

Regular Meeting  
November 17, 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

Commissioners Absent: None

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

When given the opportunity to comment no one from the public came forward to address the Board.

D. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 27, 2025.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mutz, seconded by Commissioner Raasch, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 27, 2025. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Mutz, Raasch, Perez, Tatro, Gulas

Nays: None

E. Approval of the bills and payroll for the month of October, 2025.

A motion was made by Commissioner Raasch, seconded by Commissioner Mutz to approve the bills and payroll for the month of October, 2025. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Raasch, Mutz, Perez, Tatro, Gulas

Nays: None

F. Treasurer's Report for the month of October, 2025.

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

Cash on hand beginning of month:	\$	7,963,890.58
Total Receipts:	\$	28,742,631.25
Total Disbursements:	\$	29,929,251.45
Cash on hand end of month:	\$	5,014,335.58
Total Investments:	\$	19,990,042.29
Total Cash & Investments:	\$	25,004,337.87
Total Fund Balances	\$	13,521,608.54

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

Ayes: Tatro, Perez, Raasch, Mutz, Gulas

Nays: None

#### G. Communications

##### 1. Executive Director Correspondence

Mr. Brad Staab, Executive Director, thanked the Board and staff for their time spent going over the 2026 budget.

##### 2. Staff Reports

Mr. John Ekstrom, Director of Golf Grounds and Horticulture, updated the Board on the Barber & Oberwortmann Horticultural Center. The following are a few projects:

- The parking lot stripping was completed two weeks ago.
- The fence line to the West end of parking lot was installed.
- 20 Evergreen trees were planted last week.
- George's Landscaping finished the landscaping around the facility.

Mr. Ekstrom stated Stephanie Burns, Event Manager, is looking into a company to deep clean the Barber & Oberwortmann Horticultural Center.

Mr. Ekstrom stated staff is waiting on doors to be delivered to the Barber & Oberwortmann Horticultural Center.

Mr. Ekstrom stated the Bird Haven Greenhouse had 26 registered for their wreath making classes.

Mr. Ekstrom stated the Greenhouse will host photos with Santa on December 6, 13 and 20 from 12-3pm.

Mr. Ekstrom updated the Board on the golf courses irrigation stating all three courses have been winterized. Temporary greens will likely start the first week of December.

Mr. Jim Baranak, Director of Parks, reported that Waterford Pointe Park is complete.

Mr. Baranak stated construction has begun on Richard Tezak Park. Mr. Baranak stated he is hoping to have project complete by the end of year, weather permitting.

Mr. Baranak stated Park Services has started work on the brick paver patio at the Barber & Oberwortmann Horticultural Center.

In her absence, Mr. Staab gave Laura Brumfiel, Director of Recreations report as follows:

Nowell Park Recreation Center:

- Kids at Hart currently has 43 registered
- Breakfast with Santa is December 13
- Partnered with Job Corps Joliet and will be bringing their students over on Wednesday and Friday evenings to use the facility
- 367 active members at Nowell Park Recreation Center
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Hartman Recreation Center:

- Booked with rentals 7 days a week for baseball and soccer
- Started High School soccer open gyms 1 day per week and averaging around 25 participants

Stadium and Inwood Sports Complex:

- Rentals and practices are finished up at the Joliet Memorial Stadium and Inwood Sports Complex
- Two rentals booked for the Inwood Sports Complex pavilion this winter

Kathy Green Multi-Purpose Center:

- Karen Cooper, Recreation Superintendent, is hosting a Fall Craft Show the Saturday after Thanksgiving and has approximately 50 vendors
- Athletic Superintendent, Trevor Brodeur and Youth Program Coordinator, Leanna Reinholtz will host the Winter Fest event again on February 21, 3:30-6:30pm

Mr. Kelley, Director of Finance, stated we paid off the 2025 Bond.

Ms. Teri Talarico, Director of Operations, stated the project to replace the support pole at the Pilcher Park Nature Center has been postponed.

Ms. Talarico stated Pilcher Park Nature Center is having their annual ceramics the Friday and Saturday after Thanksgiving 9-2pm.

Ms. Talarico stated Pilcher Park Nature Center will be offering free pop up classes over winter break and having a coloring contest November- January.

Ms. Talarico stated the Ice Arena Harvest Gold Skating Competition was last weekend with 100 skaters from 9 different Ice Rinks. For the first time since 2018 the competition was over 2 days.

Ms. Talarico stated last week the Inwood Ice Arena's ammonia refrigeration system has some issues. The system is a year old and checking if parts are under warranty. The system is currently up and running and staff will keep the Board updated.

Ms. Talarico stated the Inwood Athletic Club Santa Shuffle 5K will be on December 7 at 9am. The race will start and end at Roc City Bar & Grill. There are 350 registered.

Ms. Talarico stated Studio 2x Team Training at the Inwood Athletic Club is doing well and will go through December 15.

Ms. Talarico stated there are 250 registered for swim lessons.

Ms. Talarico updated the Board on the water damage to the administrative office and Inwood Ice Arena lobby. Serve Pro will be back this week to finish repairing the damage.

#### H. Action Items

1. Old Business
2. New Business
  - a. Quotes and Award of Contracts
    - a(1). Ratification of Boards Approval for the 2024 Waste Vehicle-Walters Recycling & Refuse- \$65,000.00

President Gulas made a motion to ratify the approval of the 2024 Waste Vehicle to Walters Recycling & Refuse for the amount of \$65,000.00. Commissioner Mutz seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

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

- b. Bids and Award of Contracts
  - b(1). Ratification of Boards Approval for Inwood Park Pathway Project-Oak Lawn Blacktop Paving Company, Inc.- \$72,800.00

Commissioner Raasch made a motion to ratify the approval of the Inwood Park Pathway Project to Oak Lawn Blacktop Paving Company, Inc for the amount of \$72,800.00. Commissioner Perez seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

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

- b(2). Accept & Award of Inwood Athletic Club HVAC Project-Gene May Heating & Cooling- \$44, 860.00

President Gulas made a motion to accept and award of contract to Gene May Heating & Cooling for the amount of \$44, 860.00. Vice President Tatro seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

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

I. BOARD COMMENT

1. Committee Report

a. Joliet Park Foundation

No report.

b. Joliet Regional Airport

No report. The Holiday Party is December 3rd.

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 5:27pm 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, Tatro, Perez, Raasch, Mutz  
Nays: None

At 5:36pm the Board returned to Open Session.

There was a discussion regarding the Taste of Joliet.

K. Adjournment

With all agenda items discussed, a motion to adjourn was made by Vice President Tatro. The motion was seconded by President Gulas, and it carried unanimously. The time was 5:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Kren  
Recording Secretary