

Regular Meeting

March 24, 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:

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

D. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting and Executive Session of February 24, 2025

A motion was made by Commissioner Mutz, seconded by Commissioner Perez, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting and Executive Session of February 24, 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 February 2025

A motion was made by Commissioner Raasch, seconded by Commissioner Mutz to approve the bills and payroll in the amount of \$1,407,683.58 (agenda reflected \$1,141,732.67 this was a scrivener's error) for the month of February, 2025. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Raasch, Mutz, Perez, Tatro, Gulas

Nays: None

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

Glenn Kelley, Director of Finance, informed the Board that the 2024B Bond was paid and is showing a zero balance in the Treasurer's Report, this line item will be deleted prior to next month's report.

Mr. Kelley gave the Treasurer's report for the end of the month of February 2025 as follows:

Cash on hand beginning of month:	\$	9,873,910.46
Total Receipts:	\$	3,624,660.39
Total Disbursements:	\$	6,419,935.64
Cash on hand end of month:	\$	8,867,484.57
Total Investments:	\$	14,758,036.11
Total Cash & Investments:	\$	23,625,520.68
Total Fund Balances	\$	11,912,953.49

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

Ayes: Raasch, Tatro, Perez, Mutz, Gulas

Nays: None

G. Communications

1. Will County Department of Transportation Presentation: Gougar Road Expansion Project

Mr. Eric Wessel, Will County Department of Transportation Design Manager addressed the Board regarding expanding Gougar Road in front of the Barber & Oberwortmann Horticultural Center. The project spans from Laraway Road to Francis Road with Gougar Road proposed to be expanded to a 2 lane divided road. RS&H, the design team hired by Will County Department of Transportation had representatives, Chris Kirsten, Phase 1 and Justin Behm, Phase 2 present. Through this project it has been determined that the Gougar Road and Francis Road intersection meets signal requirements so a signal will be installed at the corner in conjunction with this project. The project includes a U-turn option at Francis Road. Gougar Road will be raised approximately 3 feet for this project. It's been determined that the Bird Haven Greenhouse and Gazebo are eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. There will be a bicycle/pedestrian lane from Laraway Road to Francis Road on Gougar Road. The purpose of this project is to accommodate expected future traffic. The Board expressed concern about the proposed access changes that would affect the District properties on Gougar Road.

G. Communications

2. Executive Director Correspondence

Mr. Brad Staab, Executive Director, informed the Board that Taste of Joliet tickets are over \$75,000 in sales. Mr. Staab has sent a Cancellation insurance policy for the Taste of Joliet to the District attorneys for review to ensure the intended coverage which is if the performer does not perform. The SOHO beverage proposal is being prepared for Board approval.

The Archery Club was here previously regarding extending their lease for 30 years. They want to install a gas line to the building but want to ensure they will be there before installing. The Board directs staff to continue working on this.

With competition opening in Shorewood soon, improvements need to be made in the Inwood Athletic Club. President Gulas commented that the Club needs to be updated, specifically any equipment that plugs in and the restrooms. Mr. Staab suggests a 2-year plan to address the needs of the Inwood Athletic Club. It was suggested that a work meeting be set to discuss Capital projects and a request that Mr. Kelley obtain finance options and that Gina Girrante-Rodriguez, Fitness Superintendent, obtain equipment purchase vs lease information.

G. Communications

3. Staff Reports

Mr. Ekstrom, Director of Horticulture/Golf Grounds, reported to the Board that the Adult Easter Egg Hunt is April 12 at the Inwood Golf Course. Season golf staff is being hired. The Bird Haven Greenhouse pictures with the Easter Bunny will be April 12 and April 19 from noon-3pm. The Bird Haven Greenhouse Plant Sale will be April 25-27.

Mr. Jim Baranak, Director of Parks, reported that Park Services recently promoted two Maintenance 1 employees to Maintenance 2 positions. There are currently four Maintenance 1 positions open; approximately 150 applications have been received for these position, interviews will be scheduled in the next week. The Wedgewood Ball Shed siding should be installed next week and the quote for paving has been received that will occur after the siding is finished and weather dependent. The Ball Shed should be complete by the end of April. Park Services staff is also working on baseball fields and will be painting the Wedgewood Clubhouse.

Ms. Brumfiel, Director of Recreation, reported that the Spring break camps are currently occurring at the Kathy Green Multi-Purpose Center and Nowell Park, both are full. Summer camp has 110 registrants thus far this is ahead of last year. There will be Easter Egg hunts at Nowell Park and Heggie Park on April 12. Spring soccer will be starting soon, there are 330 children participating. Special Recreation Joliet Channahon will be hosting their Special Olympic Spring games at the Joliet Memorial Stadium April 25-26. Hartmann Recreation Center is still renting extremely well and hosting Chicago Fire classes and camps. Inwood Sports Complex tournaments start this weekend.

