

Regular Meeting
January 26, 2026

A. Call to Order & Pledge to the Flag

At the call of the President, Sue 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: Gulas, Tatro, Raasch
Commissioners Absent: Mutz, Perez

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 and Executive Session of December 22, 2025

A motion was made by Commissioner Raasch, seconded by Vice President Tatro, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting and Executive Session of December 22, 2025. The motion carried as follows:

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

E. Approval of the bills and payroll for the month of December 2025 - \$2,110,031.11

A motion was made by President Gulas, seconded by Commissioner Raasch, to approve the bills and payroll for the month of December 2025 in the amount of \$2,110,031.11. The motion carried as follows:

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

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

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

Cash on hand beginning of month:	\$	3,535,522.32
Total Receipts:	\$	30,756,718.75

Total Disbursements:	\$	34,313,650.23
Cash on hand end of month:	\$	2,231,622.64
Total Investments:	\$	20,358,246.99
Total Cash & Investments:	\$	22,589,869.63
Total Fund Balance:	\$	11,151,297.26

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

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

G. Communications

1. Executive Director Correspondence

Brad Staab, Executive Director, reported some Joliet Park District full time still will be attending IAPD/IPRA Conference January 29-31 in Chicago.

Mr. Staab thanked Park Services for a job well done with snow removal.

Mr. Staab updated the Board on the water bill at Splash Station, which was previously discussed at the November Board meeting. Mr. Staab contacted the City of Joliet Water Department to inquire about the removal of the water meters. The City of Joliet indicated that while the meters can be removed, they are typically not taken out until the facility is demolished. After discussion, the Board directed Mr. Staab to proceed with contacting the City of Joliet to have the meters removed.

Mr. Staab provided the Board with the latest update regarding the outstanding invoice owed to Mudron Kane Insurance Agency. Following a discussion with Pat Mudron last week, additional information has been requested to clarify details related to the balance. At this time, Mr. Staab is seeking the Board’s authorization to proceed with negotiating the outstanding amount and to present the proposed resolution at the next Board meeting.

Vice President Tatro made a motion directing staff to negotiate the claim. President Gulas seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

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

2. Staff Reports

President Gulas inquired about the possibility of obtaining reimbursement for the water damage sustained in the upstairs corner office. Mr. Staab stated none of the invoices have been paid and that the bills are being subtracted from the total cost.

Commissioner Raasch inquired about potential damage that may have occurred at the Inwood Ice Arena due to the roof drains not being installed correctly. Ms. Talarico stated that the roof drains needed to be reinstalled by another plumbing company. The Joliet Park District will not be responsible for the cost of the repairs.

Mr. John Ekstrom, Director of Golf Grounds and Horticulture, stated Stephanie Burns, Event Manager, attended two bridal expos in January.

Mr. Jim Baranak, Director of Park Services, stated Park Services completed the maintenance winter list for the Recreation department.

Mr. Baranak stated that the renovations of the Inwood Athletic Club bathrooms are expected to be completed by the end of the week.

Mr. Baranak wanted to recognize the maintenance staff for keeping up with the snow removal.

Ms. Laura Brumfiel, Director of Recreation, reported

- First Tournament booked at the Sports Complex last weekend in February
- Hartman added performance training classes
- Hartman has 44 kids enrolled in the Chicago Fire program
- Sunshine and Rainbows Valentines Celebration is February 11
- 186 are enrolled in Synergy with revenue of \$28,765.00
- Karen Cooper, Recreation Superintendent started private lessons for dance & cheer
- SRJC Valentines Dance is February 13, 6-8pm
- Nowell Park Easter Egg Hunt is in March
- Nowell Park Recreation Center partnered with Joliet Job Corp with 25 new memberships

Ms. Brumfiel inquired about Board availability for May 2, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. for the Inwood Park Inclusive Playground ribbon cutting.

President Gulas stated that State Representative Manley reached out to her and expressed her support of the Inwood Park Inclusive Playground project. Commissioner Gulas reached out to the State Representative to inquire about potential opportunities for funding.

Mr. Brumfiel stated Gavin Coll from Cunningham Recreation reached out stating the Inwood Park Inclusive Playground is the largest in the State.

Mr. Glenn Kelley, Director of Finance, stated the new phone system previously approved by the Board will begin installation in mid-February.

Mr. Kelley stated the Joliet Park District's Audit will be starting in February.

Mr. Kelley stated that the 2026 bond proceeds are anticipated to be received via wire transfer on Wednesday. The bond rate has decreased from 3.5% last year to 2.98%, attributed to favorable economic conditions, declining interest rates and an upgrade in the Joliet Park District's credit rating from A- to A+.

