

Regular Meeting

August 26, 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 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 of July 22, 2024.

A motion was made by President Gulas, seconded by Commissioner Mutz, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 22, 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 July, 2024 - \$2,490,255.88

A motion was made by Vice President Tatro, seconded by Commissioner Mutz to approve the bills and payroll for the month of July, 2024 in the amount of \$2,490,255.88. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Tatro, Mutz, Raasch, Gulas

Nays: None

Absent: Perez

F. Treasurer's Report for the month of July 2024.

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

Cash on hand beginning of month:	\$	12,475,399.54
Total Receipts:	\$	28,693,098.13
Total Disbursements:	\$	19,632,028.64
Cash on hand end of month:	\$	11,310,946.82
Total Investments:	\$	16,978,232.25
Total Cash & Investments:	\$	28,289,179.07
Total Fund Balances	\$	23,769,298.23

Commissioner Raasch made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of July, 2024.

Commissioner Mutz seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

Ayes: Raasch, Mutz, Tatro, Gulas

Nays: None

Absent: Perez

G. Communications

1. Blue Tides Swim Team Resolution

President Gulas and Vice President Tatro presented the following Resolutions:

Resolution – Blue Tides Swim Member Tate Thomas – Proclamation

Whereas, the Joliet Park District commends rare athletic achievement, and gives special honor and commendation to those athletes who pursue such excellence that they become examples for the youth and adult of the Joliet area; and Whereas, Tate Thomas achieved such excellence on July 25-28, 2024, when Tate Thomas qualified for the Illinois Swimming Summer Senior Championships held at the FMC Natatorium in Westmont, Illinois; and Whereas, Tate Thomas competed in the 100 and 200 meter backstroke, and will be continuing his swimming career at Illinois Wesleyan University this year; and Whereas, the achievement of Tate Thomas; deserves recognition and has earned a rightful place at the top of his sport. For his impressive Summer 2024 season and for the example he has set for future generations of athletes in the Joliet area, this body honors Tate Thomas and wishes him the best of luck in all his future endeavors; Now, Therefore, be it resolved by the Joliet Park District Park Board of Commissioners: Section 1. The Park Board of Commissioners, both individually and collectively, hereby commend Tate Thomas; his Head Coach Emily Koscielski; Assistant Coach Nick Koenig; and the talented Blue Tides coaching staff on this excellent achievement. Section 2. This Resolution shall be spread of record and a copy be presented to Tate Thomas. Dated, at Joliet, Illinois this 26th day of August 26, 2024.

Resolution – Blue Tides Swim Member Summer Rubis – Proclamation

Whereas, the Joliet Park District commends rare athletic achievement, and gives special honor and commendation to those athletes who pursue such excellence that they become examples for the youth and adult of the Joliet area; and Whereas, Summer Rubis achieved such excellence on July 18-21, 2024, when Summer Rubis qualified for the Illinois Swimming Summer Age Group Championships held at Lake Central High School. and Whereas, Summer Rubis competed in the age 10 and under 200 freestyle with a personal best time and the 400 freestyle with a 12th place finish and earning 9 team points for the Blue Tides; and Whereas, the achievement of Summer Rubis; deserves recognition and has earned a rightful place at the top of her sport. For her impressive Summer 2024 season and for the example he has set for future generations of athletes in the Joliet area, this body honors Summer Rubis and wishes her the best of luck in all her future endeavors; Now, Therefore, be it resolved by the Joliet Park District Park Board of Commissioners: Section 1. The Park Board of Commissioners, both individually and collectively, hereby commend Summer Rubis; her Head Coach Emily Koscielski; Assistant Coach Nick Koenig; and the talented Blue Tides coaching staff on this excellent achievement. Section 2. This Resolution shall be spread of

record and a copy be presented to Summer Rubis. Dated, at Joliet, Illinois this 26th day of August 26, 2024.

