

Regular Meeting

June 16, 2025

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. Roll Call for the Regular Board Meeting

Commissioners Present: Raasch, Perez, Mutz, Gulas

Commissioners Absent: Tatro

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

No one from the public approached the Board.

D. Approval of the Minutes of the Executive Session of May 12, 2025 and Regular Meeting and Executive Session of May 19, 2025

A motion was made by Commissioner Raasch, seconded by Commissioner Mutz, to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of May 12, 2025 and Regular Meeting and Executive Session of May 19, 2025. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Raasch, Mutz, Perez, Gulas

Nays: None

Absent: Tatro

E. Approval of the bills and payroll for the month of May 2025 - \$2,617,846.05

A motion was made by Commissioner Mutz, seconded by Commissioner Perez to approve the bills and payroll for the month of May 2025 in the amount of \$2,617,846.05. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Mutz, Perez, Raasch, Gulas

Nays: None

Absent: Tatro

F. Treasurer's Report for the month of May 2025.

Glenn Kelley, Director of Finance, gave the Treasurer's report for the end of the month of May 2025 as follows:

Cash on hand beginning of month:	\$	6,533,857.94
Total Receipts:	\$	9,035,384.18
Total Disbursements:	\$	13,357,537.78
Cash on hand end of month:	\$	4,858,783.43
Total Investments:	\$	17,063,281.89

Total Cash & Investments:	\$ 21,922,065.32
Total Fund Balances	\$ 10,386.075.14

Commissioner Perez made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report for the month of May, 2025. Commissioner Mutz seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

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

G. Communications

President Gulas presented Joliet Park District lifeguard Emma Overall with a *You Make A Difference* award. It was stated that Ms. Overall responded to suspicious activity inside the pool area and confirmed that a person was acting inappropriately and violating Park District policies put in place to provide a safe environment for the public, participants, and employees. Ms. Overall’s quick assessment of the circumstances and her immediate response provided the proper authorities to resolve the situation. The Joliet Park District appreciates Emma’s willingness to get involved and ‘*Make A Difference.*’

1. Executive Director Correspondence

Mr. Brad Staab, Executive Director, stated that the Heggie Field Park splash pad is operating again after mechanical parts were stolen. President Gulas inquired about posting signs and informing the residents to report any suspicious activity.

Mr. Staab noted that Taste of Joliet sales are up from last year and Windy City Carnival will be setting up the carnival today. Staff is watching the weather and will meet to discuss the emergency response plan. Mr. Staab thanked the staff for all their time and work on the Taste of Joliet.

2. Staff Reports

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. The event went well and the grounds looked exceptional.

Mr. Ekstrom noted that Woodruff Golf Course irrigation materials and equipment are on site and installation to begin next week. The project’s is scheduled to be completed in August, 2025.

Mr. Ekstrom updated the Board on the Barber & Oberwortmann Horticultural Center. The tile floor in the banquet room is being installed and new storm sewer are being installed for the new parking lot. It was stated that Stephanie Burns was hired as the new event manager for the horticultural center.

Jim Baranak, Director of Park Services, stated the new playground for Richard Jachinowski Park was completed and Park Services will move on to Waterford Pointe Park. The old playground will be removed and new equipment installed with completion scheduled for the fall, 2025.

Mr. Baranak informed the Board that a bridge at Woodruff Golf Club was replaced. The new bridge was built and installed in-house by Park Services staff, Colin Voitik.

Laura Brumfiel, Director of Recreation, informed the Board that the first Movies in the Park was at Hartman Recreation Center on June 6. The movie was Sonic 3 and 75 families attended the free event. It was also noted that Hartman Recreational Center inside turf area is now being rented six days a week. The Marketing Department is working with Jean Pizano, Athletic Superintendent, on a new promotional video for Hartman.

Ms. Brumfiel thanked Park Services staff, John Waller, and Athletic Superintendents Jean Pizano and Trevor Brodeur on the excellent condition of the Inwood Sports Complex.

Ms. Brumfield reminded the Board that the Joliet Memorial Stadium track will be deep cleaned. The timeline begins after the Taste of Joliet and completion date of July 3.

Ms. Brumfield informed the Board that a company reached out and is interested in having a farmer's market on the service road in front of the Joliet Memorial Stadium. Dates would be every Thursday starting July 24. Ms. Brumfiel inquired to the Board if they were interested in the park district working with the company on the farmer's market. The Board was in favor of having the farmer's market.

