

Regular Meeting
January 27, 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 Tatro.

B. Roll Call

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

Commissioners Absent: None

C. Public Hearing – Fiscal Year 2020 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance

President Gulas opens the Public Hearing for public comment, both oral and written, for the approval of the Joliet Park District Fiscal Year 2020 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance.

Brad Staab, Executive Director, stated that the proposed budget for the fiscal year January 1 through December 31, 2020 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 2020 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance.

President Gulas made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Tatro, to close the Public Hearing. The motion carried as follows:

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

Nays: None

D. 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.

E. Approval of the Minutes of Special Meeting and Executive Session of December 16, 2019 and Regular Meeting of December 16, 2019

A motion was made by President Gulas, seconded by Commissioner Paul, to approve the minutes of Special Meeting and Executive Session of December 16, 2019 and Regular Meeting of December 16, 2019. The motion carried as follows:

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

Nays: None

F. Approval of the bills and payroll for the month of December 2019 - \$2,617,861.04

A motion was made by President Gulas, seconded by Vice President Clement, to approve the bills and payroll for the month of December 2019. The motion carried as follows:

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

Nays: None

G. Treasurer's Report for the month of December 2019.

Lisa Banovetz, Director of Finance & Human Resources, gave the Treasurer's report for the month of December 2019 and an overview of Fiscal year 2019. Ms. Banovetz noted that for the 2019 fiscal year the combined Operation and Recreation Funds showed a surplus about \$288,000.00.

Commissioner Paul made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of December 2019 as presented. Commissioner Jobe-Gavin seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

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

Nays: None

H. Communications

1. Executive Director Correspondence

Mr. Staab welcomed Lisa Banovetz, the Joliet Park District's new Director of Finance & Human Resources.

Mr. Staab congratulated the Jesus (Chuy) Reyes, Communications Department, and Brian Legan, Inwood Golf Club, on winning first place in the short video category at the IAPD/IPRA Soaring to New Heights Conference. The video was for the Joliet Park Foundation/SRJC Autumn Moonlight event held at Inwood Golf Club.

Mr. Staab stated that 586 people weighed in for the *Donate Your Weight* program. For every pound lost, SRJC will receive one dollar, which will be donated by D'Arcy Motors and DuPage Medical Group.

2. Staff Reports

Mr. Ekstrom stated that the Grove Road Phase II project will begin this spring. Bids for the project will be opened on March 16, 2020. It was noted that this project is 50% funded through an OSLAD Grant and part of the work (playground installation, pavilion and benches) will be completed by Park Services.

Mr. Ekstrom informed the Board that security gates, which are closed in the evening, were installed at Forest Park due to recent activity.

Mr. Ekstrom updated the Board on recent Park Services projects and stated that a new bar is being installed at Woodruff Golf Club.

Terry Keigher, Director of Recreation, commended Park Services for all their work at the Kathy Green Multi-Purpose Center, which is being funded by the Voter Approved 2014 Referendum.

Terry Keigher, Director of Recreation, updated the Board on the Nowell Park Fitness Center memberships. There are 437 members including 98 Silver Sneakers members.

Mr. Keigher announced that Sara Kolodziej obtained her certification for Therapeutic Recreation Specialist.

Mr. Keigher informed the Board that the SRJC "A" basketball team will be going to State for Special Olympics on March 13 and 14.

Mr. Keigher updated the Board on the Inwood Sports Complex turf project. The project will go out to bid the week of February 2.

Vice President Clement requested staff to look into a solution regarding baseballs and softballs crossing Infantry Drive.

I. Action Items

1. Old Business

a. Catering Services for Barber & Oberwortmann Horticultural Center

Mr. Staab and Mr. Keigher stated that a meeting was held to cover Cutting Edge Catering RFP for the Catering Services for Barber & Oberwortmann Horticultural Center. The terms of the contract and exclusivity were discussed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Tatro, seconded by Commissioner Jobe-Gavin, to table agenda item: Catering Services for Barber & Oberwortmann Horticultural Center, until staff and Joliet Park District attorney hold another meeting with Cutting Edge Catering to discuss the terms of the contract as directed by the Board. The motion carried as follows:

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

Nays: None

2. New Business

a. Appointment of Officer

1. Treasurer, Lisa Banovetz

President Gulas appointed Lisa Banovetz, Director of Finance & Human Resources, as the new Joliet Park Board Treasurer.

A motion was made by Vice President Clement, seconded by Commissioner Tatro, to approve the appointment of Lisa Banovetz, as the Joliet Park Board Treasurer. The motion carried as follows:

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

- b. Ordinance #835 – CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON AN ORDINANCE providing for the issue of not to exceed \$5,100,000 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2020, 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, authorizing the execution of an escrow letter agreement in connection with said refunding and authorizing the sale of said bonds to Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated

A motion to approve Ordinance #835 was made by Commissioner Paul. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jobe-Gavin and it carried as follows:

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

- c. Approval of Ordinance #836 – Budget & Appropriation Ordinance Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020

A motion to approve Ordinance #836 – Budget & Appropriation Ordinance for fiscal year beginning January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020 was made by Vice President Clement.

Commissioner Paul seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

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

- d. Approval of Ordinance #837 – Ordinance Approving Amendment to the Joliet Park District Sexual Harassment Policy

It was noted that the amendment is incorporating a specific procedure for the reporting and independent review of allegations of sexual harassment made against an elected official of the governmental unit by another elected official.

A motion to approve Ordinance #837, which is an amendment to the Joliet Park District Sexual Harassment Policy, was made by Commissioner Paul. Commissioner Tatro seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

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

J. Board Comment

1. Joliet Park Foundation

President Gulas stated that the next Foundation meeting is on Wednesday, January 29, 2020.

President Gulas informed the Board that there is an option on the Taste of Joliet website to donate \$1 to the Joliet Park Foundation.

2. Joliet Regional Airport

Commissioner Paul stated that the next Joliet Regional Airport meeting is on February 5, 2020.

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 5:52pm 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

L. Reconvene to Open Session

At 6:41pm a motion was made by Commissioner Paul and seconded by Commissioner Tatro, to reconvene to Open Session. The motion carried as follows:

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

Nays: None

M. Action from Executive Session

There was no action.

The Board was informed by Mr. Staab that a person has been banned from the Inwood Athletic Club due to disruptive behavior. The letter that was mailed to the person was presented to the Board.

N. Adjournment

With all agenda items discussed, a motion to adjourn was made by President Gulas. Her motion was seconded by Commissioner Paul and it carried unanimously. The time was 6:46pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa Talarico
Recording Secretary