Resolution – Blue Tides Swim Member Elliot Martillo – Proclamation

Whereas, the Joliet Park District commends rare athletic achievement, and gives special honor and commendation to those athletes who pursue such excellence that they become examples for the youth and adult of the Joliet area; and Whereas, Elliot Martillo achieved such excellence on July 25-28, 2024, when Elliot Martillo qualified for the Illinois Swimming Summer Senior Championships held at the FMC Natatorium in Westmont, Illinois; and Whereas, Elliot Martillo competed in the 200 and 100 meter butterfly, where he had a personal best time of 1:01.63; and Whereas, the achievement of Elliot Martillo; deserves recognition and has earned a rightful place at the top of his sport. For his impressive Summer 2024 season and for the example he has set for future generations of athletes in the Joliet area, this body honors Elliot Martillo and wishes him the best of luck in all his future endeavors; Now, Therefore, be it resolved by the Joliet Park District Park Board of Commissioners: Section 1. The Park Board of Commissioners, both individually and collectively, hereby commend Elliot Martillo; his Head Coach Emily Koscielski; Assistant Coach Nick Koenig; and the talented Blue Tides coaching staff on this excellent achievement. Section 2. This Resolution shall be spread of record and a copy be presented to Elliot Martillo. Dated, at Joliet, Illinois this 26th day of August 26, 2024.

Resolution – Blue Tides Masters Swim Team – Proclamation

Whereas, the Joliet Park District commends rare athletic achievement, and gives special honor and commendation to those athletic teams who pursue such excellence that they become examples for the youth and adults of the Joliet area; and Whereas, the Blue Tides Masters Team achieved such excellence on June 20-24, 2024, when they had 11 swimmers compete at the US Masters Swimming Spring National Championships in Indianapolis, Indiana; and Whereas, these swimmers joined with 147 other Illinois Masters Swimmers to win first place as a team and bring home the National Championship Title for Illinois; and Whereas, the Blue Tides Masters swimmers who competed were Ashley Blue, Joseph Carlisle, Priscilla Copple, Marcie Curran, Ann Emmrich, Bill Espinos, Kathleen Marshall, Heather Moreno, Brad Schoentag, Camille Tan and Kate Shafer; and Whereas, the achievements of the Blue Tides Masters Team; of its head coach, Molly Hoover; and of its talented coaching staff deserve recognition and have earned a rightful place at the top of their sport. For their impressive 2023/2024 season and for the example that they have set for future generations of athletes in the Joliet area, this body honors the Blue Tides Masters Swim Team and wishes them the best of luck in all their future endeavors; Now, Therefore, be it resolved by the Joliet Park District Park Board of Commissioners: Section 1. The Park Board of Commissioners, both individually and collectively, hereby commend the Blue Tides Masters Swim Team upon its National Championships and congratulate each member of the team; Head Coach Molly Hoover and the coaching staff. Section 2 This Resolution shall be spread of record and a copy be presented to the Blue Tides Masters Swim Team and Coaches. Dated, at Joliet, Illinois this 26th day of August 26, 2024.

2. Executive Director Correspondence

Mr. Brad Staab, Executive Director informed the Board that the Joliet Park District will be submitting grant applications with Gametime for Tezak and Waterford Point playgrounds, these are 50%/matching grants. State Senator Meg Cappel has secured a \$150,000 grant for the Joliet Park District for playgrounds. The retired park equipment will be scrapped.

Mr. Staab updated the Board on the Ice Arena project, dasher boards are up, rubber matting is installed and the ice should go in September 9, 2024. Congratulations to everyone involved in this project, it has gone very smoothly.

Mr. Staab informed the Board that the first Joliet Catholic Academy (JCA) football game of the season is this Friday night. The Park District and JCA representatives have met and discussed parking inside the field. The Joliet Memorial Stadium videoboard which was installed in 2009 is not working, the replacement cost is \$300,000. JCA is not interested in participating in replacing the videoboard.

Mr. Staab met with Jay Darnell and discussed adding new features to the Harlow Lockwood Softball Fields; adding cameras to dugouts and centerfield for real time statistics/Trackman. The District is not interested in participating in this expense. If installed, the lease would need to be amended so the District has no liability for this equipment.

Mr. Staab and Teri Talarico, Director of Operations, are arranging a meeting with the Joliet Police Department regarding security at Pilcher Park. An officer is assigned to the park, but that may not be enough right now. The Board approved that stronger police presence periodically for a month may curb issues at Pilcher Park. The Board is comfortable with hiring the Joliet Police Department if needed for a month to send a message to the individuals that loiter beyond dusk or cause disturbances in daylight.

