

Regular Meeting
December 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, Mutz, Tatro, Gulas

Commissioners Absent: None

C. Convening the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance Hearing

1. President Gulas called to order the Public Hearing for oral and written public comment for the approval of the Joliet Park District Fiscal Year 2026 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance
2. Executive Director Brad Staab explained that the proposed budget for the fiscal year January 1 through December 31, 2026 was available for public view, in person and online for just over 30 days. Staff has not received any written or oral comments during this time.
3. Receipt of Public Comment
When given the opportunity to comment, no one from the public came forward to address the Board.
4. President Gulas moved to close the 2026 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance Hearing. Commissioner Raasch seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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

Pat Mudron, Mudron Kane Insurance Agency, appeared before the Board to inquire about an unpaid invoice from the 2018-2019 year and requested payment. The Board directed counsel and management to review the matter and return with recommendations for the Board's consideration.

E. Approval of the Minutes of the Special (2026 Budget) Meeting and Regular Meeting and Executive Session of November 17, 2025

Vice President Tatro made a motion to approve Minutes of the Special (2026 Budget) Meeting and Regular Meeting and Executive Session of November 17, 2025. Commissioner Mutz seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

Ayes: Tatro, Mutz, Raasch, Perez, Gulas

Nays: None

F. Approval of the Bills and Payroll for the Month of November, 2025.

Commissioner Raasch made a motion to approve bills and payroll for the month of November 2025. Commissioner Mutz seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

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

G. Treasurer's Report for the month of November, 2025.

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

Cash on hand beginning of month:	\$	5,014,335.58
Total Receipts:	\$	29,598,308.24
Total Disbursements:	\$	31,767,996.02
Cash on hand end of month:	\$	3,535,522.32
Total Investments:	\$	20,440,131.46
Total Cash & Investments:	\$	23,975,653.78
Total Fund Balances	\$	12,538,540.96

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

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

H. Communications

1. Executive Director Correspondence

Mr. Brad Staab, Executive Director, introduced Sean Caddigan, Deputy Director, and welcomed Mr. Caddigan to the first Board Meeting.

Mr. Staab introduced Anthony Miceli from Speer Financial. It was stated that the Joliet Park District's S&P rating raised to A+ from A-. Mr. Staab also thanked Glenn Kelley, Director of Finance, staff and Board of Directors on the accomplishment.

2. Staff Reports

Mr. John Ekstrom, Director of Golf Grounds and Horticulture, thanked Stephanie Burns, Event Manager and staff for a successful two weekend Poinsettia Sale.

Mr. Ekstrom stated the Bird Have Greenhouse has offered pictures with Santa over the past three weeks and events have been successful.

Mr. Ekstrom updated the Board on the Golf Course greens stating all three courses have been treated for the winter. Mr. Ekstrom mentioned doing a turf talk in March to go over golf questions and give home lawn tips.

A discussion was held regarding the potential construction of a driving range shed on one of the golf course driving ranges. Vice President Tatro and Commissioner Raasch inquired on status of staff's proposal for the project, and the results from engineer Joe Hammer's, TWG Engineering, study regarding the cost to run water from the range to the parking lot at Wedgewood. Mr. Staab stated staff is waiting on additional numbers for the Wedgewood option before making a recommendation, and that the engineer's report is expected to be completed in January.

Mr. Jim Baranak, Director of Parks Services stated Park Services is busy working on a winter list.

Commissioner Perez ask for ETA on the Inwood Athletic Club bathrooms. Mr. Baranak stated bathrooms should be completed by the week of January 12.

