

Regular Meeting

June 17, 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.

Roll Call for the Regular Board Meeting

Commissioners Present: Raasch, Perez, Mutz, Tatro, Gulas

Commissioners Absent: None

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

Don Verbic, Joliet, IL took the opportunity to speak to the Board. Mr. Verbic has lived on Madison St. since 1980. He has multiple concerns regarding the Jackinowski Park at Madison and Douglas Streets. Last week the grass was cut for the first time in 31 days. There is a row of forsythia bushes that provide a soft barrier between his yard and the park that have not been trimmed since last July. These plants droop onto his yard and prevent him from easily cutting his yard and having his air conditioner serviced. Mr. Verbic shovels the park sidewalk when he shovels his own. He also picks up trash in the park weekly and calls the Park District when graffiti occur. There is also a tree growing/hanging over his roof. Mr. Verbic's calls to the Park District have not been responded to this year, last year he also received no response but a neighbor contacted the Board President.

C. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting and Executive Session of May 20, 2024.

A motion was made by Commissioner Raasch, seconded by Commissioner Mutz, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting and Executive Session of May 20, 2024. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Raasch, Mutz, Perez, Tatro, Gulas

Nays: None

D. Approval of the bills and payroll for the month of May, 2024 - \$2,196,019.62

A motion was made by Vice President Tatro, seconded by Commissioner Mutz to approve the bills and payroll for the month of May, 2024 in the amount of \$2,196,019.62. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Tatro, Mutz, Perez, Raasch, Gulas

Nays: None

E. Treasurer's Report for the month of May 2024.

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

Cash on hand beginning of month:	\$	7,438,243.98
Total Receipts:	\$	19,016,582.52
Total Disbursements:	\$	11,545,856.05
Cash on hand end of month:	\$	7,459,325.04
Total Investments:	\$	19,408,826.35
Total Cash & Investments:	\$	26,868,151.39
Total Fund Balances	\$	22,203,363.38

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

Ayes: Mutz, Perez, Raasch, Tatro, Gulas

Nays: None

F. Communications

1. Executive Director Correspondence

Mr. Brad Staab, Executive Director informed the Board that Cemeno’s at the Park is still working to open for the Taste of Joliet, but from appearances it will probably be July 1st.

Mr. Staab met with the City of Joliet including Fire and Police regarding July 4th; gates will open at 6:00pm with the fireworks at 9:15pm. Inwood Golf Course will close around noon. The City of Joliet pays for the fireworks and brings the police/fire protection to the event, the District hosts the event. The City of Joliet makes a \$15,000 donation to the District for the closing of Inwood Golf Course and staffing for the event.

Mr. Staab informed the Board that the next Decennial meeting will be in July.

Mr. Staab gave the Commissioner’s an updated capital list.

Mr. Staab told the Board that SOHO is officially onsite for Taste of Joliet. Mr. Staab walked the grounds with one of their representative today. SOHO will be working the main beer tent and will have two additional smaller locations along with individuals walking through the crowd selling from wagons. SOHO will handle ID verification and wrist banding. Beer will be \$8 this year. Stage, jumbotrons, sound, lights, PA will arrive Thursday morning. Food tents go up Tuesday. The fire department will fill the water barrels Tuesday morning. Food vendors will start coming in Wednesday. Portable misters have been order because of the heat. The Fire Department has offered a relief station with a mister. Ticket sales are at \$217,000 as of today, last year we were at \$205,000. Jason Henry, Maintenance Supervisor, will be our eyes in the west parking lot, assisting the police with allowing cars in as openings become available and watching for any issues. A big thank you to staff, it’s hot, it’s a long week. The Commissioners will go on stage Friday and Saturday as usual, this year they will also go on stage Sunday before the main act, around 6:30pm.

2. Staff Reports

Mr. John Ekstrom, Director of Parks/Golf Grounds, thanked Jason Shook, Wedgewood Golf Club PGA Professional and Dan McDonald, Golf Grounds Superintendent, the Wedgewood Pro-Am was this weekend and the course was in great shape and the event went well.

Mr. Ekstrom mentioned that he will address and take care of the issues brought to the Board's attention earlier in the meeting at Jackinowski Park. Parks are assigned to staff so Mr. Ekstrom will know who to talk to. Each park should be looked at every other week.

