 2024. On March 11, 2024, five bids were received. After review of all bids it was found that the lowest bidder, Builders Concrete Services, submitted a base bid that was non-conforming with the specifications and failed to visit the site and complete its bid in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders. Bidders Concrete formally withdrew their bid. Based on this information, it is staff recommendation to award the Wedgewood Ball Shed Concrete Pad project to the second low bidder, Concrete by Wagner, 13808 High Rd., Lockport, IL 60441, for a total amount of \$63,815.00 pending attorney review and approval of bid document and contract.

Commissioner Raasch made a motion to ratify the approval of award of contract for the Wedgewood Golf Ball Shed Concrete Project to the second low bidder, Concrete by Wagner, 13808 High Rd., Lockport, IL 60441, for a total amount of \$63,815.00 pending attorney review and approval of bid document and contract. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mutz and carried as follows:

Ayes: Raasch, Mutz, Tatro, Gulas

Nays: None

Absent: Perez

b. Change Orders

b.1. Barber & Oberwortmann Horticultural Center Flooring -
HRC Marble - \$37,752.50

Mr. Staab explained that the Change Order is for the purpose of adding square footage to the original scope of work. The same tile will be used in the entryway/foyer of the Horticultural Center. Due to the Change Order Increasing the original contract by \$25,000 or more and the circumstances said to necessitate the change in performance were not reasonably foreseeable at the time the contract was signed, and the change is germane to the original contract as signed and the change order is in the best interest of the Joliet park District, staff is recommending that the Board approve Change Order #0001 – for the Horticultural Renovation Project #05 – Flooring with HRC Marble in the amount of \$37,752.50.

President Gulas made a motion to approve Change Order #001 – for the Horticultural Renovation Project #05 – Flooring with HRC Marble in the amount of \$37,752.50. Commissioner Mutz seconded the motion and it carried at follows:

Ayes: Gulas, Mutz, Tatro, Raasch

Nays: None

Absent: Perez

J. BOARD COMMENT

1. Committee Report

a. Joliet Park Foundation

President Gulas reported that Ms. Kren, the new liaison for the Park Foundation, attended her first meeting last week. The Park Foundation has identified their third fundraiser for the year, a Wine/Beer walk at Pilcher Park, having stops at the pavilions, tents, the Pilcher Park Nature Center and the Barber & Oberwortmann Horticultural Center. This event will be held September 28, 2024 and additional information will be forthcoming. The Joliet Park Foundation has donated \$200,000 for renovation of the Pilcher Park Nature Center, this work will begin in August 2024 and take approximately one year to complete.

b. Joliet Regional Airport

Commissioner Raasch reported that the next Airport meeting will be April 3, 2024.

President Gulas shared that the Park District had a table at the Chamber of Commerce dinner for the Community Leadership School. Allison Reum, Fitness Coordinator, was in the graduating class and spoke on their behalf. Gloria Dollinger, Nutritional Supervisor, received the Marx Gibson Service Award.

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 5:59pm, 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 6:10pm, 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, Raasch, Mutz
Nays: None
Absent: Perez

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 6:17pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Kasprisin
Recording Secretary