

## Regular Meeting

April 6, 2020

*In responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Joliet Park District addressed the important responsibility to limit circumstances that might allow for the spread of the COVID-19 virus while fulfilling the obligation to comply with the transparency and openness requirements of the Open Meetings Act (“OMA”). Due to the size of the conference room and essential staff attending, the following was followed for the April 6, 2020 Regular Board Meeting, which was originally scheduled on March 23.*

- *Suspend the in-person attendance requirement for members of the Joliet Park Board of Commissioners and allow for remote participation via phone.*
- *Post the open session (audio) recording on the Joliet Park District’s website on Tuesday, April 7, 2020.*
- *Public comment was taken by email or written submission and read at the meeting. If public wanted to attend and comment orally during the meeting, they were asked to email request to [ttalarico@jolietpark.org](mailto:ttalarico@jolietpark.org) by 2:30 p.m. on April 6, 2020.*

### A. Call to Order & Pledge to the Flag

At the call of the President, Sue Gulas, the Joliet Park District Board of Commissioners met by remote participation via phone 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 by Remote Participation Via Phone

Commissioners Present: Jobe-Gavin, Paul, Tatro, Clement, and Gulas

Commissioners Absent: None

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

No public comment was received by email or written submission and no one from the public requested to attend the meeting.

### D. Approval of the Minutes of Regular Meeting and Executive Session of February 24, 2020

A motion was made by Vice President Clement, seconded by Commissioner Tatro, to approve the minutes of Regular Meeting and Executive Session of February 24, 2020. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Clement, Tatro, Paul, Jobe-Gavin, Gulas

Nays: None

### E. Approval of the bills and payroll for the month of February 2020 - \$903,896.83

A motion was made by Commissioner Jobe-Gavin, seconded by Commissioner Tatro, to approve the bills and payroll for the month of February 2020. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Jobe-Gavin, Paul, Tatro, Clement, Gulas  
Nays: None

F. Treasurer's Report for the month of February 2020.

Lisa Banovetz, Director of Finance & Human Resources, gave the Treasurer's report for the month of February 2020 as follows:

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|-----------------------------------|----|--------------|
| Cash on hand beginning of month:  | \$ | 1,501,414.00 |
| Total Receipts during month:      | \$ | 6,835,031.00 |
| Total Disbursements during month: | \$ | 7,529,327.00 |
| Cash on hand end of month:        | \$ | 1,308,329.00 |

Commissioner Paul made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of February 2020 as presented. Vice President Clement seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

Ayes: Paul, Clement, Jobe-Gavin, Tatro, Gulas  
Nays: None

G. Communications

1. Inwood Sports Complex – Softball Field Turf Project

Executive Director Brad Staab stated staff has been working on the ISC turf project that includes the removal of the existing infield surface, installation of drainage and preparation for laying of the carpet (artificial turf), installation of the artificial turf, extension of backstop fencing and improvements for outfield drainage throughout the Inwood Sports Complex. Staff received the low bid for the ISC turf project on March 20, in the amount of \$1,468,688.39.

Terry Keigher, Director of Finance, and Mr. Staab met with Jay Darnell, from Perfect Game Baseball Association, to discuss the cost of the project & his desire to continue with the project due to recent circumstances (COVID-19). Mr. Darnell still has interest in the project and has indicated that he would like to move forward with an agreement.

Staff is requesting consent from the Board to work on an agreement with Perfect Game Baseball Association, which will be brought back to the Board for approval. The Board agreed for staff to work on an agreement with Perfect Game Baseball Association.

H. Action Items

1. Old Business

There was no Old Business.

2. New Business

a. AT&T Cell Site Lease - Garnsey Park

Ms. Banovetz presented a proposal from AT&T to reduce their monthly rent for the cell site lease at Garnsey Park. There was a discussion regarding the current lease, which expired on March 31, 2020,

and concern that the District cannot accept a lower rent. The Board gave consent not to accept the proposal and for staff to continue negotiations.

b. Approval of Workers Compensation Insurance Carrier - Illinois Public Risk Fund

Ms. Banovetz presented to the Board options for the Districts Worker's Compensation insurance carrier. There was a discussion about the difference between Guaranteed Cost and Self-Insured Retention insurance. It was stated that staff's recommendation is to approve Illinois Public Risk Fund (IPRF) for the District's Worker's Compensation insurance carrier with the Guaranteed Cost option.

A motion was made by President Gulas to approve Illinois Public Risk Fund (IPRF) for the Joliet Park District's Worker's Compensation insurance carrier. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tatro and it carried as follows:

Ayes: Gulas, Tatro, Paul, Jobe-Gavin, Clement

Nays: None

c. Approval of Workers Compensation Settlement Agreement

Mr. Staab stated that the settlement agreement expired at the end of March. The Board was unable to vote on the agreement since the March 23, 2020 meeting was rescheduled to April 6, 2020. A new settlement agreement will be brought to the board at the April 27 meeting.

President Gulas made a motion to table agenda item - Approval of Workers Compensation Settlement Agreement. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Paul and it carried as follows:

Ayes: Gulas, Paul, Tatro, Jobe-Gavin, Clement

Nays: None

d. Bids and Award of Contracts

1. Grove Road Park Phase II Project - Conley Excavating, Inc.

Mr. Staab presented bids for the Grove Road Phase II Development Project, which is an OSLAD grant project. Director of Parks & Golf Grounds John Ekstrom stated the bid project includes site work such as earthwork, grading, concrete paving, limestone trail, ditch work, drainage and trees.

A motion was made by President Gulas to approve staff's recommendation to award this project to Conley Excavating, Inc., 1555 Gramercy Place, Morris, IL 60450 in the amount of \$352,658.35. The motion was seconded by Vice President Clement and it carried as follows:

Ayes: Gulas, Clement, Jobe-Gavin, Paul, Tatro

Nays: None

- I. 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 5:20pm a motion was made by President Gulas, seconded by Commissioner 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 setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the Park District, Section 2(c)(6); and, to discuss pending litigation or probable or imminent litigation, Section 2(c)(11). The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Gulas, Tatro, Paul, Jobe-Gavin, Clement  
Nays: None

J. Reconvene to Open Session

At 6:00pm a motion was made by President Gulas and seconded by Commissioner Clement, to reconvene to Open Session. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Gulas, Clement, Paul, Jobe-Gavin, Tatro  
Nays: None

K. Action from Executive Session

There was no action.

Commissioner Clement addressed concerns from the public regarding how garbage pickup is handled and increasing the amount of times garbage is picked up at busier parks. Mr. Ekstrom stated that he would look into adjusting the schedules, especially after the weekends.

L. Adjournment

With all agenda items discussed, a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Tatro. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Paul and it carried unanimously. The time was 6:08pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa Talarico  
Recording Secretary