

Regular Meeting
February 24, 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

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

Commissioners Absent:

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

D. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting and Executive Session of January 27, 2025

A motion was made by Commissioner Raasch, seconded by Commissioner Perez, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting and Executive Session of January 27, 2025. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Raasch, Perez, Mutz, Tatro, Gulas

Nays: None

E. Approval of the bills and payroll for the month of January 2025

A motion was made by Commissioner Mutz, seconded by Vice-President Tatro to approve the bills and payroll in the amount of \$4,470,682.85 for the month of January, 2025. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Mutz, Tatro, Raasch, Perez, Gulas

Nays: None

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

Glenn Kelley, Director of Finance, commented that the 2024 B Bond was paid off and the funds have been received for the 2025 B Bond. Mr. Kelley then gave the Treasurer's report for the end of the month of January 2025 as follows:

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| Cash on hand beginning of month: | \$ | 12,886,312.58 |
| Total Receipts: | \$ | 2,872,598.22 |
| Total Disbursements: | \$ | 4,809,134.25 |
| Cash on hand end of month: | \$ | 9,873,910.46 |
| Total Investments: | \$ | 14,667,100.52 |
| Total Cash & Investments: | \$ | 24,541,010.98 |
| Total Fund Balances | \$ | 12,771,692.71 |

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

Ayes: Raasch, Mutz, Perez, Tatro, Gulas

Nays: None

G. Communications

1. Executive Director

Executive Director Brad Staab informed the Board that Taste of Joliet tickets for Friday night are on sale and over \$20,000 in sales thus far. The District has received a proposal from SOHO Concessions to handle the food and beverages at the 2025 Taste of Joliet. The District will be countering in the negotiations the amount/thresholds and percentage for the payout to the District for food and beverages as SOHO has increased the threshold. President Gulas' biggest concern is the local food vendors; Fire Department/Cemeno's/TCBY. SOHO is considering bringing hard liquor. If the District approves SOHO handling the Food, the food vendors will be using SOHO's POS system. SOHO will take on the food tent expense and make the pricing uniform. The Board would like to ensure that local vendors are prioritized over non-local vendors. Beer prices were discussed to be raised to \$9. Gate prices went up \$5 person.

Mr. Staab congratulated Director Teri Talarico and the Ice Arena staff, the Ice Irena lobby looks great. Many compliments were received during the NIHIL tournament this past weekend.

Mr. Staab informed the Board that he is in possession of a contract extension that needs to be signed from a Real Estate Company that the District has a current agreement with for property that the District has for sale. The Board directed Mr. Staab to sign the extension.

G. Communications

2. Staff Reports

Mr. John Ekstrom informed the Board that the Bird Haven Greenhouse spring plant sale is April 25-27th.

Mr. Ekstrom reported to the Board that the ceiling and lighting is being worked on by outside contractors at the Barber & Oberwortmann Horticultural Center. The light fixtures for the main ballroom have not been delivered. The floor has been delivered. Mr. Staab is expecting the Horticultural Center to be operational in July or August providing everything stays on track.

Mr. Ekstrom updated the Board on the Woodruff Golf Course irrigation project the pump station was delivered and installed. Mr. Ekstrom anticipates Commercial Irrigation, Inc. to be onsite in late April or early May depending on weather.

Mr. Jim Baranak, Director of Parks reported that Park Services staff is working on many departments projects; the Ice Arena lobby, getting things ready for Director Laura Brumfiel at the Harlow Lockwood Softball Field, mounds are re-done, Splash Station demolition.

Mr. Baranak mentioned that the re-construction of Richard Jachinowski Park will be started this week. Additionally, staff is working to clean up the parks/remove sticks/debris before mowing season begins.

Mr. Baranak updated the Board on the Ball Shed at Wedgewood Golf Course, the electric was finished last week. Hopefully Mr. Baranak will have staff to send to the Ball Shed to install the soffit and fascia next week.

Mr. Baranak informed the Board of the few things left to be done at the Ice Arena; changing the blue matting around the skate rental, the front desk updating. Director of Operations, Teri Talarico commented that the punch list for the Ice Arena project includes a bottle filler, hand dryers, carpet in the hallway and signage inside and outside. May 1 is the proposed completion date for Phase 2 of the Ice Arena project.

Mr. Kelley informed the Board that Selden Fox, the District's auditor will be at the offices starting Monday, March 3rd.

Mr. Kelley updated the Board that the E-chargers generated approximately \$2000 in income for January.

Mr. Kelley reported that the POS system installation at Inwood Golf Course is complete, minor tweaks are being done now. Wedgewood and Woodruff Golf Courses will be done next week. Jodi Brooker, Golf Course Food and Beverage Manager, will train her staff starting March 15th. Three Food and Beverage staff members and the Golf course managers will be trained next week. Ms. Brooker mentioned that the new POS system is better than the last system and that the handhelds will have signal.

Mr. Kelley indicated that he is finalizing proof of loss numbers for the storm damage. Expenses will be covered at 100%. Lost income will be a little bit less than the number submitted. The policy has a \$5000 deductible.

