

Regular Meeting

June 17, 2019

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

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. Approval of the Minutes of Special Meeting and Executive Session of May 13, 2019 and Regular Meeting of May 20, 2019

A motion was made by Commissioner Tatro, seconded by Vice President Clement, to approve the minutes of Special Meeting and Executive Session of May 13, 2019 and Regular Meeting of May 20, 2019. The motion carried as follows:

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

Nays: None

E. Approval of the bills and payroll for the month of May 2019 - \$1,612,468.39

A motion was made by Commissioner Paul, seconded by Commissioner Jobe-Gavin, to approve the bills and payroll for the month of May 2019. The motion carried as follows:

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

Nays: None

F. Treasurer's Report for the month of May 2019.

Matt Pehle, Director of Finance, gave the Treasurer's report for the month of May 2019 as follows:

Cash on hand beginning of month:	\$ (-1,122,781.50)
Total Receipts during month:	\$ 1,899,002.18
Total Disbursements during month:	\$ 2,046,731.61
Cash on hand end of month:	\$ (-1,270,510.93)

Total Investments:	\$ 6,659,877.61
Total Cash and Investments:	\$ 5,389,366.68

Mr. Pehle noted that the Operations Fund is (-\$1,253,383.00) compared to last year of (-\$561,593.67).

Vice President Clement made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of May 2019. Commissioner Paul seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

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

G. Communications

1. Executive Director Correspondence

Interim Executive Director Brad Staab thanked staff for all their work on the Taste of Joliet in addition to their regular jobs. Mr. Staab noted that ticket sales are ahead of last year's numbers by \$50,000. Mr. Staab thanked the Board for their support of the Taste of Joliet.

2. Staff Reports

Director of Parks/Planning stated the pre-bid meeting for the Joliet Regional Airport taxiway project is Thursday, June 20.

Mr. Burich stated that the splash pads at West Park and Heggie Park are not operating at this time. Staff is waiting on parts to repair the splash pads.

Mr. Burich attended the Parkwood neighborhood meeting. The residents inquired about a new playground. The Parkwood playground is on the top of the list to be replaced, however the residents understand the Park District's current financial situation.

Director of Recreation Terry Keigher stated that there are over 500 children registered in summer camps this summer.

Mr. Keigher informed the Board that the Special Recreation of Joliet & Channahon (SRJC) came back from the Illinois Special Olympics Summer Games with 7 gold, 8 silver, 3 bronze medals.

Mr. Keigher announced that there will be a Special Needs Day at the Taste of Joliet this year. The day will be on Friday, June 21 from 12noon-2pm and will include free carnival rides and lunches provided by Jerrie's Dog & More, Cemeno's Pizza, and Chucks Southern Comforts Café.

Mr. Keigher stated that there are currently 388 fitness memberships at Nowell Park.

Mr. Keigher informed the Board that Mr. Pehle and Brandon Taylor, Athletic Superintendent, and he are in early discussion with an outside youth baseball group interested in financing the cost of new turf for the softball fields. Commissioners Paul and Tatro expressed an interest in attending additional meetings.

Commissioner Jobe-Gavin inquired about the maximum capacity for summer camp. It was noted that the number of camp counselors hired is based on registrations in May. After the deadline, it's difficult to add additional campers since there may not be enough staff. It was also noted that some facilities hold more campers than other facilities.

Director of Revenue Facilities, Ted Brodeur, updated the Board on the Wedgewood Golf Course renovation. Mr. Brodeur did note that the excessive rain has slowed down the renovation.

Mr. Brodeur informed the Board that the Sundowner 5k at Pilcher Park is July 18 at 7pm. This will be the 20th year anniversary of the Sundowner.

Mr. Pehle stated that the Joliet Park District received our updated rating report from S&P and unfortunately, the Park District's rating has been downgraded from A- to BBB+ with a negative outlook. This downgrade in rating will negatively impact the Park District's ability to borrow funds by increasing the overall cost of borrowing.

3. Timber Pointe Development Land Donation Presentation – Edward Mattox

Mr. Mattox was not present. Mr. Pehle stated that Mr. Mattox is in the beginning phase of developing a new subdivision in the City of Joliet. As part of the City's land and cash-in-lieu of land dedication ordinance, the developer must discuss his plan for development and the land donation to the Joliet Park District. Mr. Mattox has met with staff regarding Timber Pointe development and that it would include a 3.5 acre donation to the District.

