

Regular Meeting

April 22, 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, Perez Mutz, Tatro, Gulas,

Commissioners Absent: None

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 March 25, 2024.

A motion was made by Commissioner Perez, seconded by Commissioner Mutz, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting and Executive Session of March 25, 2024. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Perez, Mutz, Raasch, Tatro, Gulas

Nays: None

E. Approval of the bills and payroll for the month of March, 2024 - \$1,336,727.24

A motion was made by Commissioner Raasch, seconded by Commissioner Mutz to approve the bills and payroll for the month of March, 2024 in the amount of \$1,336,727.24. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Raasch, Mutz, Perez, Tatro, Gulas

Nays: None

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

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

Cash on hand beginning of month:	\$	7,760,357.88
Total Receipts:	\$	14,778,500.81
Total Disbursements:	\$	7,395,274.64

Cash on hand end of month:	\$	7,641,956.80
Total Investments:	\$	19,180,264.66
Total Cash & Investments:	\$	26,822,221.46
Total Fund Balances	\$	22,091,454.91

Commissioner Mutz made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report for the month of March 2024. Commissioner Perez seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

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

G. Communications

1. Executive Director Correspondence

Mr. Brad Staab, Executive Director updated the Board on the parking lot paving project at Wedgewood Golf Course and Inwood Golf Course. The Wedgewood Golf Course is completely paved but is not striped as the City of Joliet informed the district last week that the ADA striping drawings need to be adjusted. Inwood Golf Course has the binder down. Mr. Staab spoke with the City of Joliet today, Inwood Golf Course is totally approved and the course will be closed tomorrow for paving and striping on Wednesday. Joe Hammer, our engineer will be making the desired changes to the Wedgewood Golf Course plans this week. Hopefully both locations will be completed by the end of the week.

Mr. Staab informed the Board that the demolition phase of the Ice Arena project is complete, the former ice is down to sand. Mr. Staab met with the project manager on Thursday and the project is on schedule.

Mr. Staab mentioned that the Kathy Green Multi-Purpose Center roof is not the worst case scenario. There is no structural damage. Laura Brumfiel, Director of Recreation, added that on the east side they are adding metal z channels over the plywood so it is insulation, plywood, z channel, shingles. The east side had one spot that was done this way, the west side had 5000 square feet.

Mr. Staab updated the Board on the Harlow Lockwood Softball Field dugouts, Field 1 is completely done. Jay Darnell, Redbird Baseball Inc., would like to extend his lease for another 10 years, he has 6 years left on his current lease.

Mr. Staab indicated that the City of Joliet approved \$85,000 contribution for Police/Fire protection for the Taste of Joliet, this is \$10,000 more than last year.

**Scrivener’s error – was \$150,000**

Mr. Staab shared that ticket sales for the Taste of Joliet at this time are just over \$115,000. We have pre-sold 52 tickets for Sunday, a day we have never pre-sold tickets for previously.

2. Staff Reports

Ms. Brumfiel informed the Board of the following highlights :

- The Sunshine and Rainbows Pre-school program is winding up their year. Their Super Hero Day will be April 24.
- State Dance and Poms competition will be this Sunday at the Kathy Green Multi-Purpose Center.
- Day Camp at the Kathy Green Multi-Purpose Center is approximately 70% full, they are expected to be at capacity by the first week of May.
- The District has a trip to New York May 2-8
- The Hartman Recreation Center continues to be rented 7 days/week.
- Nowell Park Recreation Center basketball and soccer programs are at capacity.
- The Inwood Sports Complex has been busy with tournaments, leagues start tonight so concessions will now be open 7 days/week.
- SRJC will be partnering with Recreation to offer sensory open gyms twice per week for younger children starting in May. Young Athletes, an extension of Special Olympics, is a new program to be offered to children under 18 starting in June.

Mr. Kelley advised the Board that discussions have started on replacing the districts phone system.

Mr. Kelley has negotiated a new agreement with Direct Energy.

