

Regular Meeting
September 22, 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, Mutz
Commissioners Absent: None

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 August 25, 2025, and the Special Meeting and Executive Session of August 28, 2025 and September 8, 2025.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mutz, seconded by Commissioner Perez, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 25, 2025, and the Special Meeting and Executive Session of August 28, 2025 and September 8, 2025. The motion carried as follows:

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

E. Approval of the bills and payroll for the month of August 2025 - \$3,110,844.59

A motion was made by Commissioner Raasch, seconded by Commissioner Mutz, to approve the bills and payroll in the amount of \$3,110,844.59 for the month of August, 2025. The motion carried as follows:

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

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

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

Cash on hand beginning of month:	\$ 5,922,849.87
Total Receipts:	\$ 20,850,941.93
Total Disbursements:	\$ 23,978,150.86
Cash on hand end of month:	\$ 4,149,729.63
Total Investments:	\$ 18,845,876.00
Total Cash & Investments:	\$ 22,995,605.63
Total Fund Balances	\$ 11,581,019.81

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

Ayes: Tatro, Mutz, Raasch, Perez, Gulas

Nays: None

G. Communications

1. Executive Director Correspondence

Mr. Brad Staab, Executive Director, thanked Jenny McFarland, Airport Superintendent and staff for a successful Airport Festival.

Mr. Staab updated the Board on the Union negotiations. It was stated the Union Representatives and Staff are through four rounds of negotiations with a completion date in mid-October.

Mr. Staab updated the Board on the inclusive playground at Inwood Park. The inclusive playground is 70 percent complete. President Gulas, inquired about installing a fence at the inclusive playground. Mr. Staab stated a quote of \$30,000 to install a fence was received. Staff will review the option to install a fence versus the budget once the inclusive playground is complete.

Mr. Staab informed the Board that the IAPD Conference is January 29-31, 2026.

There was a discussion about golf driving range sheds. Brian Legan, Inwood Golf Club Manager, presented a video to the Board showcasing examples of golf driving range sheds. John Ekstrom, Director of Golf Grounds and Horticulture, provided a cost estimate for installing a driving range shed at Inwood Golf Club.

The Board and staff discussed the potential benefits, including increased revenue opportunities and the ability to offer year-round play, as well as the financial impact of the project in relation to other park district capital improvement priorities. Commissioners asked staff to consider several factors related to the project, including increased utility costs, parking capacity, year-round staffing expenses, the addition of certified golf instructors, sponsorship opportunities, the impact of cold weather on facility use, and the allocation of any additional revenue.

Following the discussion, the Board directed staff to develop detailed project plans and cost estimates for a driving range shed at Wedgewood and Inwood Golf Clubs.

2. Staff Reports

Mr. Ekstrom, Director of Horticulture and Golf Grounds, thanked Dan McDonald, Golf Grounds Superintendent, and Dave Contreras, Woodruff Golf Grounds Assistant, for a job well done on the irrigation system at Woodruff Golf Course.

Mr. Ekstrom, discussed the Barber & Oberwortmann Horticultural Center renovations. All utilities have been moved. Mr. Ekstrom is working with landscaper to get restoration complete in front of the building this fall. Mr. Ekstrom stated the barrier fence will be installed next week.

Commissioner Mutz inquired about Will County's Gougar Road expansion, which includes the installation of a right away at the Barber & Oberwortmann Horticultural Center. Mr. Staab stated he does not have updated information on the project.

President Gulas inquired about a sound system at the Barber & Oberwortmann Horticultural Center. Mr. Ekstrom confirmed there will be a sound system installed.

Mr. Baranak, Director of Park Services, updated the Board on Waterford Pointe Park, stating the Park is 90 percent finished.

Mr. Baranak updated the Board on improvements at Inwood Park. The Inwood Park pavilions were recently painted. Park Services is planning to repave the walking paths and will put in two walking paths from the parking lot to gain access into the inclusive playground.

Commissioner Perez inquired about the weeds in the parking lot across from the Joliet Regional Airport. Mr. Baranak confirmed Park Services did take care of the problem.

Ms. Brumfiel, Director of Recreation, informed the Board about the following programs:

- NPRC's Anniversary Celebration will be October 15-October 22. NPRC staff will have different events, prizes and a membership special.
- NPRC has 431 active members.
- NPRC indoor baseball rentals start in October.
- SRJC Unified Volleyball Team received 4th place at the Special Olympics Region Tournament on Sunday, September 14.
- Sunshine and Rainbows Learning Center had their first day on September 9.
- Sunshine and Rainbows Learning Center has 93 enrolled and 10 students enrolled in Enrichment.
- Synergy competitive dance team has tryouts on September 22.

Ms. Brumfiel stated Hartman had a Movie in the Park at Heggie Park on September 5. The Movie in the Park was a community event consisting of a movie, visits with police officers, taco trucks, bounce houses and games.