3. Staff Reports

Mr. John Ekstrom, Director of Parks/Golf Grounds, mentioned that he is working with Joe Hammer on the parking lot extension to the north at the Barber & Oberwortmann Horticultural Center. Mr. Ekstrom has also met with Zeiter Septic ensuring this system at the Barber & Oberwortmann Horticultural Center is operating correctly. He is waiting for their recommendations. Mr. Ekstrom met with Michelle Kelly of Upland Design regarding the landscaping at the Barber & Oberwortmann Horticultural Center.

Mr. Ekstrom mentioned that a Park Service crew is working on restoration at the Pilcher Park Nature Center. A crew will also be at the Flourish Juice Bar to do some repairs this week. The crews are also working on repairs at all of the parks with rubber matting. The District now uses mulch at our parks.

Mr. Ekstrom updated the Board on the dugouts 1 field, 2 dugouts are left to be updated at the Harlow Lockwood Softball Fields. The Ball shed at the Wedgewood Golf Course will be started this week.

Ms. Laura Brumfiel, Director of Recreation, mentioned that JCA's first game at Joliet Memorial Stadium is this Friday. University of St. Francis has resumed their practices at Joliet Memorial Stadium.

Ms. Brumfiel stated that Jay Darnell will resume baseball tournaments at the Harlow Lockwood Softball Fields in September.

Ms. Brumfiel informed the Board this weekend the District has a 16 Inch Softball Tournament at the Harlow Lockwood Softball Fields. Trevor Brodeur, Athletic Superintendent, has spoken with the tournament Director for this tournament suggesting the players/attendees park on the east side of Joliet Memorial Stadium as the JCA football game will be at the same time.

Ms. Brumfiel is working with Mr. Brodeur to promote nightly/daily renting of the Inwood Sports Complex pavilion from November through February.

Ms. Brumfiel mentioned that before and after school programs have started, the District has approximately 89 children total in this program at the Kathy Green Multi-Purpose Center and Nowell Park Recreation Center, this is 7 more than last year. The Before School program is new to Nowell Park Recreation Center with year, they have 7 children participating.

Ms. Brumfiel shared with the Board that the SRJC softball team placed first at the regional tournament and will be going to the state tournament September 7th.

Ms. Brumfiel updated the board on the Sunshine and Rainbows program which will be starting September 10th with 117 students. There are 54 children registered for the Dance and Poms program.

Ms. Brumfiel thanked to staff for their hard work this summer and thanked the board and directors for their support during her first summer.

Mr. Kelley informed the Board that next month they will see high water bills for Heggie Field Park and West Park, both splash pads, as a result of broken/stolen pipes.

Mr. Kelley updated the Board on moving the operating account to Busey Bank, this should be complete by year end.

Commissioner Raasch asked Mr. Kelley about the POS system; Mr. Kelley informed the Board that it still does not balance. Mr. Kelley will be meeting with Toast, a competitor POS company.

President Gulas questioned Mr. Kelley about chargebacks from the Taste of Joliet. Mr. Kelley confirmed that the District still receives chargebacks from the Taste of Joliet. Mr. Kelley informed the Board that the Taste of Joliet is at \$80,000 so far, there is still sponsor money and expenses outstanding.

Teri Talarico, Director of Operations, informed the Board that the first phase of the exterior log repair by American Log Restoration at the Pilcher Park Nature Center was completed last week. Park Services removed railings and will be back to seal the repaired section. In August of 2025, M&M Log Home Care will be out to power wash and stain to complete the project. Thank you to Park Services for their work on this project. Pilcher Park Nature Center's is hosting Fall Into Ceramics, one of their bigger events on September 14th from 9am-2pm. The Little Sprouts Learning Center classes are all at capacity.

Ms. Talarico mentioned to the Board that the Inwood Athletic Club celebrated National Senior Day on August 21st, 61 memberships were sold that day. Inwood Athletic Club also hosted Namastadium yesterday, it was a very successful event with 100 participants. Beginning August 30th, Inwood Athletic Club will have a 3 month for \$99 sale.

Ms. Talarico updated the Board on the Ice Arena; the bleachers are in, the dasher boards are complete, locker rooms are complete, the public restrooms are almost done and the ice freezing will occur September 9, with a re-opening date of September 16. Jaguar Hockey is ready to start when the Ice Arena opens.

H. Action Items

1. Old Business
2. New Business
 - a. Acceptance of Annual Audit – Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2023

Mr. Staab congratulated Mr. Kelley on the timeliness of the completion of this audit. Mr. Kelley commented that the Auditor was able to delve deeper into the District's books as the data was cleaner/easier to get through than in previous years. Mr. Kelley offered copies of the audit to the commissioners.