Ms. Laura Brumfiel, Director of Recreation reported

- Camp reindeer is full with 47 participants
- 300 registered for breakfast with Santa and thanked Beth Ley, Corporate Relations Supervisor for the food
- Thanked Inwood Athletic Club staff for help with the Angel Giving Tree
- Holiday programs have started at the Kathy Green Multi-Purpose Center
- Sunshine and Rainbows in on Holiday break until January 5
- 85 are enrolled in Synergy
- Mount Rushmore trip has 64 participants
- Hartman Center is booked with programs 7 days a week
- Two winter parties booked at the Inwood Sports Complex
- Thanks to the Recreation staff for a successful 2025

President Gulas questioned receiving water bills from Splash Station Water Park. Mr. Staab stated the bills are to pay for the meters. Mr. Staab stated he would contact the City of Joliet regarding removing the meters.

Commissioner Perez inquired if season golf passes have been allocated. Mr. Kelley replied saying golf pass numbers will be submitted in December.

Ms. Teri Talarico, Director of Operations, reported that the Pilcher Park Nature Center had a successful Winter Solstice event with 30 participants.

Ms. Talarico stated Blue Tides Swim Team is having a meet at the Inwood Athletic Club January 17-18.

Ms. Talarico informed the Board that the Inwood Athletic Club's Santa Shuffle was a success with 220 runners in attendance and 362 registered.

Ms. Talarico stated the Inwood Athletic Club's Run3 will have a different look in 2026. The Run3 will be the Sundowner, Santa Shuffle and a Duathlon.

Ms. Talarico stated membership at the Inwood Athletic Club is up 300 members from this time last year. Ms. Talarico informed the Board that the Army Recruitment Office of Crest Hill joined the Inwood Athletic Club.

Ms. Talarico stated the Inwood Athletic Club Boot Camp program will be starting January 11th with 50 registered.

Ms. Talarico informed the Board that the Inwood Athletic Club will have upcoming January promotions.

Ms. Talarico informed the Board the Inwood Athletic Club will have a new program in 2026 called 1K club.

Ms. Talarico thanked Jim Baranak, Director of Park Services and staff for the Inwood Athletic Club renovations.

Ms. Talarico informed the Board the Inwood Ice Arena had an adult skate and will continue to offer on weekends.

Commissioner Perez inquired where the Inwood Athletic Club is regarding looking into health insurance and getting something structured in place for members. Ms. Talarico stated after the New Year the Inwood Athletic Club staff will look into numbers to see if is feasible.

Sean Caddigan, Deputy Director, thanked the Board and staff for welcoming him into the Joliet Park District. Mr. Caddigan stated he met with all the Directors and some staff. Mr. Caddigan informed the Board he has been driving around to a lot of Joliet Park District facilities and attended the Santa Shuffle.

I. Action Items

1. Old Business
2. New Business
 - a. Approval of Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Joliet Park District and AFSCME Council 31 on behalf of Local 791

Mr. Staab explained this is a one-year agreement. Commissioner Raasch made a motion to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Joliet Park District and AFSCME Council 31 on behalf of local 791. Commissioner Perez seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

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

- b. Approval of Ordinance #868 – Consideration and action on an ordinance providing for the issue of not to exceed \$1,500,000 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2026, of the Joliet Park District, Will and Kendall Counties, Illinois, for the purpose of providing for the payment of land for parks, for the building, maintaining, improving and protecting of the same and the existing land and facilities of said Park District and for the payment of the expenses incident thereto, providing the revenue source to pay certain outstanding obligations of said Park District, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and

interest on said bonds, and providing for the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof.

Anthony Miceli from Speer Financial explained that the approval of the Ordinance will authorize Speer Financial to move forward with the sale of the District's annual General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds.