Mr. Kelley informed the Board that Selden Fox, the District's auditor has completed their in office work.

Mr. Kelley updated the Board that the E-charger revenue is greater than the increased electric usage.

Mr. Kelley mentioned that insurance checks for the storm damage have been received.

Ms. Talarico informed the Board that Pilcher Park Nature Center had a great ceramic event Saturday. Katie Zaban, Nature Center Superintendent, is on maternity leave, congratulations to her and her family on their new baby.

Ms. Talarico indicated that Monday, March 31, the electric will be shut down in the Ice Arena/Admin building from 6am until 10am for installation of the Chillers and testing of the generator.

Ms. Talarico gave the following updated on the Inwood Athletic Club, the hot tub heater is expected to arrive in the next 2 weeks. The pool heater has gone out to bid. Membership is currently exceeding last year's numbers. The pool has added a sensory friendly open swim to the schedule, it

will be offered the first Sunday of each month. Gloria Dollinger, Inwood Athletic Club's Registered Dietician, has brought the Why Weight program back and it is at capacity.

Mr. Talarico informed the Board that Emily Koscielski, Swim Development Supervisor, is certified to train trainers for Life Guards, CPR, AED and First Aid. Their first blended learning class is full and starting April 1.

H. Action Items

1. Old Business
2. New Business
 - a. Temporary Construction Easement Agreement between Joliet Park District and Metra Access to a portion of Pilcher Park for Metra Bridge 377 Rehabilitation Project

Ms. Talarico introduced Noe Gallardo and Kevin Bertgthold, Metra representatives who are requesting temporary access to repair the Metra Bridge 377. This project will take 12-18 months, starting December 2026. The requested easement is approximately 90 feet long and 20 feet wide. There will be removal of approximately 40 trees which will be replaced with native trees. Commissioner Raasch made a motion to approve access to Metra for the temporary construction easement to a portion of Pilcher Park, and approve the Executive Director to negotiate and finalize the terms of the agreement with attorney review and approval. President Gulas seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

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

- b. Quotes and Awards of Contracts
 - b(1). Inwood Ice Arena & Administrative Offices Building Automation Services Upgrade Phase II – Interactive Building Solutions - \$33,500.

Ms. Talarico explained that this is the second phase and includes the restaurant and the offices on the first floor. Staff recommends approval. President Gulas made a motion to approve the proposal from Interactive Building Solutions for the Inwood Ice Arena and Administrative Offices Automation Services Upgrade Phase II in the amount of \$33,500. Commissioner Mutz seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

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

b(2). Three (3) Roof Top Units for Hartman Recreation Center
Trane, OMNIA Contract #3341 - \$69,786.00

Ms. Brumfiel explained that the 3 roof top units and the Hartman Recreation Center have quit working.

Trane pricing is based on a contract award from OMNIA Partners. OMNIA Partners is a cooperative purchasing organization for public sector procurement. After completion of a competitive solicitation and selection process in accordance with the Illinois Joint Purchasing Act, OMNIA Partners awarded Contract No. Racine #3341 to Trane, with the term expiring on August 31, 2027. As a member of OMNIA Partners, (Member id# 1135740), the Joliet Park District may accept the proposal pursuant to the above mentioned contract.

Commissioner Mutz mad a motion to approve the proposal from TRANE for the roof top units through OMNIA Contract #3341 for the amount \$69,786.00. Commissioner Perez seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

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

- c. Bids and award of Contracts
 - c(1). New Irrigation Pump for Inwood Golf Course
Municipal Well & Pump - \$32,825.00

Mr. Ekstrom explained that each year in December pumps are sent for preventative maintenance this pump was deemed needing replacement. Two bids were received for this project. Vice President Tatro made a motion to accept and approve the bid from Municipal Well & Pump a division of Midwest Well Services for the amount of \$32,825.00. President Gulas seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

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

I. BOARD COMMENT

- 1. Committee Report
 - a. Joliet Park Foundation
Ongoing discussion regarding reservations for the Poinsettia luncheon, ZEFFY.
 - b. Joliet Regional Airport
The next meeting is April 2, 2025

President Gulas mentioned potentially owing money from 2018 to a local insurance person. This person will be asked to attend a meeting.

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 6:33pm, 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 6:52pm the Board returned 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 6:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Kasprisin
Recording Secretary