

Regular Meeting
January 24, 2022

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 Vice President Tatro.

A motion was made by Vice President Tatro for Commissioner Jobe-Gavin to participate remotely according to Section 7a of the Open Meetings Act. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Paul. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Tatro, Paul, Gulas, and Jobe-Gavin
Nays: None
Absent: Mutz

B. Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Paul, Tatro, Gulas
Commissioners Participated Remotely: Jobe-Gavin
Commissioners Absent: Mutz

C. Convening the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance Hearing

President Gulas opens the Public Hearing for public comment, both oral and written, for the approval of the Joliet Park District Fiscal Year 2022 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance.

Brad Staab, Executive Director, stated that the proposed budget for the fiscal year January 1 through December 31, 2022 was available for public view, in person and online for just over 30 days. Staff has not received any written or oral comments during this time.

When given the opportunity for the public to speak, no one came forward to address the Board concerning the intent of the Board to approve the Joliet Park District fiscal year 2022 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance.

President Gulas made a motion, seconded by Vice President Tatro, to adjourn the 2022 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance Hearing. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Gulas, Tatro, Paul, Jobe-Gavin
Nays: None
Absent: Mutz

D. 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.

E. Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting of December 20, 2021 and the Regular Meeting and Executive Session of December 20, 2021

President Gulas noted that there is a correction to agenda item E. President Gulas stated that it should read "Approval of the minutes of the Special Meeting and Executive Session of December 20, 2021 and of the Regular Meeting of December 20, 2021".

A motion was made by Commissioner Paul, seconded by Vice President Tatro, to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting and Executive Session of December 20, 2021 and of the Regular Meeting of December 20, 2021. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Paul, Tatro, Jobe-Gavin, Gulas
Nays: None
Absent: Mutz

F. Approval of the bills and payroll for the month of December 2021 - \$1,586,603.98

A motion was made by President Gulas, seconded by Commissioner Paul, to approve the bills and payroll for the month of December 2021. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Gulas, Paul, Jobe-Gavin, Tatro
Nays: None
Absent: Mutz

G. Treasurer's Report for the month of December 2021.

Glenn Kelley, Director of Finance, gave the Treasurer's report for the end of month of December 2021 as follows:

Cash on hand beginning of month:	\$	3,680,958.29
Total Receipts:	\$	27,625,168.63
Total Disbursements:	\$	25,515,041.60
Cash on hand end of month:	\$	2,696,843.23
Total Investments:	\$	5,930,273.18
Total Cash & Investments:	\$	8,627,116.41

Mr. Kelley stated that there were two CDs at First American Bank that will not be renewed considering the low interest rates. There was a discussion about the possibility of moving the funds to the General account. Staff will look into options and present to the Board at a later date.

President Gulas made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of December 2021. Vice President Tatro seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

Ayes: Gulas, Tatro, Paul, Jobe-Gavin
Nays: None
Absent: Mutz

H. Communications

1. Executive Director Correspondence

Mr. Staab thanked the Inwood Athletic Club (IAC) and Nowell Park Recreation Center (NPRC) staff for their work on the Donate Your Weight program. There were 400 people who weighed in. A dollar for each pound lost in the next six weeks will be donated to the NPRC summer camp program to offer financial assistance to families in need.

Mr. Staab stated that the Board was given a proposal for a program called Project Green. Ed West from Project Green will be attending the February 28, 2022 board meeting to present the program to the Board and answer any questions.

Mr. Staab presented the Board with the 2020 Audit. The Board will vote on the acceptance of the audit at the February meeting.

2. Staff Reports

John Ekstrom, Director of Golf Grounds & Parks, thanked Park Services staff for the hours worked on snow removal and for the current work on the bathrooms inside Inwood, Wedgewood and Woodruff clubhouses.

Mr. Ekstrom noted that Commissioner Jobe-Gavin was contacted by a St. Pat's area resident about the restoration of the artillery piece at Mayor Art Schultz Park on Bluff Street. Mr. Ekstrom believed the gun was dedicated to the park district in 1978. Mr. Ekstrom will be meeting with an organization called Veteran's Garage that may be able to help with the restoration.

Terry Keigher, Director of Recreation, stated that the gymnastics program is doing very well. There are currently 96 children registered, which is up 17 from last year, and 87 children registered in early childhood gymnastics, which is the highest since 2017.

Mr. Keigher noted that the park district is currently hiring for summer camp counselors and Nowell Park Recreation Center has 451 fitness center memberships, which includes 123 Silver Sneakers participants.

I. Action Items

1. Old Business

There was no old business.

2. New Business

- a. Approval of Ordinance #845 – Budget & Appropriation Ordinance Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022

Commissioner Jobe-Gavin inquired about increasing marketing for park district programs and the 100 year celebration. Mr. Staab stated that the Communications Department just added another person to help with marketing and there are plans to redesign the park district website.