Commissioner Mutz made a motion to approve Ordinance #868 – Consideration and action on an ordinance providing for the issue of not to exceed \$1,500,000 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2026, of the Joliet Park District, Will and Kendall Counties, Illinois, for the purpose of providing for the payment of land for parks, for the building, maintaining, improving and protecting of the same and the existing land and facilities of said Park District and for the payment of the expenses incident thereto, providing the revenue source to pay certain outstanding obligations of said Park District, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and providing for the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof. Vice President Tatro seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

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

- c. Approval of Ordinance #869 – Budget & Appropriation Ordinance Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026

President Gulas made a motion to approve Ordinance #869 — Budget & Appropriation Ordinance Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026. Commissioner Perez seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

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

- d. Approval of Ordinance #870- An Ordinance Providing for the Levying, Assessment and Collection of Taxes for the Year 2025 of the Joliet Park District Will & Kendall Counties, Illinois

Commissioner Mutz made a motion to approve Ordinance #870- An Ordinance Providing for the Levying, Assessment and Collection of Taxes for the Year 2025 of the Joliet Park District Will & Kendall Counties, Illinois. Commissioner Perez seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

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

- e. Approval of Ordinance \$871- Abating the Tax Hereto Levied for the Year 2025 to Pay Principal of and Interest on General Obligation Park Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2024A, of the Joliet Park District, Will and Kendall Counties, Illinois

President Gulas made a motion to approve Ordinance #871- Abating the Tax Hereto Levied for the Year 2025 to Pay Principal of and Interest on General Obligation Park Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2024A, of the Joliet Park District, Will and Kendall Counties, Illinois. Commissioner Mutz seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

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

f. 2026 Property & General Liability Insurance- IPARKS

Vice President Tatro made a motion to approve 2026 Property & General Liability Insurance-IPARKS. President Gulas seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

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

g. Approval of 2026 Board Meeting Schedule

President Gulas made a motion to approve the amended 2026 Board Meeting Schedule with the July Meeting date changed to July 28, 2026 and if a work session is needed it will be July 20, 2026. Commissioner Perez seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

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

h. Quotes and Award of Contract

h(1). Accept & Award Contract for Pool Diving Boards- Inwood Athletic Club- Landmark Aquatic \$39,103.80

It was noted Blue Tides Swim Team fundraised \$20,000.00 and Joliet Township High School contributed \$20,000.00 to cover the cost of the pool diving boards. Commissioner Raasch made a motion to accept and award of contract to Landmark Aquatic for the amount of \$39,103.80. Commissioner Mutz seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

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

h(2). Accept & Award Contract for Building Automation System Service Agreement 2026 for Administrative Offices & Inwood Ice Arena- Interactive Building Solutions

Commissioner Raasch made a motion to accept and award contract to Interactive Building Solutions. President Gulas seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

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

J. Board Comment

1. Committee Report

a. Joliet Park Foundation

President Gulas informed the Board that the Poinsettia Luncheon was a success at Woodruff Golf Course. The Next Joliet Park Foundation meeting is January 14 at the Nature Center.

b. Joliet Regional Airport

The holiday party was on December 3 and the next meeting is March 4, 2026.

President Gulas thanked the Inwood Athletic Club staff for a successful Santa Shuffle in Rockdale.

President Gulas thanked Brian Legan, Inwood Golf Club Manager and staff for two sold out wine tasting events.

Commissioner Perez attended pictures with Santa and wanted to thank staff for a job well done.

Commissioner Perez wanted to thank Aliyah, Kathy Green Multi-Purpose Center tumbling instructor for doing a phenomenal job.

Commissioner Perez thanked the Inwood Athletic Club staff for all the hard work through renovations.

Commissioner Raasch thanked staff for a great 2026. Commissioner Raasch stated he would like staff to get started on planning a 2027 event.

Commissioner Raasch stated he received compliments on the renovations at the Inwood Athletic Club.

Commissioner Raasch complimented Donnie Sariyavong, Digital Media Specialist/Videographer on a job well done and to keep up the good work promoting the Joliet Park District.

Commissioner Mutz thanked staff and wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

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 6:04pm, 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, Mutz, Perez

Nays: None

At 6:16pm the Board returned to Open Session.

Executive Director Brad Staab and Counsel Todd Hayden discussed contacting Mudron Kane Insurance Agency regarding agreement on the amount of an unpaid invoice. Mr. Staab will provide an update at the January meeting.

L. 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 6:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Kren
Recording Secretary