Even though the land is within the donation requirements, the Board discussed their concerns with additional property and having enough funds to develop the land into usable recreational space. The Board questioned if acquiring additional property was in the best interest of the Park District. The Board directed Attorney Steve Adams to review the City's ordinance.

H. Action Items

1. Old Business

There was no old business.

2. New Business

a. Committee Appointments

1. Joliet Regional Airport
2. Joliet Park Foundation

President Gulas appointed Commissioners Paul and Tatro to the Joliet Regional Airport Committee and Commissioner Jobe-Gavin and herself to the Joliet Park Foundation Board. It was noted that Vice President Clement will serve as an alternate.

A motion was made by Commissioner Tatro, seconded by Vice President Clement, to approve the committee appointments. The motion carried as follows:

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

- b. Request to use Pilcher Park for 5K Walk/Run – Joliet Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi

The Board was presented with a Special Use Permit application from the Joliet Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi. Mr. Staab stated that the organization is requesting the use of Pilcher Park roads for a 5k walk/run on August 24. To accommodate the request and for safety reasons, Pilcher Park roads would need to be closed during the run. Staff's recommendation would be to approve the request to use the Pilcher Park roads during the run and set a fee of \$200, to cover staffing and use of the Bird Haven pavilion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Paul, seconded by Commissioner Jobe-Gavin, to approve Joliet Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi's request to use Pilcher Park for a 5k Walk/Run with a fee of \$200. The Board directed staff to notify the public in advance about the temporary closure of the roads. The motion carried as follows:

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

- c. Resolution ~~18-196~~ 19-196 – Approving Disposal of Surplus Equipment and Other Items

The Board was presented with a list of surplus equipment and other items. Mr. Burich stated that the items will be posted on Govdeals.com, which is an on-line site that is used to auction surplus items. It was noted that the Joliet Park District has seen good results using the site.

President Gulas would like it noted that there is a scrivener's error for agenda item, Resolution 18-196. It should read Resolution 19-196, Approving Disposal of Surplus Equipment and Other Items.

A motion was made by Commissioner Tatro, seconded by Commissioner Paul, to approve Resolution 19-196 – Disposal of Surplus Equipment and Other Items. The motion carried as follows:

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

Nays: None

- d. Approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the Joliet Park District and AFSCME Council 31 on behalf of Local 791

The Board was presented with a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Joliet Park and Local 791. Mr. Pehle noted that due to the Park District's current finances, the current collective bargaining agreement will be extended one year (effective May 1, 2019 until April 30, 2020) along with some modifications, including changes to sick leave; vacation; adding Airport Lineman position; and 2% pay increase for 2019.

A motion was made by Vice President Clement, seconded by Commissioner Tatro, to approve the MOU between the Joliet Park District and AFSCME Council 31 on behalf of Local 791. The motion carried as follows:

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

Nays: None

- e. Bids and Awards of Contracts
 1. Award of Contract - Kathy Green Multi-Purpose Center ADA Parking Lot – Lorusso Cement Contractors – \$75,263.89

A motion was made by Commissioner Tatro, seconded by Commissioner Paul, to approve staff's recommendation to award the Kathy Green Multi-Purpose Center ADA Parking Lot Bid to Lorusso Cement Contractors for the bid amount of \$75,263.89. The motion carried as follows:

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

Nays: None

I. Board Comment

1. Joliet Park Foundation

President Gulas stated that the Foundation will be running a 50/50 raffle during the Taste of Joliet and the next Foundation Board meeting is July 10.

2. Joliet Regional Airport

Commissioner Tatro stated that the Airport Committee's June meeting was cancelled and the next meeting is August 7.

President Gulas stated that Commissioner Jobe-Gavin received a phone call from Plainfield Park District Commissioner, Bill Thoman, regarding the Plainfield Park District Ottawa Street pool. For this summer only, Joliet Residents will be offered Plainfield resident rates to use the outdoor pool since Splash Station is closed.

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 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 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 6:54pm a motion was made by Commissioner Jobe-Gavin and seconded by Commissioner Tatro, to reconvene to Open Session. The motion carried as follows:

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

Nays: None

L. Action from Executive Session

No action was taken.

M. Adjournment

With all agenda items discussed, a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Paul. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Tatro and it carried unanimously. The time was 6:54pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Teri Talarico
Recording Secretary