Mr. Kelley indicated that the Namscorp POS system is currently not balancing.

No report from John Ekstrom, Director of Parks/Golf Grounds

President Gulas inquired about a new Beverage Cart on the bill list approved earlier. It was explained that all 3 golf courses are getting 1 new cart each. Ms. Brumfiel will be utilizing one of the discarded beverage carts for use at the Inwood Sports Complex.

Teri Talarico, Director of Operations, informed the Board that she, John Ekstrom, Director of Parks/Golf Grounds and Katie Zaban, Nature Center Superintendent are meeting with vendors to obtain quotes for six bridges at Pilcher Park; two bridges are missing, the others need repair. The Joliet Park Foundation has donated \$50,000 for bridge repairs at Pilcher Park.

Ms. Talarico and Ms. Zaban have met with the vendor that will be doing the log repair to the Nature Center building, this work will begin in August or September, 2024. Because of the high demand for log homes, the next step will take place in August or September 2025, Ms. Talarico and Ms. Zaban will be meeting with this vendor tomorrow.

Ms. Talarico told the Board that the Inwood Athletic Club will be offering through the Joliet Fire Department free AED training to 25 of our members, twenty-five is our maximum space capacity in the board room for this program. The Inwood Athletic Club is also offering a new IronMay program during the month of May, it is a self-guided program doing a full or half IronMan, both members and non-members are eligible to participate. The sound system in the Inwood Athletic Club is currently

not working, previously it was repaired at a cost of approximately \$5000, it is going to be looked at tomorrow to determine what is wrong. Currently, the Inwood Athletic Center is up \$50,000 in revenue from last year.

Ms. Talarico informed the Board that the Blue Tides Masters have a State Meet May 3-5, with 25 swimmers attending, good luck to them. Blue Tides Juniors are back in season with a home meet May 18-19, so the pool will be closed those days. The Aquatics department has 237 swimmers signed up for April-May swim lessons.

Ms. Talarico shared that Communications is finishing the Summer catalog, it should be out in early May. This department will then begin focusing on a district wide marketing program in conjunction with the IPRA Unplug Illinois program.

The Friends of Pilcher Park will be having a work day at Pilcher Park to eradicate invasive species at our Nature Preserve.

I. Action Items

1. Old Business

There was no old business.

2. New Business

scrivener's error

a. Resolution #24-~~119~~-220 – Resolution of the Board of Commissioners to Sell Property Not Exceeding Three (3) Acres and Approve Settlement Agreement

Mr. Staab explained that this is the property that is behind the Wunderlich Doors property that we have never used. Per Attorney Hayden, Mr. Wunderlich was required to file a claim in Will County Circuit Court, the District will need to publish in the newspaper that this land is being Quit Claimed to a private person, thus the Settlement Agreement.

Vice President Tatro made a motion to approve Resolution #24-220; A Resolution of the Board of Commissioners to Sell Property Not Exceeding Three (3) Acres and Approve Settlement Agreement. The motion was seconded by President Gulas and carried as follows:

Ayes: Tatro, Gulas, Mutz, Perez, Raasch

Nays: None

b. Resolution #24-218 – Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement between City of Joliet and the Joliet Park District for the Taste of Joliet

Mr. Staab explained that this is the first \$85,000 of Police/Fire protection for the Taste of Joliet. The City of Joliet approved this on April 16, 2024. It is an Intergovernmental Agreement for your approval. President Gulas made a motion to approve Resolution #24-218; An Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement between City of Joliet and the Joliet Park District for the Taste of Joliet. Commissioner Mutz seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

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

Per Mr. Staab, the quote for the extra security, not policemen, was received at a cost of \$66 per hour, this is an expense that cannot be avoided.

c. Resolution #24-219 – Approval of Concession Agreement between Southern Hospitality Concessions, LLC, and Joliet Park District for Concession Services at the Taste of Joliet  
Mr. Staab informed the Board that this is a one year agreement between the District and SOHO Concessions to take over the beverages at the Taste of Joliet. Per the agreement, SOHO will defer to the District on prices and products to be served. As a result of this agreement, the District will need significantly less volunteers.