Mr. Kelley, Director of Finance, provided an update on the Barber & Oberwortmann Horticultural Center Parking Lot Expansion Project, currently being completed by Advantage Paving Solutions, Inc. The project is coming in under budget, as the alternate limestone work did not use all of the allocated budget. Staff is currently awaiting an estimate to extend the paving to the rear of the Horticultural Center, where food deliveries are made.

Mr. Kelley stated he has been working on 2026 budget, tax levy and capital bonds.

Teri Talarico, Director of Operations, announced there are 300 registered for the Red Eye Race on September 19, 2025 and stated, due to street and bridge closures in downtown Joliet, the Santa Run will be moved to Rockdale. Roc City Bar & Grill has agreed to be a main sponsor and the race will start and end at Roc City Bar & Grill.

Ms. Talarico stated the Inwood Athletic Club staff has been working on their 20th anniversary logo and the anniversary will be a year- long celebration.

Ms. Talarico stated the Inwood Athletic Club walking track will be installed on October 22 and completed in November and staff received a quote for new lobby carpet, which is on the agenda. If the quote is approved, the installation will start early November. It was noted that renovations on the Inwood Athletic Club second floor bathrooms will be completed by Park Services and completed by end of year.

Commissioner Mutz inquired about Inwood Athletic Club fitness floor being closed due to installation of track. Ms. Talarico stated the fitness floor will be closed on October 22 and 23.

Ms. Talarico stated Beth Ley, Corporate Relations Supervisor, is planning to work with Joliet Township High School Swim Team to help cover cost of new diving blocks. Blue Tides Swim Team was able to raise money to cover half the cost of diving blocks.

Ms. Talarico stated Emediate Cure will host Ladies Night at the Inwood Athletic Club on December 4.

Ms. Talarico stated both ice skating and Jaguar Hockey seasons have started. Livebarn, the live and on demand streaming company, will be installing equipment in the next week. This is a way for the Inwood Ice Arena to gain revenue by receiving 30 percent from subscriptions that originated at the Inwood Ice Arena.

Ms. Talarico stated the Nature Center's down spouts were installed. Ms. Talarico thanked the Joliet Park Foundation for funding the \$200,000 for the Nature Center improvements. The Joliet Park Foundation also committed to giving \$50,000 for bridge projects.

Ms. Talarico thanked Will County Audubon Society of Wild Birds Unlimited for being a great partner with the Nature Center and for hosting a successful bald eagle presentation this past weekend with 90 people in attendance. Ms. Talarico also thanked Commissioner Raasch for attending the presentation.

Commissioner Perez inquired about the two televisions not working at the Inwood Athletic Club. Ms. Talarico stated she would look into it.

H. Action Items

1. Old Business

There was no Old Business.

2. New Business

a. Approval of Ordinance #867- Purchasing Policy

President Gulas made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Mutz, to approve Ordinance 867- Purchasing Policy. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Gulas, Mutz, Perez, Raasch, Tatro

Nays: None

b. Approval of First Amendment of Concession Agreement between Joliet Park District and Cemeno's At The Park

Commissioner Mutz made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Perez, to approve The First Amendment of Concession agreement between Joliet Park District and Cemeno's At The Park, pending attorney review and approval. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Mutz, Perez, Raasch, Tatro, Gulas

Nays: None

c. Quotes and Award of Contracts

c(1). Approval of 2025 Year-End Gap Property & General Liability Insurance- IPARKS

President Gulas made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Mutz, to approve the 2025 Year-End Gap Property & General Liability Insurance Contract to IPARKS. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Gulas, Mutz, Raasch, Perez, Tatro

Nays: None

c(2). Approval of Golf Grounds Equipment for Wedgewood Golf Club

Vice President Tatro made a motion, seconded by President Gulas, to approve staff's recommendations and purchase golf grounds equipment for Wedgewood Golf Club as presented. The motion carried as follows:

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

c(3). Approval of Inwood Athletic Club Main Floor Carpet- \$49,687.20
President Gulas made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Perez, to approve the proposal from Midway Flooring, 10216 Werch Dr #114, Woodridge, IL 60517, Pursuant to Sourcewell Contract No. 061323-IFA, in the amount of \$49,687.20. The motion carried as follows:

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

I. BOARD COMMENT

1. Committee Report

a. Joliet Park Foundation

No report.

b. Joliet Regional Airport

It was noted that the Airport Committee had a meeting on September 3. The Airport Committee discussed what it would cost to build another hangar. It was noted the cost would be around \$900,000. The Airport Committee discussed a leak in the Airport roof. The next Airport Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 3.

Commissioner Raasch stated he spoke with Natalie Manley, Illinois State Representative regarding Grants. It was noted that Ms. Manley offered to meet with Joliet Park District Commissioners to discuss grant opportunities.

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 6:27pm, 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, Mutz, Perez, Raasch, Tatro
Nays: None

At 6:41pm the Board reconvened to the regular meeting.

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 6:42pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Kren
Recording Secretary