

Regular Meeting

April 28, 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, Mutz, Tatro, Gulas

Commissioners Absent: Perez

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 and Executive Session of March 24, 2025

A motion was made by Commissioner Raasch, seconded by Commissioner Mutz, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting and Executive Session of March 24, 2025. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Raasch, Mutz, Tatro, Gulas

Nays: None

Absent: Perez

E. Approval of the bills and payroll for the month of March 2025

A motion was made by Commissioner Mutz, seconded by Commissioner Raasch to approve the bills and payroll in the amount of \$1,762,267.33 for the month of March, 2025. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Mutz, Raasch, Tatro, Gulas

Nays: None

Absent: Perez

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

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

Cash on hand beginning of month:	\$	8,867,484.57
Total Receipts:	\$	5,232,867.69
Total Disbursements:	\$	8,313,621.49
Cash on hand end of month:	\$	7,941,051.12
Total Investments:	\$	15,309,410.58
Total Cash & Investments:	\$	23,250,461.70
Total Fund Balances	\$	11,627,474.94

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

Ayes: Tatro, Mutz, Raasch, Gulas

Nays: None

Absent: Perez

G. Communications

1. Executive Director Correspondence

Mr. Brad Staab, Executive Director, informed the Board that the Taste of Joliet ticket sales have exceeded \$120,000, this is ahead of last years pace and that the head liner band for Sunday will be announced Thursday morning.

Mr. Staab congratulated Ms. Laura Brumfiel, Director of Recreation, and her staff on the wonderful Special Olympics event held at the Joliet Memorial Stadium this past weekend.

Mr. Staab congratulated Mr. John Ekstrom, Director of Horticulture/Golf Grounds and his staff on the success of the Bird Haven Greenhouse plant sale.

G. Communications

2. Staff Reports

Mr. Ekstrom reported to the Board that the irrigation project at Woodruff Golf Course will be starting in early June and is supposed to take 9-11 weeks.

Mr. Ekstrom informed the Board that the pump for the Inwood Golf Course irrigation is shipping May 8 and will be installed May 12.

Mr. Ekstrom mentioned that the Bird Haven Greenhouse plant sale was extremely busy and very successful. Mr. Ekstrom thanked Donnie Sariyavong, Digital Media Specialist – Videographer, for his video promoting the sale and Kathleen Zapf, Horticulturist and Diana Radzik, Assistant Horticulturist for their hard work on this event.

Mr. Jim Baranak, Director of Parks, reported that Park Services has started mowing for the season.

Mr. Baranak reported that the Richard Jachinowski Park restoration should be completed by mid May.

Mr. Baranak informed the Board that the Wedgewood Golf Course Ball Shed has passed the City of Joliet inspection and the paving should be done with week.

Ms. Brumfiel, Director of Recreation, reported that the Special Recreation Joliet Channahon Special Olympic Spring games was an awesome event. Over 900 athletes participated in this event. The Special Recreation Joliet Channahon athletes were allowed to read the Special Olympics oath and helped light the torch. The Special Olympics have expressed interest in coming back next year for this event.

Ms. Brumfiel informed the Board that Youth Sport classes have started at the Kathy Green Multi-Purpose Center and that the Sunshine and Rainbows Pre-School graduation is May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00am. Additionally, the Kathy Green Multi-Purpose Center is the location for the State Dance Competition this Sunday.

Ms. Brumfiel mentioned that the Kathy Green Multi-Purpose Center has an "Adopt a Camper" program similar to the Nowell Park program.

Ms. Brumfield commented that the Softball and Kickball teams have started, there are 68 teams. At the Hartman Center, the Chicago Fire will be coming back to do a Summer Camp as well as some classes. Additionally an adult soccer league will be starting.

Ms. Brumfiel mentioned that tournaments have started at the Harlow Lockwood Softball Fields.

Ms. Brumfiel reported that at Nowell Park, there are 355 fitness members and 55 after school participants. UNO Volleyball is renting space for a weekend tournament, this is their third rental.

Mr. Kelley informed the Board that a Certificate of Deposit has been renewed, another will be renewed soon. The cameras at the Barber & Oberwortmann Horticulture Center are being installed. There has not been a significant change in the District electric bill since installing the LED lights however, there is probably an unrealized cost savings as the kilowatt price has gone up.

Ms. Talarico informed the Board that Pilcher Park Nature Center had an Earth Day yoga/stewardship program this past weekend. Also at Pilcher Park, the Little Sprouts Summer Camp is very close to capacity, one opening. The Fairy and Gnome Fest is this weekend at the Pilcher Park Nature Center.

Ms. Talarico thanked Mr. Sariyavong for the videos for the Bird Haven Greenhouse plant sale and the Special Olympics. Mr. Sariyavong will be working on a documentary on Pilcher Park in the upcoming months.

Ms. Talarico gave the following updated on the Inwood Athletic Club, membership is currently exceeding last year's numbers at this time; a yearly membership promotion was successful. On May 16, the Inwood Athletic Club will be hosting "Friday Night at the Club", this will be a pump or spin class followed by a yoga class and ending with a drink ticket from Cemenos at the Park. This should attract a younger crowd.

Ms. Talarico informed the Board that in June, July and August the Inwood Ice Arena will be open for Friday Night public skates once per month.

#### H. Action Items

1. Old Business
2. New Business
  - a. Naming of Ice Rink Inside the Inwood Ice Arena to William R. Tatro Ice Rink

This item was tabled.

