

Regular Meeting
October 27, 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, Mutz, Tatro, Gulas

C. Convening the Bond Information Notice Act (BINA) Hearing

Executive Director Brad Staab explained that the BINA Hearing is held for the annual issuance of rollover bonds. The hearing is required by law and notice of the hearing was posted in the Herald News on October 17, 2025. The issuance of these bonds is related to the Districts annual capital budget as well as the funding of certain obligations on an annual basis. The Board will approve an ordinance to facilitate the issuance of these bonds in the amount of \$5,000,000 at the December 22, 2025 Board Meeting.

No public comment was received by email or written submission, and no one from the public was in attendance at the meeting that chose to make a comment. Commissioner Raasch made the motion to close the Hearing and return to the regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mutz and carried as follows:

Ayes: Raasch, Mutz, Perez, Tatro, Gulas

Nays: None

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

Mike Kerwin, Joliet resident and Airport Committee President, thanked Park Services for the upkeep of Highland Park and Pilcher Park throughout the year. Mr. Kerwin thanked Jenny McFarland, Airport Superintendent, Airport Staff and the Joliet Park District Board of Commissioners for a job well done at Airport Fest.

E. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting and Executive Session of September 22, 2025

A motion was made by Vice President Tatro, seconded by Commissioner Perez, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting and Executive Session of September 22, 2025. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Tatro, Perez, Mutz, Raasch, Gulas

Nays: None

F. Approval of the bills and payroll for the month of September 2025- \$1,858,354.42

A motion was made by Commissioner Raasch, seconded by Commissioner Mutz to approve the bills and payroll for the month of September 2025 in the amount of \$1,858,354.42. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Raasch, Mutz, Perez, Tatro, Gulas

Nays: None

G. Treasurer's Report for the month of September 2025

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

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| Cash on hand beginning of month: | \$ | 4,149,729.63 |
| Total Receipts: | \$ | 27,192,262.61 |
| Total Disbursements: | \$ | 26,055,805.42 |
| Cash on hand end of month: | \$ | 7,963,890.58 |
| Total Investments: | \$ | 19,362,686.76 |
| Total Cash & Investments: | \$ | 27,326,577.34 |
| Total Fund Balances | \$ | 15,844,685.93 |

Commissioner Mutz made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of September 2025. Vice President Tatro seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

Ayes: Mutz, Tatro, Perez, Raasch, Gulas

Nays: None

H. Communications

1. Executive Director Correspondence

Mr. Brad Staab, Executive Director, updated the Board on the inclusive playground at Inwood Park. Park Services is working on the walking trail, entrance paths and ADA inclusive bathrooms. The Inwood Park paving will be going out to bid.

Mr. Staab stated there was water damage to the administrative offices on the second floor due to a roof drain being left open. Joliet Park District staff is working with Serve Pro to get damage repaired.

Mr. Staab thanked Joliet Park District staff for a successful Red Eye 5K. Mr. Staab stated there were 197 runners in attendance.

Mr. Staab updated the Board on the fleet for our Park Service trucks. Mr. Staab stated he is working with Enterprise and will have more information to present at the November Board meeting.

2. Staff Reports

Mr. John Ekstrom, Director of Parks/Golf Grounds, congratulated Brian Legan, Inwood Golf Club Manager and staff on a successful event, Chili Open. Mr. Ekstrom stated Kirk Blakney, Woodruff Golf Club Manager has a few small outings in November.

Mr. Ekstrom informed the Board that the irrigation systems at the golf courses are starting to be winterized. Mr. Ekstrom stated the company that installed the new irrigation system at Woodruff Golf Course does the winterizing for the first year.

Mr. Ekstrom stated George's Landscaping has been at the Barber & Oberwortmann Horticultural Center incorporating the new landscaping and installed a majority of the concrete for sidewalks.

President Gulas inquired about the bricks at the Barber & Oberwortmann Horticultural Center. Mr. Ekstrom stated an area was dug out on the South West corner of the Greenhouse for the bricks to be laid.

Mr. Ekstrom discussed temporary greens going into the Golf Courses. At this time there is nothing to report.

Vice President Tatro inquired if the County has plans on putting a light at Francis Road. Mr. Ekstrom stated it's been an ongoing discussion with no plans finalized.