President Gulas made a motion to accept Annual Audit for Fiscal year January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 as presented. Commissioner Raasch seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

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

b. Request for Easement Agreement between City of Joliet and the Joliet Park District for Highland Park Drive Culvert Project

Mr. Staab received a request from Willett Hoffman representing the City of Joliet to grant an easement for installation of a drainage outfall pipe that will be directed to Hickory Creek. The placement is on Joliet Park District property in Pilcher Park. The easement agreement calls for the City of Joliet to restore any damages to the property including replacement of removed trees with approved native trees. Dan Malinowski with Willet Hoffman was present to answer any questions. Staff recommends approval with two stipulations, that they restore the damaged areas not limited to replacement of removed trees approved by the Joliet Park District including replacement of removed trees with native species and the City of Joliet will obtain the necessary insurance naming the Joliet Park District as an additional insured. Sean Mikos, Deputy Director of the City of Joliet Public Works Department, was present and explained that at this location a pipe is collapsing, there are sink holes on both sides, it is an old limestone box culvert needing to be replaced to facilitate drainage along the roadways. The City of Joliet considers this a maintenance item. With regard to tree replacement, the City will need access to the culvert for maintenance purposes, so placement of the trees will be agreed upon. This project will be completed by November 30, 2024. President Gulas made a motion to approve staff recommendation that the Board approve the project and authorizes the Executive Director to execute the Intergovernmental Agreement based on the stipulations presented and any necessary modifications. Commissioner Mutz seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

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

c. Approval of Resolution #24-222 – Disposal of Surplus Equipment & Other Items

Mr. Ekstrom commented that many of the items are from the early-mid 1990's. The items will be posted on the govdeals website for auction.

Commissioner Raasch made a motion to approve Resolution #24-222; a Disposal of Surplus Equipment & Other Items as presented. Vice President Tatro seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

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

d. Quotes and Award of Contract

d.(1). Design and Installation of Audio System for Barber & Oberwortmann Horticultural Center – EOC Audio - \$47,237.61

Mr. Staab explained that three companies were contacted for quotes. Two responded. EOC Audio was the lower quote and their experience, design and installation timeline met the requirements for the job.

Commissioner Raasch made a motion to award the Design and Installation of Audio System for the Horticultural Center to EOC Audio for \$47,237.61 pending attorney review and approval of the contract. Vice President Tatro seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

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

I. BOARD COMMENT

1. Committee Report

a. Joliet Park Foundation

No meeting; no report. President Gulas commented that the 2024 Moonlight Golf was the best she has attended. It was well run, sold out and she received a lot of compliments. The event netted \$11,000.00 for the Foundation. Additionally, Jill Kren, Membership/Registration Coordinator has resigned as Staff Liaison; the Foundation will discuss a replacement at the September meeting.

b. Joliet Regional Airport

The Joliet Regional Airport Committee met on August 7. The parking lot of the gas station directly to the West has been re-paved; it appears they are re-opening. Ms. Jennifer McFarland, Airport Superintendent, has contact the City of Joliet to find out what is happening, she had not received a response. Ms. McFarland is working on fencing via state funding to deter wildlife on the runway. The new Beacon will be put up September 3rd, there will be no shades on it; shades can be installed if need be. There are painting and parking lot projects currently being done. The Airport Festival will be September 22, 2024. The next meeting is October 2, 2024. Mr. Staab informed the Board that the courtesy car at the airport has been replaced with a used car from D'Arcy.

President Gulas mentioned that she has received compliments on the great job Ms. Molly Hoover, Aquatics Superintendent, is doing.

President Gulas commended Dan Hinz, Ice Arena Superintendent, on his immense contribution to the District and his retirement will be a loss to the District.

President Gulas commented that Donnie Sariyavong, IT Personnel, has done a great job with the drone at the Taste of Joliet and documenting the tornado damage.

President Gulas received a thank you note from Mike Reardon, a Stage Hand at the Taste of Joliet, expressing that he enjoyed working with the Joliet Park District.

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 6:13pm, 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
Absent: Perez

J. Adjournment

With all agenda items discussed, a motion to adjourn was made by Vice President Tatro. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mutz, and it carried unanimously. The time was 6:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Kasprisin
Recording Secretary