

Regular Meeting

May 19, 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, Perez, Tatro, Gulas

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 Work Session and Regular Meeting of April 28, 2025 and Special Meeting of May 12, 2025.

A motion was made by Commissioner Raasch, seconded by Commissioner Mutz, to approve the minutes of the Work Session and Regular Meeting April 28, 2025 and the Special Meeting of May 12, 2025. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Raasch, Perez, Mutz, Tatro, Gulas

Nays: None

E. Approval of the bills and payroll for the month of April 2025 - \$1,793,411.21

A motion was made by Vice President Tatro, seconded by Commissioner Perez to approve the bills and payroll in the amount of \$1,793,411.21 for the month of April, 2025. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Tatro, Perez, Mutz, Raasch, Gulas

Nays: None

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

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

Cash on hand beginning of month:	\$ 7,941,051.12
Total Receipts:	\$ 6,665,531.81
Total Disbursements:	\$ 10,283,782.67
Cash on hand end of month:	\$ 6,533,857.94
Total Investments:	\$ 16,182,425.85
Total Cash & Investments:	\$ 22,716,283.79
Total Fund Balances	\$ 11,089,977.88

Commissioner Mutz made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of April, 2025.

Commissioner Raasch seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

Ayes: Mutz, Raasch, Perez, Tatro, Gulas

Nays: None

G. Communications

1. Gavin Coll, Cunningham Recreation – Accessible Playground at Inwood Park

Laura Brumfiel, Director of Recreation introduced Mr. Gavin Coll of Cunningham Recreation and Sara Kolodziej, SRJC Superintendent and explained that this project started with discussions of adding accessible playground equipment to existing parks. Ms. Kolodziej expressed the need for a fully inclusive park, Mr. Coll brought the opportunity for a matching grant through IPRA for up to 50% off the price of the equipment for this project. Mr. Coll explained that this fully inclusive park will fit in the current Inwood Park footprint. This inclusive park will be ADA compliant, and will have a shaded area, and sensory and tactile features. Mr. Coll explained the features of the playground equipment. The entire playground will have turf flooring that should last 10-15 years with limited maintenance. Mr. Coll explained that the equipment has an 8-10 week lead time, so if ordered in May it should arrive in August. Park Services staff would do the demolition of the current park and this would save approximately \$85,000. The park should be complete in October 2025.

2. Executive Director Correspondence

Mr. Brad Staab informed the Board that Heggie Park was vandalized last week, specifically the splash pad. The estimate to repair the splash pad is \$10,000 and the parts will take 4-6 weeks to arrive after ordering. This year the District has had vandalism at Inwood Park, Nowell Park, Paul E. Briese Park and Heggie Park. This is the first time the splash pad has been vandalized. Jim Baranak, Director of Parks commented that other local communities are also experiencing vandalism. Some communities are only opening their bathrooms for rentals, this requires a staff person to open and close the facility the day of the rental. The Board directs staff to file a police report. The Board also directed staff to order the parts for repair and work with the Neighborhood Watch and the Joliet Police to monitor the area.

3. Staff Reports

John Ekstrom, Director of Horticulture/Golf Grounds informed the Board that the Barber & Oberwortmann Horticultural Center parking lot project started today and should be done in four weeks. The chandelier is to be delivered in July and the floor will be installed in the next couple weeks.

Mr. Ekstrom reported that the new irrigation pump and Inwood Golf Course is being installed today.

Mr. Jim Baranak, Director of Parks, reported that Park Services mowing schedule has started. The weeds were sprayed at various parks last week.

Mr. Baranak informed the Board that the Park Services portion of the Wedgewood Ball Shed is complete. Landscaping is to be done prior to the Joliet Amateur.

Mr. Baranak mentioned that all of the park equipment is installed at the Richard Jachinowski Park. Park Services staff is currently backfilling the perimeter and mulching. The fencing should be installed in the next week and then it will be open. The Waterford Point part restoration will be the next part project.

Ms. Brumfiel, Director of Recreation, reported that 207 children are registered for Summer Camp at the Kathy Green Multi-Purpose Center; 18 Special Recreation Joliet Channahon participants are registered.

Ms. Brumfiel informed the Board that 7 of the Districts Special Olympics athletes won gold at the Special Olympics held at the Joliet Memorial Stadium. These athletes will compete at the Summer Games in June.

Ms. Brumfiel mentioned that the Sunshine & Rainbows Preschool's last day is tomorrow and graduation is Friday.

Ms. Brumfiel mentioned that the Joliet Memorial Stadium will be hosting the Relay for Life in two weeks. The schedule at the Harlow Lockwood Softball Fields is ramping up, in two weeks the baseball tournaments will be Wednesday through Sunday.