Ms. Teri Talarico, Director of Operations, reported

- Nature Center Sap to Syrup 50+ field trips start between February-March
- Nature Center public event is on March 14, 8:30-1:30 p.m.
- Ice Show March 27-28
- NIHL is no longer using the Inwood Ice Arena
- Minooka Hockey is starting to use the Inwood Ice Arena
- WJOL is coming to the Inwood Athletic Club on Wednesday
- Inwood Athletic Club- 3 promotions that exceeded last year's numbers
- Over 3,000 active Inwood Athletic Club members
- Run3 Registration starts February 1 and limited to 200 runners

Ms. Talarico stated Inwood Athletic Club staff and Sean Caddigan, Deputy Director met with Megan Williams, Recreation Superintendent and Laura Brumfiel, Director of Recreation to evaluate potential memberships with insurance companies. Mr. Caddigan stated following a financial analysis, it was determined that Silver Sneakers would not be a good fit financially. Ms. Talarico stated that the focus this year will be working with corporate partners and exploring how those partnerships could coordinate with insurance companies to allow employees to receive reimbursement from their employers.

Ms. Talarico stated that the Board previously approved rate increases for new members and that, to date, no complaints have been received.

Commissioner Raasch stated that he has been receiving positive feedback from loyal members expressing appreciation that their rates remained unchanged.

Mr. Sean Caddigan, Deputy Director, reported that he reviewed insurance based membership programs and does not recommend pursuing at this time.

H. Action Items

1. Old Business

There was no old business.

2. New Business

A. Quotes and Award of Contract

a.(1) Approval of Maintenance Agreement for Ammonia System- Inwood Ice Arena- AMS Industries

Vice President Tatro made a motion to approve the maintenance agreement for Ammonia System at in the Inwood Ice Arena to AMS Industries in the amount of \$20,000.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Raasch and it carried as follows:

Ayes: Tatro, Raasch, Gulas

Nays: None

Absent: Mutz, Perez

a(2). Approval of ADA Bathrooms- Inwood Park
Cunningham Recreation- \$80,570.00

Mr. Staab requested the agenda item for Approval of ADA Bathrooms at Inwood Park to Cunningham Recreation in the amount of \$80,570.00 be tabled until the next meeting. The Board agreed to table the agenda item until the February Board meeting.

b. Approval of Catering Agreement for Barber and Oberwortmann Horticultural Center between Joliet Park District and Fundare LLC

President Gulas inquired whether the contract allows the Joliet Park District to select an alternative caterer for its own events. Mr. Staab responded that the contract allows for that option.

President Gulas inquired if FUNDARE LLC was in charge of staffing. Mr. Staab stated that food staffing will be handled by FUNDARE LLC, and the Joliet Park District will operate the bar and provide bar staff.

President Gulas made a motion to approve the Barber and Oberwortmann Horticultural Center catering agreement between the Joliet Park District and Fundare LLC. The motion was seconded by Vice President Tatro and it carried as follows:

Ayes: Gulas, Tatro, Raasch

Nays: None

Absent: Mutz, Perez

c. Approval of Renewal of Employment Agreement between the Joliet Park District and Executive Director

Vice President Tatro made a motion to approve the employment agreement between the Joliet Park District and Executive Director. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Raasch and it carried as follows:

Ayes: Tatro, Raasch, Gulas

Nays: None

Absent: Mutz, Perez

I. Board Comment

1. Committee Report

a. Joliet Park Foundation

President Gulas stated the January Foundation budget meeting was canceled due to weather. The next Foundation meeting will be in March.

b. Joliet Regional Airport

Commissioner Raasch stated there will be a meeting next Wednesday.

President Gulas reported upon reviewing the Treasurer's Reports included in her Board packet, she noticed higher than expected figures by Robbins Schwartz for real estate. For the specific facility, Splash Station, the charges totaled \$9,846.50. She noted the following numbers:

- August \$493.50
- September \$470.00
- October \$5,851.00
- November \$3,031.50

Commissioner Raasch stated he received multiple compliments regarding the Inwood Athletic Club custodial staff and Cheryl Berghuis, Maintenance Supervisor at how quickly they clean up the facility.

Commissioner Raasch thanked the Inwood Athletic Club staff for doing a great job with the snow removal.

Commissioner Raasch spoke with Ms. Brumfiel regarding the Stadium flag being damaged again. He acknowledged that replacing the flag involves expense; however, he noted that it is a necessary operational cost. He directed that, if replacement flags are needed, they should be ordered to ensure the flag remains current and in good repair.

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

K. Adjournment

With all agenda items discussed, a motion to adjourn was made by Vice President Tatro at 5:36pm. The motion was seconded by President Gulas, and it carried as follows:

Ayes: Gulas, Tatro, Raasch

Nays: None

Absent: Mutz, Perez

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Kren

Recording Secretary