

Regular Meeting

July 21, 2025

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, Tatro, Gulas

Commissioners Absent: Mutz

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

No one addressed the Board.

D. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 16, 2025

A motion was made by Commissioner Raasch, seconded by Commissioner Perez, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 16, 2025. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Raasch, Perez, Tatro, Gulas

Nays: None

Absent: Mutz

E. Approval of the bills and payroll for the month of June 2025 - \$4,042,978.08

A motion was made by Vice President Tatro, seconded by Commissioner Raasch, to approve the bills and payroll in the amount of \$4,042,978.08 for the month of June, 2025. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Tatro, Raasch, Perez, Gulas

Nays: None

Absent: Mutz

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

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

Cash on hand beginning of month:	\$	4,858,783.43
Total Receipts:	\$	16,660,737.39
Total Disbursements:	\$	17,637,760.66
Cash on hand end of month:	\$	7,781,382.23
Total Investments:	\$	17,494,783.01
Total Cash & Investments:	\$	25,276,165.24
Total Fund Balances	\$	13,731,205.47

Commissioner Perez made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of June, 2025.

Commissioner Raasch seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

Ayes: Perez, Raasch, Tatro, Gulas

Nays: None

Absent: Mutz

G. Communications

1. Executive Director Correspondence

Mr. Brad Staab, Executive Director, informed the Board that staff met with Mark Schultz, Cemeno's at the Park, and discussed the restaurant using the old smoothie bar space as a coffee bar.

Tentative timeline is September 1. An agreement will be brought to the Board when details have been finalized.

Mr. Staab presented the Board with drawings from the City of Joliet showing a request for temporary easement. The request is for the City's new water system project. The location is on Washington Street near Hickory Creek. This is a vacant plot and will not impact a park. The Board approved the request and directed staff to work on the agreement.

Mr. Staab informed the Board that he met with City of Joliet regarding their water system project and how it will impact the Inwood Complex on Jefferson Street in 2028. Mr. Staab stated it would benefit the Joliet Park District if the park district's main water line was replaced at the same time. The main water line runs along the front of the Inwood Ice Arena, Inwood Athletic Club, Kathy Green Multi-Purpose Center, Inwood Sports Complex and currently ends on the south side of the Joliet Memorial Stadium. It was noted that the water line ends at the Stadium; the Board expressed the benefit of the water line tying into the City's water line on Infantry Dr. The new water main would cost around \$500,000 and increase if the park district connects to the City's water main. The park district's portion of the project would be in 2027 or 2028. It was also stated that a new parking lot could be installed a year later. Mr. Staab noted that this project is only in its initial discussion and planning and further conversations and decisions will follow.

Mr. Staab informed the Board that he received a call from Will County Executive Jennifer Bertino-Tarrant. Ms. Bertino-Tarrant requested that the Park Board approve a permanent easement in Higginbotham Woods for the Will County's Francis Rd. project. The Board expressed their concern on the impact on Bird Haven Greenhouse. It was stated that Ms. Bertino-Tarrant assured Mr. Staab that the approval of the easement is not related to the Gougar Rd. expansion road project. The Board is open to approving the permanent easement with the understanding that Ms. Bertino-Tarrant would come to a Board meeting and discuss the Gougar Rd. project.

Commissioner Perez inquired about Inwood Golf Club's budget. Mr. Staab stated that the golf course needed to purchase a mower in the spring for \$75,000. There was a brief discussion about

the sponsorship budget. It was noted that the sponsorship funds that come in are dispersed to different departments.

Commissioner Raasch noted that golf revenue overall is approximately \$100,000 ahead of last year and has noticed that the events are well attended.

2. Staff Reports

Mr. Ekstrom, Director of Horticulture and Golf Grounds, introduced Stephanie Burns, the new event manager at Bird Haven Greenhouse and Barber & Oberwortmann Horticultural Center. Ms. Burns updated that Board on the renovation and stated she is excited for it to reopen.

Mr. Ekstrom updated that Board of the Horticultural Center parking lot expansion project, stating that the first layer of asphalt was laid.

Mr. Ekstrom stated that the new irrigation at Woodruff should be completed by Labor Day.

Ms. Brumfiel, Director of Recreation, reported that the Special Recreation Joliet Channahon Special (SRJC) will be hosting the Special Olympic softball tournament on October 3, 2025. There are currently 17 teams registered.