Ms. Laura Brumfiel, Director of Recreation informed the Board:

- Camps are in week 3 and going good
- Inwood Sports Complex has been busy; this week's tournament starts on Wednesday and goes through Sunday.
- The District had 12 athletes compete at the Special Olympics in Bloomington, Illinois June 7-9; Six of the District athletes will be moving on in this competition.
- Soccer is over; t-ball registration is open
- Taste of Joliet Special Needs time has been expanded by an hour, they will start at 2:00pm Friday
- The Pickleball Clinic was great; Trevor Brodeur, Athletic Superintendent is working on a tournament and lessons

Mr. Kelley indicated that he and Mr. Ekstrom met with IPARKS for their annual tour of the District's properties/facilities for insurance purposes.

Mr. Kelley informed the Board that he has been working with Attorney Nicole Karas on the cell tower/pole at Garnsey Park. One of the leases is requesting an extension and the other is decommissioning.

Teri Talarico, Director of Operations, informed the Board that the District received a Special Use Permit application from Joliet New Movement, Amy Sanchez for Sunday, August 4, 2024. Last year the permit was granted with the requirement of having police present. The Board agreed that for this year the same requirement will be applied.

Ms. Talarico mentioned to the Board that the Pilcher Park Nature Center partnered with Will County on May 31st for the Annual Book Recycling. Over 1,830 residents took part in the event, 689 boxes of books were collected, 80,000 books were dropped off. This is a very busy, popular event. President Gulas questioned if a bigger venue is needed.

Ms. Talarico share with the Board that the Inwood Athletic Club June sale started and membership is up 118 members and \$24,000 from 2023. Annual EFT membership is 407 higher than last year.

Ms. Talarico informed the Board that:

- Bootcamp has finished, the next Studio 2X program is Stadium Training
- Yoga in the Park at Paul E Briese Park is well received with approximately 30 participants weekly and will continue through July.
- Blue Tides Masters will be participating in Nationals this weekend in Indianapolis, IN
- Blue Tides Juniors have two swim meets before the Championship meet; currently 11 swimmers will be attending the Championship meet.
- Currently there are 209 children participating in Swim Lessons; July lesson registration opens tomorrow
- Ice Arena: Thank you to Dan Hinz, Ice Arena Superintendent, for coordinating the schedule of the renovations.

G. Action Items

1. Old Business

There was no old business.

2. New Business

a. Bids and Award of Contract

- a(1). Mechanical System at the Barber & Oberwortmann Horticultural Center
Key West Metal Industries - \$287,900.00

Mr. Staab explained that this is the new HVAC system at the Barber & Oberwortmann Horticultural Center.

Commissioner Mutz made a motion to accept the bid and award the Mechanical System project for the Horticultural Center to Key West Mechanical, 13831 S. Kosher Ave., Crestwood, IL 60445, for a total amount of \$287,900.00 pending attorney review and approval of the contract. The motion was seconded by President Gulas and carried as follows:

Ayes: Mutz, Gulas, Raasch, Perez, Tatro

Nays: None

H. BOARD COMMENT

1. Committee Report

a. Joliet Park Foundation

President Gulas reported that there was no meeting.

b. Joliet Regional Airport

Vice President reported that there was no meeting.

President Gulas commented that the Pickleball Clinic was wonderful. The event was organized, the instructors were great, good attendance.

President Gulas thanked staff in advance as it is going to be a very hot week and everyone will be busy and working hard for the Taste of Joliet.

President Gulas informed the Board and Staff that she was at Northwestern with her son and he received a clean Pet scan. His bloodwork and vitals are perfect and thanked everyone for their support.

Commissioner Perez commented that he had a Sponsorship opportunity that has gone unanswered and will be meeting with staff about it.

Commissioner Perez expressed that he enjoyed the Pickleball Clinic and working with Ms. Brumfiel and Trevor Brodeur, Athletic Superintendent.

Commissioner Mutz thanked staff in advance for the week of hot work leading up to and through the Taste of Joliet – stay hydrated. Commissioner Mutz also mentioned that he has received compliments on the Harlow Lockwood Softball Fields.

I. 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 5:51pm, 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 6:00pm, 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

J. 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 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Kasprisin
Recording Secretary