Ms. Brumfiel reported that at Nowell Park, there are 434 fitness members, approximately 127 of those are Silver Sneaker members.

Mr. Kelley congratulated Vice President Tatro on his naming of the Ice Rink.

Mr. Kelley informed the Board that the District should have a draft of the audit by the end of the month and Selden Fox plans to attend the June Board meeting.

Mr. Kelley informed the Board that the electric bill pricing he presented to the Board last month is no longer accurate; Mr. Kelley received notice that rates are going up.

Ms. Talarico informed the Board that Pilcher Park Nature Center will be partnering with Will County on their Book & Re-Use Event Friday May 30th through Sunday June 1st. This event is free to the public, dropping off or picking up books.

Ms. Talarico mentioned that the Inwood Athletic Club hosted a new event, Friday Night at the Club last Friday, it was a sold out event.

Ms. Talarico informed the Board that the Blue Tides Swim Team had a two day meet this past weekend that went well. Congratulations to the Coaches and swimmers.

Ms. Talarico mentioned that she has obtained a green walkie-talkie for the Inwood Athletic Club for emergency purposes only; an alarm will sound from it. Additional walkie-talkies will be obtained for the Admin Floor and the Inwood Ice Arena.

Ms. Talarico congratulated Vice President Tatro on the unveiling of his ice rink naming and thanked all involved in making it a great event.

H. Action Items

1. Old Business

2. New Business

- a. Administration of Oath of Office to Newly Re-Elected Commissioners
Board President turns the meeting over to the Board Secretary to administer the oath of Office to newly re-elected commissioners Sue Gulas, Joe Mutz and Bill Tatro.

Mr. Staab administered the Oath of office to Bill Tatro.

Mr. Staab administered the Oath of office to Joe Mutz.

Mr. Staab administered the Oath of office to Sue Gulas.

b. Election of Officers – President and Vice President

Mr. Staab stated that the current President of the Board is Sue Gulas and Vice President is Bill Tatro.

Commissioner Raasch made a motion to nominate Sue Gulas at President and Bill Tatro as Vice President of the Board for another term. No other nominations were received. Nominations were closed. Commissioner Perez seconded the motion and it carried as follows

Ayes: Raasch, Perez, Mutz, Tatro, Gulas

Nays: None

c. Appointment of Other Officers – Secretary & Treasurer

President Gulas appointed Mr. Staab as Secretary and Mr. Kelley as Treasurer.

Commissioner Mutz made a motion to approve Mr. Staab as Secretary and Mr. Kelley as Treasurer.

Mr. Perez seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

Ayes: Mutz, Perez, Raasch, Tatro, Gulas

Nays: None

d. Committee Appointments

d(1). Joliet Regional Airport

d(2). Joliet Park Foundation

President Gulas appointed Vice President Tatro and Commissioner Raasch to the Joliet Regional Airport committee. President Gulas appointed herself and Commissioner Perez to serve on the Joliet Park Foundation committee. President Gulas appointed Commissioner Mutz as the Alternate to the Joliet Regional Airport committee and the Joliet Park Foundation committee.

- e. Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement for Shared Services between Joliet Park District and Channahon Park District for Special Recreational Programs

Ms. Brumfiel explained that our Inclusion Coordinator of Special Recreation Joliet Channahon provides inclusion services for programming staff. Per our agreement with the Channahon Park District, this staff person will begin spending 20 hours each week in Channahon offering them the same inclusion services. Channahon will share in the expense of this staff person at a rate of 50%.

President Gulas made a motion to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement for Shared Services between Joliet Park District and Channahon Park District for Special Recreational Programs. Commissioner Mutz seconded the motions and it carried as follows:

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

- f. Resolution #25-221 – Approval of Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement Between City of Joliet and Joliet Park District for Taste of Joliet

Mr. Staab explained that the City of Joliet has already approved this agreement. This is the agreement for the police assistance; the City and District have been doing this since 2008. Commissioner Mutz made a motion to approve Resolution #25-221 for the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement Between the City of Joliet and the Joliet park District for the Taste of Joliet. Commissioner Raasch seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

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

- g. Approval of Concession Agreement Between Southern Hospitality Concessions, LLC, and Joliet Park District for Concession Services at Taste of Joliet

Mr. Staab explained that this is similar to the agreement from last year; staff recommends approval.

President Gulas made a motion to approve the Concession Agreement between South Hospitality Concessions, LLC and the Joliet Park District for Concession Services at the Taste of Joliet. Commissioner Mutz seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

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

h. Quotes and Award of Contracts

h(1). Ratification of Approval of Purchase – Cardio Equipment – Inwood Athletic Club – Life Fitness - \$162,408.71

Ms. Talarico explained that at the April 28, 2025 Park Board Meeting, the park Board directed staff to move forward on a capital improvement project for the Inwood Athletic Club in the amount of \$500,000. As part of the improvement, new cardio equipment will be purchased through the Capital fund along with a 5-year lease. Due to an increase in equipment cost and future tariff surcharges, staff worked with Life Fitness on the attached quote of \$162,408.71.