Teri Talarico, Director of Operations, thanked Park Services, for their work on the new fence around the Little Sprouts play area at the Nature Center. The fence allows for a safe play area for the program.

H. Action Items

1. Old Business

There was no old business.

2. New Business

- a. Ratification of Approval of the Intergovernmental Easement Agreement Between Joliet Park District and City of Joliet for Vacant Land
PIN: 30-07-17-408-002-0000 (partial) Wheeler Avenue, Joliet 60436

It was noted that the Board was polled and approved the Intergovernmental Easement Agreement Between Joliet Park District and City of Joliet for vacant land, PIN #30-07-17-408-002-0000 (partial) on Wheeler Avenue, Joliet 60436. The City of Joliet is requesting the easement because the vacant land is needed for the relocation of a water main impacted by IDOT's work on I-80. The easement is 20'x70'.

President Gulas made a motion to ratify the approval of the Intergovernmental Easement Agreement Between Joliet Park District and City of Joliet for Vacant Land, PIN #30-07-17-408-002-0000. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mutz and carried as follows:

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

b. Acceptance of Annual Audit – Fiscal Year January 1, 2024–December 31, 2024
Mr. Kelley introduced Edward Tracy from Selden Fox. Mr. Tracy presented the annual audit for fiscal year January 1, 2024–December 31, 2024 to the Board.

Commissioner Raasch made a motion to accept the Annual Audit for fiscal year January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mutz and carried as follows:

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

- c. Quotes and Award of Contracts
c(1). Engineering, Purchase & Installation of Neptune Benson Defender Pool Filter - Inwood Athletic Club
Progressive Commercial Aquatics – \$198,750.00

Ms. Talarico stated that the new pool filter is part of the 2025 Inwood Athletic Club renovation. The project includes the removal & disposal of the old Neptune-Benson pool filter, which is original to the facility and has reached its useful life; and the engineering, purchase and installation of a new filter. The installation is planned for September or October and will take 2-3 days. The pool will be closed during this time.

Progressive Commercial Aquatics pricing is based on a contract award from BuyBoard, 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, BuyBoard awarded Contract No. 701-23 to Progressive Commercial Aquatics. As a member of BuyBoard, the Joliet Park District may accept the proposal of \$198,750.00 from Progressive Commercial Aquatics, a Landmark Aquatic Co. Funding will come from the Capital Improvement Fund.

Commissioner Mutz made a motion to approve the proposal from Progressive Commercial Aquatics, a Landmark Aquatic Co, 2510 Farrell Road, Houston, TX 77073 in the amount of \$198,750.00, pending attorney review and approval of the contract. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Perez and carried as follows:

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

c(2). Purchase & Installation of Indoor Track Flooring - Inwood Athletic Club
Kiefer USA - \$124,140.00

Ms. Talarico noted that the replacement of the Inwood Athletic Club walking track is also a part of the 2025 Inwood Athletic Club renovation. Staff received a proposal from Kiefer USA, for removal and disposal of the old indoor walking track and the material and installation of a new track. Tentative timeline for the project will begin in October or November and last 3 weeks. The Fitness floor will remain open during the project with some adjustment to hours and access to fitness equipment when needed.

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. 24090701 to Kiefer USA/America LLC. As a member of TIPS, the Joliet Park District may accept the proposal of \$124,140.00 from Kiefer USA/America LLC. Funding will come from the Capital Improvement Fund.

Commissioner Raasch made a motion to approve the proposal from Kiefer USA/America LLC, 1225 Tri State Parkway, Gurnee, IL 60031, in in the amount of \$124,140.00. The motion was seconded by President Gulas and carried as follows:

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

I. BOARD COMMENT

1. Committee Report

a. Joliet Park Foundation

President Gulas announced that the Foundation's Moonlight Golf Scramble is Friday, August 1.

b. Joliet Regional Airport

Commissioner Raasch stated that the next Airport Committee meeting is August 6, 2025.

Commissioner Raasch requested staff to paint over the graffiti at the skating park.

The Board thanked staff for all their work on the Taste of Joliet.

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 President Gulas. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mutz, and it carried unanimously. The time was 5:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Teri Talarico
Recording Secretary