

Regular Meeting
August 24, 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 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 led by Commissioner Paul.

B. Roll Call

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

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

Karen Cooper, Recreation Superintendent, and Casey O'Connell, Recreation Superintendent, thanked Park Services, specifically Keith Murray and Rich Voitik, on all the improvements completed at the Kathy Green Multi-Purpose Center. Ms. Cooper stated that the building looks amazing and invited the Commissioners to visit.

D. Approval of the Minutes of Work Session of July 20, 2020; Regular Meeting and Executive Session of July 27, 2020; and Special Meeting of August 6, 2020

A motion was made by President Gulas, seconded by Commissioner Paul, to approve the minutes of the Minutes of Work Session of July 20, 2020; Regular Meeting and Executive Session of July 27, 2020; and Special Meeting of August 6, 2020. The motion carried as follows:

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

E. Approval of the bills and payroll for the month of July 2020 - \$2,655,211.82

A motion was made by President Gulas, seconded by Commissioner Tatro, to approve the bills and payroll for the month of July 2020. The motion carried as follows:

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

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

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

Cash on hand beginning of month:	\$ 2,933,071.67
Total Receipts during month:	\$ 14,946,280.27
Total Disbursements during month:	\$ 13,597,073.72
Cash on hand end of month:	\$ 381,661.99
Investments during month:	\$ 6,648,457.64

Ms. Banovetz noted that July revenue is 1,194,184.72 and July expenditures is 2,699,005.77. Ms. Banovetz stated that there were three payrolls in the month of July.

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

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

G. Communications

1. Jim Testin, Cullinan Properties, Ltd.

Jim Testin, Development Manager for Cullinan Properties, presented the Rock Run Crossings development and information about the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District. Mr. Testin informed the Board that the project is 263 acres located on the northeast corner of I80 and I55. The project will include mixed use with over 700,000 square feet of commercial, office and entertainment, with its first lease with Regal Theaters, and residential. Construction is scheduled to begin late this year or early next year. Mr. Testin stated that this project hinges on the TIF District. A map of the TIF project area was presented to the Board. Mr. Testin stated that the Park District is a joint review board member, which determines if the site is eligible as a TIF District. Mr. Testin stated that the property appears to meet two criteria: Vacant land - Obsolete Platting and lack of growth in Equalized Assessed Value (EAV).

Ms. Banovetz noted that the Joliet Park District voted to deny this project area as a TIF District. Currently, the Park District receives 30% of its revenue from property tax and with the TIF District, the Joliet Park District would not receive tax revenue for 23 years. Mr. Testin stated that the approval of a TIF District does not need unanimous approval from the joint review board but Mr. Testin wanted to come to the park district board to present the TIF information and answer questions. Mr. Testin offered to come back to update the Board on the project.

2. Executive Director Correspondence

Brad Staab, Executive Director, announced that the Forest Park grant submission was not selected. The grant would have funded a renovation for the playground and park. The plans will be retained for future grant opportunities.

Mr. Staab presented to the Board a draft report for the Inwood Ice Arena – ice mechanical system by Wight & Company. The report includes recommendations and cost for improvements to the ice mechanical system and rink. The report will be used for future grant applications.

3. Staff Reports

Terry Keigher, Recreation Superintendent, publicly thanked Karen Cooper, Casey O'Connell, Laura Brumfiel, and Megan Williams for providing a safe environment during summer camp and for the students who are participating in remote learning at the Kathy Green Multi-Purpose Center and Nowell Park Recreation Center.

Mr. Keigher stated that this is the last week for kickball and softball before the turf project begins. There are 218 kids participating in soccer and 45 children registered for t-ball.

There are 92 students currently registered for Sunshine and Rainbows preschool. Start date is September 8.

John Ekstrom, Director of Parks & Golf Grounds, discussed the effects of the dry weather on the golf courses. At the same time, other projects such as the Inwood Sports Complex turf project are moving forward. The batting cages installation has begun and park services will begin removing limestone from the fields this week. Mr. Ekstrom thanked Park Services and the Golf Crews for during a great job this summer.

Mr. Ekstrom informed the Board about power/electrical issues at the pavilions. After some investigation, it was found that there is not enough power going to the pavilions to handle the public usage during rentals. Staff is looking into upgrading the power at specific pavilions.

Mr. Ekstrom stated that the next project to be completed at Grove Road Park is the playground equipment installation. There was a discussion about additional parking needed at Grove Road Park when the grant project is completed.

Commissioner Tatro thanked Mr. Ekstrom and staff for all the work on the golf courses.

H. Action Items

1. Old Business

There was no Old Business

2. New Business

a. Quotes

1. Inwood Softball Fields Turf Upgrade – FieldTurf USA, Inc. - \$670,248.39
Sourcewell Contract #060518-FTU

Mr. Staab stated that the Joliet Park District received a proposal from FieldTurf USA, Inc. for the Inwood Softball Fields turf upgrade. FieldTurf USA, Inc. 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. 060518-FTU to FieldTurf USA, Inc. on August 7, 2018, with the term expiring on August 7, 2022. As a member of Sourcewell, the Joliet Park District may accept the proposal from FieldTurf USA, Inc. pursuant to Contract No. 060518-FTU.

Commissioner Paul made a motion to approve the proposal from FieldTurf USA, Inc. pursuant to Sourcewell Contract No. 060518-FTU, in the amount of \$670,248.39. Commissioner Jobe-Gavin seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

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

Nays: None

I. Board Comments

President Gulas thanked Casey O'Connell for a wonderful Concert in the Park.

Mr. Staab announced that the first Drive-in Movie was a success. There was about 100 cars and staff is looking at hosting three more drive-in movies.

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 6:41pm 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 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); 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

K. Reconvene to Open Session

At 6:44pm a motion was made by President Gulas and seconded by Commissioner Tatro, to reconvene to Open Session. The motion carried as follows:

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

Nays: None

L. Action from Executive Session

There was no Action after the Executive Session.

There was further discussion on the aging Ice Arena's cooling/mechanical system. It was noted that the parts for the system will be obsolete or not available and the system will need to be replaced as soon as possible. Funding opportunities were discussed.

M. Adjournment

With all agenda items discussed, a motion to adjourn was made by President Gulas. The motion was seconded by Vice President Clement and it carried unanimously. The time was 6:51pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa Talarico
Recording Secretary