By approving the order on May 2, 2025, the Park District saved approximately \$7,000 before the cost of the equipment increased and avoided future tariff charges by getting the equipment by August 2025. All Commissioners were sent the attached memo and polled on May 2. The quote was accepted as 5 of 5 Commissioners (Gulas, Tatro, Mutz, Perez, Raasch) approved.

Life Fitness pricing is based on a contract award from Sourcewell, a national purchasing cooperative, which the Joliet Park District is a member. After completion of a competitive solicitation and selection process in accordance with the Illinois Joint Purchasing Act, Sourcewell awarded Contract No. 052324-LFF to Life Fitness on 7/29/2024. As a member of Sourcewell, the Joliet Park District may accept the proposal from Life Fitness.

Commissioner Raasch made a motion to ratify the approval of purchase of cardio equipment for Inwood Athletic Club from Life Fitness for \$162,408.71. President Gulas seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

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

h(2). Ratification of Approval of Purchase – Cardio Equipment – Inwood Athletic Club – Midwest Commercial Fitness - \$155,313.00

Ms. Talarico explained that at the April 28, 2025 Park Board Meeting, the park Board directed staff to move forward on a capital improvement project for the Inwood Athletic Club in the amount of \$500,000. As part of the improvement, new cardio equipment will be purchased through the Capital fund along with a 5-year lease. Due to tariff surcharges effective next week, staff worked with Midwest Commercial Fitness on the attached quote of \$155,313.

By approving the order on May 9, 2025, the Park District saved approximately \$10,800 in tariff surcharge, which started at the end of the day on May 9, 2025. All Commissioners were sent information and polled. The quote was accepted with 5 of 5 Commissioners (Gulas, Tatro, Mutz, Perez, Raasch) approval.

Pricing is based on a contract award from Sourcewell, a national purchasing cooperative, which the Joliet Park District is a member. After completion of a competitive solicitation and selection process in accordance with the Illinois Joint Purchasing Act, Sourcewell awarded Contract No. 052324-TRU to Midwest Commercial Fitness of 7/30/2024. As a member of Sourcewell, the Joliet Park District may accept the proposal from Midwest Commercial Fitness.

President Gulas made a motion to ratify the approval of the purchase of cardio equipment for Inwood Athletic Club from Midwest Commercial Fitness in the amount of \$155,313. Commissioner Mutz seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

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

h(3). Approval of Purchase & Installation for Accessible Playground Equipment
Inwood Park – Gametime c/o Cunningham Recreation - \$583,214.46

Ms. Brumfiel explained to the Board that the Joliet park District received a proposal from GameTime for all accessible playground equipment at Inwood Park. The equipment is part of a GameTime 50/50 matching grant, which will be \$103,797.46 less the initial cost of \$378,8123.08. The total project which includes play equipment, shipping, turf surface and installation is \$583,214.46. GameTime 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 award Contract No. 2017001134 to GameTime on July 1, 2017 with the term expiring on June 30, 2026. As a member of OMNIA Partners (member id#1135740), the Joliet Park District may accept the proposal from GameTime pursuant to Contact No. 2017001134.

Ms. Brumfield informed the Board that this will be the 2nd largest inclusive playground in the state of Illinois. This park, with the inclusion and physical activity options will make this park a destination.

Commissioner Raasch made a motion to approve the Purchase and installation for Accessible Playground Equipment for Inwood Park from GameTime c/o Cunningham Recreation for \$583,214.46 Vice-President Tatro seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

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

I. BOARD COMMENT

1. Committee Report

a. Joliet Park Foundation

There was not a Joliet Park Foundation meeting. Moonlight Golf will be on August 1, 2025 and registration is open

b. Joliet Regional Airport

The next Joliet Regional Airport meeting is June 4, 2025 at 5:30.

Vice President Tatro thanked Ms. Talarico and Mr. Staab and all who helped them with the Ice Rink dedication. Mr. Tatro thanked all who attended and stated that the dedication was very humbling and a great honor.

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 6:04pm, a motion was made by President Gulas, seconded by Commissioner Raasch 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, Raasch, Tatro, Perez, Mutz
Nays: None

At 6:06pm there was a motion by President Gulas to return to open session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Raasch and carried as follows:

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

K. Adjournment

With all agenda items discussed, a motion to adjourn was made by President Gulas. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Raasch, and it carried unanimously. The time was 6:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Kasprisin
Recording Secretary