Commissioner Raasch inquired about the Barber & Oberwortmann Horticultural Center completion time line. Mr. Ekstrom stated the paving is almost complete, fence has been installed and waiting on doors to be delivered. Staff is working on a temporary permit from the City of Joliet so they can start walking patrons through facility. Stephanie Burns, Event Manager has started a list of those who are interested in booking next year.

Mr. Jim Baranak, Director of Park Services, updated the Board on Waterford Pointe Park. The fence was installed on the West side. Mr. Baranak stated we are waiting on one part and item was shipped so should receive in a few days. The park should be open next week.

Commissioner Raasch inquired about a fence being put up at Waterford Pointe Park to help solve the issues of patrons driving through. Mr. Baranak confirmed the installation of fence.

Mr. Baranak stated the Richard Tezak Park demo started last week.

President Gulas inquired if the Richard Tezak Park equipment was delivered. Mr. Baranak confirmed the delivery. President Gulas inquired if the Park will be complete by the end of year. Mr. Baranak stated the completion is weather dependent.

Mr. Baranak stated the Gazebo at Inwood Park has been taken down due to damage. Mr. Baranak stated the cost to rebuild a Gazebo would be \$15,000. Mr. Baranak asked for Board of Commissioners input on what to put in its place. The Board had a discussion and decided to grass the area.

Commissioner Perez inquired about the fence that was damaged by airplane accident. Mr. Staab stated he has been in contact with the FAA and the company that owned the plane about replacing the fence. The company is asking for a quote from Alliance.

President Gulas Inquired about the splash pads at the parks being winterized. Mr. Baranak confirmed the City of Joliet is turning off water to the pads and Park Services will shut the splash pads down.

Ms. Laura Brumfiel, Director of Recreation, thanked staff for sending flowers when she was in the hospital.

Ms. Brumfiel mentioned the Recreation Department is slowing down due to weather.

Ms. Brumfiel informed the Board that Karen Cooper, Recreation Superintendent, has her Holiday Craft Show on November 29 with 25 vendors at the Kathy Green Multi-Purpose Center.

Ms. Brumfiel stated Synergy Competitive Team has 29 registered for the season.

Ms. Brumfiel stated Hartman Recreation Center is busy with baseball and soccer rentals. There are 5 baseball teams registered.

Ms. Brumfiel informed the Board Jean Pizano and Trevor Brodeur, Athletic Superintendent's, will be hosting a trunk or treat on October 30 at the Joliet Memorial Stadium. There will be 100 cars in the East parking lot, games on the turf and a movie at 7pm.

Ms. Brumfiel mentioned Nowell Park Recreation Center celebrated their 7th anniversary with membership specials and giveaways.

Ms. Brumfiel stated Nowell Park Recreation Center's next event will be Breakfast with Santa.

Ms. Brumfiel stated Casey O'Connell, Recreation Superintendent, next big trip is Mount Rushmore with two buses registered.

Mr. Kelley, Director of Finance, reminded the Board that the previously held Certificate of Deposit was liquidated in order to fund the purchase of a new garbage truck.

Mr. Kelley stated that he had reached out to Speer Financial, Inc. to prepare a payment schedule for bonds over the next five years. Mr. Kelly presented the Board with a list of various Capital Improvement projects along with their projected costs. The President inquired about the figures for Woodruff Golf Course, Inwood Golf Course, and Nowell Park Recreation Center. Mr. Kelley explained that the Woodruff Golf Course estimate pertains to the parking lot. For Inwood, the Inclusive Playground project includes the bathroom and new path. The Nowell Park Recreation Center estimate reflects the cost to relocate the HVAC system from the roof to ground level. It was also noted that a new roof for the Airport is included on the list of projects

Commissioner Tatro inquired about the ladder at Nowell Park Recreation Center. Mr. Staab stated when Nowell Park Recreation Center was built the HVAC was put on the roof without a ladder. Mr. Staab mentioned moving HVAC to ground level would be more feasible and easier to maintain.

Teri Talarico, Director of Operations, stated the exterior renovation at the Nature Center is complete with the exception of one support log needing to be replaced and is covered by the Joliet Park Foundation. Brad Staab, Executive Director, will present a plaque to the Joliet Park Foundation Board to thank them for their generous donation.