Ms. Talarico congratulated Danny Dutkiewicz, Ice Arena Superintendent, on his first NIHIL Tournament weekend, everything went well. Thank you to Park Services for their help with the lobby leading up to this weekend. Ms. Talarico mentioned that the Ice Arena generator will be delivered this week. The Ice Arena will be shut down March 4 or March 6 to test the generator to ensure that it works, the chillers should be completed and tested at this time also. The new Zamboni should be here in the next two weeks.

Ms. Talarico informed the Board that Pilcher Park Nature Center's Sap to Syrup Event is March 8th. Thank you to Vice President Tatro for volunteering to be the pancake flipper.

Ms. Talarico indicated that Will County early voting will be occurring in the Inwood Athletic Club's community room and lobby starting March 17, 2025.

Ms. Talarico indicated that the Commissioners should have received a Statement of Economic Interest to be filled out.

Ms. Talarico mentioned that the duct work in the Admin offices will be cleaned out Tuesday. This is in conjunction with the HVAC updates.

Ms. Talarico announced that the old spin bikes from the Inwood Athletic Club were put onto govdeals auction website, only three were sold. The balance of these bikes are being offered to staff for \$150.

Ms. Talarico reminded the Board that the Annual Awards dinner for the Joliet Region Chamber is Thursday and the Joliet Park District was named Large Employer of the Year award recipient.

Ms. Talarico then announced that the District IT Tech has been offered the Communications Videographer/Digital Media Specialist position in the Communications.

Ms. Talarico indicated that the hot tub will be working again in 6-8 weeks. The vendor sent a pool boiler instead of a spa boiler.

Commissioner Perez questioned Ms. Talarico about the Inwood Athletic Club's increase in revenue for January 2025; Ms. Talarico indicated that January is a traditionally strong month for revenue at the Inwood Athletic Club because of everyone's New Year resolutions.

Commissioner Perez asked about the Hartman Center's profitability; Mr. Kelley indicated that location had high expenses from their updates.

H. Action Items

1. Old Business

- a. Accept & Award Contract for Construction Management Professional Services for Inwood Ice Arena Re-Roofing Project – Wight Construction Services

Mr. Staab explained that this is for Construction Management for the roofing project that has already been approved. President Gulas made a motion to accept and award a contract for Construction Management Professional Services for the Inwood Ice Arena Re-Roofing project with includes Admin and the Inwood Athletic Club Wight construction Services as presented.

Commissioner Mutz seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

Ayes: Gulas, Mutz, Perez, Raasch, Tatro

Nays: None

2. New Business

a. Approval of Resolution 25-224 - Disposal of Surplus Equipment & Other Items

Mr. Staab referenced the list of surplus equipment included in the resolution including the old Zamboni from the 1990's. Commissioner Raasch made a motion to approve Resolution 25-224, Disposal of Surplus Equipment as presented. Commissioner Mutz seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

Ayes: Raasch, Mutz, Perez, Tatro, Gulas

Nays: None

b. Quotes and Awards of Contracts

b(1). Toro Rough Mower – Inwood Golf Course - \$78,503.07 Reinders

Mr. Ekstrom explained that this purchase will assist the aging mowing fleet for Inwood Golf Course. Vice President Tatro made a motion to approve the purchase of the Toro Rough Mower for maintenance of the Inwood Golf Course from Reinders, through Sourcewell Contract No., 031121-TTC, in the amount of \$78,503.07. Commissioner Perez seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

Ayes: Tatro, Perez, Raasch, Mutz, Tatro, Gulas

Nays: None

c. Bids and award of Contracts

c(1). Barber & Oberwortmann Horticultural Center & Bird Haven Greenhouse Site Construction Project – George's Landscaping Inc. - \$145,832.00

Mr. Staab explained that this is ratification of this contract. Commissioner Raasch made a motion to accept and award the Barber & Oberwortmann Horticultural Center & Bird Haven Greenhouse Site Construction Project to George's Landscaping Inc. for \$145,832.00. President Gulas seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

Ayes: Raasch, Gulas, Perez, Mutz, Tatro

Nays: None

I. BOARD COMMENT

1. Committee Report

a. Joliet Park Foundation

No report

b. Joliet Regional Airport

The next meeting is March 5, 2025

Commissioner Raasch requested that the City of Joliet be contacted regarding the automobile on the golf course off of McDonough at Mission Boulevard. This has happened previously they may want to consider installing a guard rail.

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 5:52pm, 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) and Will County Tax Rate Objections from 2011, 2014 and 202. The motion carried as follows

Ayes: Gulas, Tatro, Raasch, Mutz, Perez

Nays: None

At 6:07pm the Board returned to the regular meeting.

Mr. Staab informed the Board that the patron that was banned from the Bird Haven Greenhouse wanted his email regarding the situation given to the Board. This patron was given the opportunity to attend a meeting to address the Board but has not engaged in the process.

Mr. Staab mentioned the naming rights for the Ice Arena and this will be on the March Board meeting agenda.

K. 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 6:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Kasprisin
Recording Secretary