President Gulas made a motion to approve Ordinance #845 - Budget & Appropriation for fiscal year beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022. Commissioner Paul seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

Ayes: Gulas, Paul, Tatro, Jobe-Gavin
Nays: None
Absent: Mutz

- b. Approval of Ordinance #846 – Consideration and action on an ordinance providing for the issue of not to exceed \$3,900,000 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2022, of the Joliet Park District, Will and Kendall Counties, Illinois, for Park District improvement purposes and for the refunding of certain outstanding obligations of said Park District, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof

Anthony Miceli from Speer Financial informed the Board that this is for the annual bond issuance for Capital projects as well as refinancing the 2013A Bonds. 2.60 million is for projects and about 1.0 million is for refinancing.

Commissioner Jobe-Gavin made a motion to approve Ordinance #846 as presented. Commissioner Paul seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

Ayes: Jobe-Gavin, Paul, Tatro, Gulas
Nays: None
Absent: Mutz

- c. Approval of Ordinance #847 Annexing Certain Territory to the Joliet Park District of West Chicago Street at Emerald Drive

President Gulas made a motion to approve Ordinance #847 Annexing Certain Territory to the Joliet Park District: West of Chicago Street at Emerald Drive. Vice President Tatro seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

Ayes: Gulas, Tatro, Paul, Jobe-Gavin, Paul
Nays: None
Absent: Mutz

- d. Approval of Ordinance #848 Annexing Certain Territory to the Joliet Park District of PINs: 10-11-09-100-003-0000, 10-11-10-300-006-0000, 10-11-15-200-003-0000, 10-11-15-200-002-0000, 10-11-14-100-006-0000, 10-11-14-100-007-0000

Commissioner Paul made a motion to approve Ordinance #848 as presented. Vice President Tatro seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

Ayes: Paul, Tatro, Jobe-Gavin, Gulas
Nays: None
Absent: Mutz

- e. Approval of Ordinance #849 Annexing Certain Territory to the Joliet Park District of 25011 S. Route 53

President Gulas made a motion to approve Ordinance #849, Annexing Certain Territory to the Joliet Park District: 25011 S. Route 53. Commissioner Paul seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

Ayes: Gulas, Paul, Jobe-Gavin, Tatro
Nays: None
Absent: Mutz

- f. Bids and Award of Contract

- 1. Authorization to Reject All Bids - Inwood Hole #2 Island Green

Mr. Ekstrom stated that bids were received on January 6, 2022. All bids received for the Inwood Hole #2 Island Green project came in over budget and its staff's recommendation to reject all bids.

Vice President Tatro made a motion to approve Ordinance #846 as presented. Commissioner Paul seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

Ayes: Tatro, Paul, Jobe-Gavin, Gulas
Nays: None
Absent: Mutz

J. Board Comment

- 1. Committee Report

- a. Joliet Park Foundation

President Gulas stated that the Foundation Board met on January 12, 2022 and discussed the 2022 events. The Foundation and the City Center Partnership will be hosting the Tunes & Brews on Saturday, September 24 and Moonlight Golf Scramble moved to August 5, which is a Friday. It was announced that the Taste of Joliet 50/50 raffle has been replaced with donation buckets placed at

the beer tents. The donations will be allocated to a Foundation project, such as playground renovations.

President Gulas announced that Al Roechner was appointed as a new Foundation Director and the Foundation will be allocating funds to update the IAC locker rooms.

President Gulas announced that the Golf for Life winners were pulled on December 29 and the winners are: Golf For Life w/ Cart valid at all 3 Joliet Park District Courses - Chris Vlastic; 2022 Season Golf Pass w/ Cart Valid at all 3 Joliet Park District Courses – Richard Mejia, Brigitte Roehr, Dave Trizna, Mark Kehoe; 70” TV - Ashley Daigle; One Year Inwood Athletic Club Membership - Steve Boston; \$100 Joliet Park District “Park Dollars” - Norman Keniley.

2. Joliet Regional Airport

Vice President Tatro announced that the next Airport Committee meeting is February 2. Commissioner Paul noted that the meetings for 2022 will be every other month.

K. 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 5:35pm, 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); Collective negotiating matters or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees, Section 2(c)(2) 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
Nays: None
Absent: Mutz

At 5:50pm, a motion was made by Vice President Tatro and seconded by Commissioner Paul, to reconvene to Open Session. The motion was carried as follows:

Ayes: Tatro, Paul, Jobe-Gavin, Gulas
Nays: None
Absent: Mutz

There was a brief discussion regarding the restoration of the totem pole at the Nature Center and where to place the totem pole after it has been restored. The current cost of the restoration is higher than originally presented to the Board. Staff is reviewing the proposal and will bring options back to the Board.

Vice President Tatro requested staff to look into using the frame from a previous art piece placed at Wedgewood Golf Course by the City of Joliet.

L. Adjournment

With all agenda items discussed, a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner. The motion was seconded by Vice President Tatro, and it carried unanimously. The time was 5:57pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa Talarico
Recording Secretary