Ms. Talarico informed the Board about the following Inwood Ice Arena programs:

- 2025 CCM tournament will be held on November 7-8.
- Harvest Gold Competition will be November 15-16 with 100 skaters registered.
- Adult holiday skate in December

Ms. Talarico reported that the Inwood Athletic Club (IAC) currently has 2,286 active members, an increase of 355 members compared to last year. Ms. Talarico also noted that total IAC revenue has increased; however, expenses are also higher this year due to HVAC-related costs.

Ms. Talarico stated the Inwood Athletic Club walking track will be installed October 30-31. Ms. Talarico mentioned the fitness floor will be closed those days for safety. Exercise classes will be held in studio 2.

Ms. Talarico updated the Board on the Inwood Athletic Club lobby carpet installation. Park Services will be handling the demo and completed in sections. Ms. Talarico mentioned the company will have a completion date of November 30.

Ms. Talarico stated Park Services will be working on the Inwood Athletic Club upstairs fitness floor bathrooms with a completion date by the end of the year.

Ms. Talarico thanked thanks Beth Ley, Corporate Relations Supervisor, for securing \$20,000 from Joliet Township High School to be put towards new Inwood Athletic Club pool diving blocks. Ms. Talarico stated the other half of the funding was raised by Blue Tides Swim Team to help cover the cost of blocks.

Ms. Talarico stated the Inwood Athletic Club aquatics department had their floating pumpkins event with 50 people registered. Ms. Talarico thanks Dollinger Farm for the pumpkin donation.

Commissioner Perez inquired about the passing of Sky the Eagle at the Pilcher Park Nature Center. Ms. Talarico stated she would send an updated report on Sky to the Board.

Ms. Talarico thanked Joe Peloso, IT Director, for helping with the Inwood Athletic Club fitness floor TV's.

President Gulas inquired about the Inwood Athletic Club fitness floor bathrooms and how long for the remodel. Mr. Baranak stated it would take a few weeks. Ms. Talarico stated both bathrooms will be closed. Locker rooms and main floor washrooms will be available.

I. Action Items

1. Old Business
2. New Business
 - a. Bids and Awards of Contracts
 - a(1). 2026 Tee & Green Supplies for Woodruff, Wedgewood & Inwood Golf Courses and Inwood Sports Complex- Various Suppliers- \$79,374.38

Commissioner Raasch inquired about the cost of each Golf Course. Mr. Ekstrom stated the inventory fluctuates every year.

Commissioner Raasch made a motion to approve the contract to various suppliers for the amount of \$79,374.38. Vice President Tatro seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

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

- b. Quotes and Awards of Contracts
 - b(1). Accept & Award Contract for Medical Insurance from January 1- December 31, 2026- Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance

President Gulas made a motion to accept and award the contract to Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance. Commissioner Mutz seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

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

- b(2). Trane Roof Top Unit- Inwood Athletic Club Board Room & Fitness Offices-Gene May Heating & Cooling- \$26,555.00

Commissioner Perez made a motion to approve the quote and award of contract to Gene May Heating & Cooling, 516 Twin Rail Drive-Suite 1, Minooka, IL 60447, for the amount of \$26,555.00. Commissioner Raasch seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

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

J. BOARD COMMENT

1. Committee Report

a. Joliet Park Foundation

President Gulas informed the Board the Poinsettia on December 2 will be held at Woodruff Golf Course.

b. Joliet Regional Airport

Vice President Tatro reported that the Airport Meeting was held on October 15 and that the Airport staff Christmas meeting is scheduled for December 3. He provided an update on the Airport roof replacement project and noted that two proposals have been received.

President Gulas thanked the Joliet Regional Airport staff for a phenomenal Airport Fest.

K. 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 5:47pm, 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, Perez, Raasch, Mutz
Nays: None

At 6:40pm the Board returned to Open Session.

Brad Staab, Executive Director, discussed the golf driving range sheds. Mr. Staab stated there would be more to report at the November Board Meeting.

Mr. Staab discussed the Taste of Joliet and other Summer Festivities.

L. Adjournment

With all agenda items discussed, a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Raasch. The motion was carried unanimously. The time was 6:49 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jill Kren
Recording Secretary