- b. License Agreement between Joliet Park District and Joliet Archery Club, 3700 Francis Rd., Higinbotham Woods

Mr. Staab explained that this is the agreement that the District has with the Joliet Archery Club. The District has no issues with extending the agreement. The District is not paying any of the expenses incurred with Nicor for this property. Mr. Staab recommends approving the license subject to attorney review.

Commissioner Raasch made a motion to approve the License agreement between Joliet Park District and Joliet Archery Club pending Attorney review. Commissioner Mutz seconded the motion and it carried as follows

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

- c. Taste of Joliet Security Services Agreement between Joliet Park District and P4 Security Solutions LLC

Mr. Staab explained that this is the District's fourth year using P4 Security Solutions LLC for the Taste of Joliet security. The rate is the same as last year. Coverage is increased for Sunday this year. President Gulas made a motion to approve the Taste of Joliet Security Services Agreement between the Joliet Park District and P4 Security Solutions LLC. Commissioner Mutz seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

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

- d. Weed Control Application Services for Parks and Select Facilities

Mr. Baranak explained to the Board that staff received two quotes for herbicide weed application at a select number of parks and facilities at the end of April of beginning of May. It is staff's recommendation to proceed with the lower quote from TruGreen in the amount of \$10,907.00. Commissioner Mutz made a motion to accept and award the contract for weed control application services to TruGreen for \$10,907.00. Vice-President Tatro seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

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

e. Bids and Award of Contract

e(1). Ratification of Bid Acceptance and Award of Contract Hartman Recreation Center Roof Top Units Installation – Gene May Heating & Cooling \$27,700.00

Ms. Brumfiel explained that on March 24, 2025 the Joliet Park District approved the purchase of three Trane units for the Hartman Recreation Center. The Joliet park District requested bids for the installation of these units. The invitation to Bid was advertised in the Joliet Herald news on March 28, 2025 and on the Joliet Park District website. On April 9, 2025, one bid proposal was received for this project. Funding will come from the General/Operating Fund. It is Staff's recommendation to award the Hartman Recreation Center Roof Top Units Installation Project to Gene May Heating & Cooling, 516 Twin Rail Dr., Minooka, IL 60447 for the bid amount of \$27,700.00. Commissioner Raasch made the motion to ratify the approval to accept the bid and award the installation project of the 3 roof top units at the Hartman Recreation center to Gene May Heating & Cooling for \$27,700.00. Commissioner Mutz seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

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

e(2). Ratification of Bid Acceptance and Award of Contract Barber & Obertwortmann Horticultural Center Expanded Parking Lot Area Advantage Paving Solutions - \$547,100.00

Mr. Ekstrom explained that TWIG Technologies requested bids for the Horticultural Parking Lot Expansion. The invitation to Bid was advertised in the Joliet Herald News on March 7, 2025 and on the Joliet Park District website. Five bids were received. Funding will come from the Capital Improvement Fund. Mr. Ekstrom added that this includes the fence line and automatic gate. Staff recommends awarding the Horticultural Center Parking lot Expansion Project to be awarded to Advantage Paving Solutions, Inc., 22774 Citation Road, Unit C, Frankfort, IL 60423 for the bid amount of \$547,100.00.

President Gulas made a motion to ratify the approval to accept the bid and award the Barber & Oberwortmann Horticultural Center Parking Lot Expansion Project to Advantage Paving Solutions, Inc. for \$547,100.00. Vice-President Tatro seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

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

f. Quotes and Award of Contracts

f(1). Ratification of Emergency Purchase & Installation Inwood Athletic Center  
Laars Pennant Pool Heater Johansen & Anderson, Inc. - \$39,345.00

Ms. Talarico explained that the Joliet Park District requested bids for the Inwood Athletic Club pool heater on March 19, 2025. The invitation to Bid was posted in the Joliet Herald News and on the Park District website. A few days later, the heat exchanger for the pool heater quit working and the cost to repair and lead time for a new heat exchanger was not feasible knowing that the pool heater was going to be replaced. Executive Brad Staab polled the Board on March 25, 2025 to approve a quote from Johansen and Anderson for an emergency purchase and installation of the pool heater. Johansen & Anderson currently services the Inwood Athletic Club boiler/heaters. The Board approved the quote due to an emergency situation with the pool heater and to minimize serious disruption to the aquatics programs and pool usage. The invitation to Bid on the pool heater was canceled. Funding will come from the Inwood Athletic Club Operating Budget.

Commissioner Raasch made a motion to ratify the approval to accept the quote for the emergency purchase and installation of a new pool heater for the Inwood Athletic Club to Johansen & Anderson for \$39,345.00. President Gulas seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

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

I. BOARD COMMENT

1. Committee Report

- a. Joliet Park Foundation  
There was not a Joliet Park Foundation meeting
- b. Joliet Regional Airport  
Airport Fest will be September 21, 2025 from 8am-3pm  
Building additional hangers was discussed, grants may be available, Mr. Staab will investigate grants. There is currently a waiting list for hanger rentals.

The Board scheduled a special meeting for May 12, 2025 at 8am.

Commissioner Mutz commented that had a couple phone calls regarding how well Special Olympics event went, Commissioner Raasch concurred and both applauded Ms. Brumfiel and her staff.

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

There was no Executive Session.

K. Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Kasprisin  
Recording Secretary