Ms. Brumfiel informed that there are 45 students enrolled in before/after school Troy Trojans program and Karen Cooper, Recreation Superintendent, had 285 children enrolled in her summer camps.

Ms. Brumfiel reported that Nowell Park will be hosting Back to School Fest on August 9. It was stated that staff is looking for more backpacks to be donated.

Ms. Brumfiel updated the Board on the Inwood Sports Complex schedule. Adult Slow-pitch will be in August and University of St. Francis soccer will begin this week at the Joliet Memorial Stadium.

Ms. Brumfiel announced that the Farmer's Market will be on July 23.

President Gulas commended Ms. Brumfiel and Athletic Superintendent Trevor Brodeur on the Barstool Sports event.

Commissioner Perez inquired about the Hartman Recreation Center budget. It was noted that HVAC units needed to be replaced and the amount was around \$73,000.

Teri Talarico, Director of Operations, updated the Board on the Inwood Athletic Club and Ice Arena reroofing project. It was noted that a few leaks have been found, and the roofing company is working on fixing the issues. It was also stated that the new chillers that were installed during the Ice Arena renovation project have not run correctly since installation. The construction management

company has been working with CMI and Carrier on troubleshooting to identify and resolve the problem.

Ms. Talarico thanked all departments for helping the Inwood Athletic Club with the Sundowner 5k. The event was a success with 460 runners and a cooler night.

Ms. Talarico informed the Board that Namastadium will be on August 24 and the proceeds will go to Pink Heals.

Ms. Talarico updated the Board on the IAC upgrades. Part of the new cardio equipment has been installed; the second shipment will be in August. The new walking track is tentatively scheduled for installation in August or October. The tentative schedule for the IAC while the track is being installed will include shortened days with limited access to equipment to accommodate the installation company. for the new walking track will have shortened hours. The goal is to be open for members as much as possible.

Ms. Talarico stated that revenue and gym membership are up compared to last year; however, expenses are higher due to the installation of new pool and spa boilers. It was noted that the 20-year-old HVAC units are an ongoing concern, and some will need to be replaced soon.

H. Action Items

1. Old Business

There was no Old Business.

2. New Business

- a. Resolution #25-225 – A Resolution Approving Disposal of Surplus Equipment and Other Items

The following items were presented as surplus: 1995 Cushman Truckster and Two Wittek Golf Ball Dispensing Machines.

President Gulas made a motion to approve Resolution #25-225, a Resolution Approving Disposal of Surplus Equipment as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Raasch and carried as follows:

Ayes: Gulas, Raasch, Perez, Tatro

Nays: None

Absent: Mutz

- b. Quotes and Award of Contract

- b(1). 2025-2026 Airport Liability Insurance – Facer Insurance Agency, Inc.

Vice President Tatro made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Raasch, to approve the 2025-2026 Airport liability as presented. The motion carried as follows:

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

I. BOARD COMMENT

1. Committee Report

a. Joliet Park Foundation

President Gulas announced that the Foundation's Moonlight Golf Scramble is August 1, 2025 and is already sold out. Jib Bros. Band will be the live entertainment.

It was also stated that President Gulas, Foundation Director Deb Strahanoski and staff Jill Kren, Administrative Assistant/Foundation Staff Liaison and Ms. Talarico, met to discuss the Foundation's Poinsettia Luncheon. The Luncheon was an invite only event to Park Foundation donors but will open up to the public this year. The luncheon will be held at the Bird Haven Greenhouse or Horticultural Center.

b. Joliet Regional Airport

No Report.

The Board discussed the caboose and rail car at Splash Station. It was decided to post both items on GovDeals.

The Board commending staff on a successful Taste of Joliet. There was a discussion about the expenses vs. revenue of the Taste of Joliet and how the hot weather impacted the attendance this year.

Commissioner Perez praised staff for their work during Summer Camps and commended Donnie Sariyavong, park district videographer, on his videos.

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 5:53pm, 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, Perez
Nays: None
Absent: Mutz

At 6:19pm the Board returned to the regular meeting.

K. Adjournment

With all agenda items discussed, a motion to adjourn was made by Vice-President Tatro. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Perez and it carried unanimously. The time was 5:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Teri Talarico
Recording Secretary