

Special Meeting
August 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 for a Regular Meeting in the Board Room of the Inwood Athletic Club, 3000 W. Jefferson Street, Joliet, IL. The meeting began at 4:00pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

B. Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Paul, Tatro, Clement, and Gulas
Present Remotely: Jobe-Gavin
Commissioners Absent: None

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

When given the opportunity for the public to speak, no one came forward to address the Board.

D. Action Items

1. Old Business

a. Approval of Construction and Use Agreement between the Joliet Park District and Redbirds Baseball, Inc. – Inwood Sports Complex

Executive Director Brad Staab presented to the Board the major points of the agreement with Redbirds Baseball/Primetime Tournaments along with minor open issues, which need to be resolved. Mr. Staab is recommending the Board authorize the Executive Director, pending attorney's final review and approval, to execute a construction and use agreement with Redbirds Baseball/Primetime Tournaments.

There was a discussion regarding the open issues.

A motion was made by President Gulas, seconded by Commissioner Paul, to approve staff's recommendation and authorize the Executive Director, pending attorney's final review and approval, to execute a construction and use agreement with Redbirds Baseball, Inc./Primetime Tournaments. The motion carried as follows:

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

b. Bids

1. Award of Inwood Softball Fields (Turf) Project –
Hoppy's Landscaping, Inc. – \$764,566.00

Mr. Staab stated that the Harlow Lockwood Softball fields have been a huge part of the Joliet

community since 1989. Thirty-one years ago this facility was state-of-the-art, with limestone infields to help with drainage and increase playability. At the Joliet Park Board of Commissioners' direction, in recent years, staff has investigated changing out these limestone infields to turf, which will increase playability and lower maintenance costs. Staff has accepted bids in relation to this project and has also identified an organization that is interested in a long term usage agreement.

Mr. Staab noted that if approved, this project will consist of turf infields on all six fields, as well as improved drainage throughout the complex. Funding will come from a combination of capital as well as money remaining from the 2014 referendum, which is \$730,000 from original \$19.4 million. Staff completed the Kathy Green Multi-Purpose Center project this spring at a much lower cost than anticipated, because staff did a majority of the work in-house. Mr. Staab also noted that those funds are earmarked for capital projects, and cannot be used for day-to-day operations. Benefits to this project include lower maintenance costs, an anticipated increase in concession revenue, which the park district retains, as well as increased rental availability. Drainage on all six fields, which has been an issue in the past, will also be addressed.

Mr. Staab stated that a consideration for this project is the current pandemic, and the uncertainty that brings as far as usage for 2021 and beyond. It is difficult to know what the world will look like next summer, and that must be considered as we move forward. With all this in mind, if the board approves and we move forward, construction would start in early September, with hopes to be completed by mid-November and ready for use in early 2021.

A motion was made by Commissioner Tatro, seconded by Commissioner Paul, to approve staff's recommendation to award this project to Hoppy's Landscaping, Inc., 15011 New Avenue, Lockport, IL 60441 in the amount of \$764,566.00 contingent on the execution of the Construction and Use Agreement between the Joliet Park District and Redbirds Baseball Inc./Primetime Tournaments. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Tatro, Paul, Clement, Gulas

Nays: None

Abstain: Jobe-Gavin

E. Adjournment

With all agenda items discussed, a motion to adjourn was made by President Gulas. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Paul and it carried unanimously. The time was 4:16pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa Talarico
Recording Secretary