Commissioner Raasch made a motion to approve Resolution #24-219; a Concession Agreement between Southern Hospitality Concessions, LLC, and Joliet Park District for Concession Services at the Taste of Joliet. President Gulas seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

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

d. Bids and Award Contract

d(1). Highland Park Baseball Field Renovation Project

Mr. Staab explained that this is the baseball field in Highland Park, a car drove through the outfield fence. The Joliet Park Foundation has committed \$10,000 to this project. Bids were received and Classic Fence was the low bidder for backfield and outfield fence replacement at the Highland Park Baseball Field.

Commissioner Perez made a motion to award the Highland Park Baseball Field Renovation Project to Classic Fence for the amount of \$31,900 pending attorney review and approval of the contract. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mutz and carried as follows:

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

d(2). Purchase of Fleet Vehicle(SRJC Van)

D’Arcy GMC - \$47,361.00

Ms. Brumfiel explained that the District requested bids for one fleet vehicle. One bid was received on April 2, 2024. The invitation to bid was published in the Herald News on March 20, 2024.

Funding will come from the SRJC operating fund. It is staff recommendation to award purchase of one Fleet Vehicle to be used by the SRJC program to D’Arcy GMC, 2022 Essington Road, Joliet, IL 60435 in the amount of \$47,361.00

President Gulas made a motion to award the Purchase of Fleet Vehicle (SRJC Van) to D’Arcy GMC for the amount of \$47,361 pending attorney review and approval of the contract. Commissioner Mutz seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

Ayes: Gulas, Mutz, Raasch, Perez, Tatro

Nays: None

d(3). Automatic Irrigation Improvement project #01 Woodruff Golf Course - Commercial Irrigation & Turf - \$1,550,500

Mr. Staab reported that the District requested bids for the automatic irrigation improvement project at Woodruff Golf Course, Inwood Golf Course, Inwood Sports Complex two bids were received on February 20, 2024. The invitation to bid was published in the Herald News on January 23, 2024. Funding will come from the 2024 Revenue Bond. Two bids were received, Commercial Irrigation & Turf was the low bidder for Woodruff Golf Course at a cost of \$1,550,500. Staff recommends awarding the bid for the Woodruff Golf Course Automatic Irrigation Improvement Project to Commercial Irrigation & Turf, 109 Commercial Dr., East Peoria, IL 61611 for a total amount of \$1,550,500.00 pending attorney review and approval of the contract. Please note that a final recommendation for Inwood Golf Course and Inwood Sports Complex is still under review.

Vice President Tatro made a motion to award the Automatic Irrigation Improvement Project #01 Woodruff Golf Course to Commercial Irrigation & Turf for \$1,550,500.00 pending attorney review and approval of the contract. Commissioner Raasch seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

Ayes: Tatro, Raasch, Mutz, Perez, Gulas

Nays: None

#### J. BOARD COMMENT

##### 1. Committee Report

##### a. Joliet Park Foundation

President Gulas had no report as the Foundation has not met since the last Board meeting.

##### b. Joliet Regional Airport

Commissioner Raasch had no report as the Committee has not met since the last Board meeting.

Commissioner Raasch commented on the graffiti at the Skate Park which was cleaned by the City of Joliet today. Commissioner Raasch suggested that staff mention to Skate Park patrons that the graffiti is not going to be tolerated, that if it continues, the Skate Park may be closed. President Gulas commented that it's been discussed in the past moving the Skate Park to a different location. The park is moveable, it is concrete so very heavy.

Commissioner Mutz asked for an update on the Inwood Athletic Club roof. Filotto Roofing has looked at the roof but Mr. Staab has not seen the report, he will get that information.

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 5:57pm, 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); to discuss sale or purchase of securities, investments or investment contracts, Section 2(c)(7) 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 6:15pm, 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, Perez, Mutz

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 6:17pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Kasprisin  
Recording Secretary