

Regular Meeting
November 19, 2018

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 Clement.

B. Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Clement, McGuire, Tatro, Mutz, and Gulas

Commissioners Absent: None

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

Kristi Kozak, Neufairfield Townhouse Association Treasurer, stated that she addressed the Joliet Park District Board on August 27, 2018 regarding the overgrowth from Pilcher Park along the townhomes located on Silver Hill Circle and Brush Hill Circle. Ms. Kozak thanked the Board on behalf of the Neufairfield Townhouse Association Board and its townhouse residences for the professional and prompt removal of the overgrowth.

D. Approval of the Minutes of Regular Meeting and Executive Session of October 22, 2018

A motion was made by President Gulas, seconded by Commissioner Clement, to approve the minutes of Regular Meeting and Executive Session of October 22, 2018. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Gulas, Clement, McGuire, Tatro, Mutz

Nays: None

E. Approval of the bills and payroll for the month of October 2018 - \$3,119,883.36

A motion was made by President Gulas, seconded by Commissioner McGuire, to approve the bills and payroll for the month of October 2018 in the amount of \$3,119,883.36. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Gulas, McGuire, Tatro, Clement, Mutz

Nays: None

F. Treasurer's Report for the month of October 2018.

Matt Pehle, Director of Finance, gave the Treasurer's report for the month of October 2018 as follows:

Cash on hand beginning of month:	\$ 1,333,078.28
Total Receipts during month:	\$ 2,804,114.03
Total Disbursements during month:	\$ 3,381,289.56
Cash on hand end of month:	\$ 755,902.75
Total Investments:	\$ 11,888,657.69
Total Cash and Investments:	\$ 12,644,560.44

Mr. Pehle noted that the Operations Fund is \$772,987.51, which is behind last year's balance of \$1,424,567.77. It was stated that there has been budget difficulties this year; a few contributors to the deficit is cooler weather in October and the closing of Wedgewood Golf Course for renovation.

President Gulas made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of October 2018. Commissioner Tatro seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

Ayes: Gulas, Tatro, Clement, McGuire, Mutz

Nays: None

G. Communications

1. Executive Director Correspondence

Tom Carstens, Executive Director, informed the Board that he has received the first draft of the Facility Assessment Study from CDM Smith. It showed that many of the facilities need a substantial amount of improvements. Staff will be meeting with CDM Smith to go over the study and the Board will receive the final report in December. Mr. Carstens stated that with the facility assessment study completed, staff will work with George K. Baum & Company regarding the Tax Rate Measure. A final proposal will be brought to the Board.

Mr. Carstens noted that the Union contract expires April 30, 2019. Reviewing of the contract has begun.

Mr. Carstens stated that the lease for the Mission Blvd. property expires spring 2019. Mr. Carstens is working with Representative Larry Walsh, Jr. on the lease.

Mr. Carstens stated that Ted Broder, Director of Revenue Facilities, and he are working with Jaguar Hockey on sharing the cost for new score boards in the Ice Arena. The Board will be updated.

2. Staff Reports

Deputy Director Brad Staab, reminded the Board that the Nowell Park Recreation Center grand opening will be Saturday, December 1, 2018 from 10am-2pm. There will be activities and giveaways.

Mr. Staab stated that the first of the Taste of Joliet entertainment will be announced Wednesday, January 9 and Wednesday, January 23, 2019.

Mr. Staab informed the Board that the Joliet Park District Volunteer Committee is working on collecting items for Kindness Kits for the homeless. The committee is asking staff and the public to donate items such as toothbrushes, shampoo, gloves, and cereal bars. The deadline for collecting the items is December 14. Mr. Staab shared that full-time staff hopes to raise \$1,200 to fund a Northern Illinois Mobile Food Pantry in January. The food truck would be parked at Hartman Recreation Center and will be manned by Park District staff.

Larry Burich, Director of Planning/Parks, updated the Board on potential locations for the Organic Community Garden. Mission Blvd. property is being considered, however this will be based on the lease renewal of the property.

Mr. Burich stated that a dedication ceremony for the Pilcher Park Nature Preserve status will be in April 2019. Staff and Kim Roman, Illinois Nature Preserves Commission, are looking at properties that are encroaching onto Pilcher Park. Letters will be mailed regarding the matter and explaining the nature preserve status.

Mr. Brodeur updated the Board on the Wedgewood Golf Course renovation project. Due to the cooler weather the project has slowed down and will begin to pick up in spring 2019 with a possible May opening.

Mr. Brodeur stated that the Joliet Memorial Stadium is closed for the season.

Mr. Pehle stated that the Special Meeting regarding the 2019 Budget will be on December 17, 2018 at 2pm. Before the December 17, 2018 Regular Meeting at 5pm, the Truth and Taxation Hearing and the BINA Hearing will be held.

H. Action Items

1. Old Business

There was no Old Business.

2. New Business

a. Approve Memorandum of Understanding with AFSCME to Amend Fair Share and Dues Deduction Provisions

It was stated that the Park District already practices the process and this is to memorialize the procedure for the contract.

President Gulas made a motion to approve Memorandum of Understanding with AFSCME to Amend Fair Share and Dues Deduction Provisions. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McGuire and it carried as follows:

Ayes: Gulas, McGuire, Tatro, Clement, Mutz

Nays: None

b. Bids and Awards of Contracts

1. Approve St. Joseph's Park Pony Baseball License Agreement – 1320 North Raynor Avenue

Attorney Mike Hansen and St. Joseph's Park Pony Baseball President Scott Allen were present to express their appreciation for the partnership with the Joliet Park District.

President Gulas made a motion the License Agreement with St. Joseph's Park Pony Baseball for use of park property at 1320 North Raynor Avenue. Vice President Mutz seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

Ayes: Gulas, Mutz, Clement, McGuire, Tatro

Nays: None

c. Ordinance #824 - Approving Land Dedication for Hunters Ridge and Accepting Conveyance of Lot 148 Hunters Ridge Unit One

President Gulas made a motion to approve Ordinance #824, approving Land Dedication for Hunters Ridge and accepting conveyance of Lot 148 Hunters Ridge Unit One. Commissioner Tatro seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

Ayes: Gulas, Tatro, Clement, McGuire, Mutz

Nays: None

- d. Resolution #18-193 – Establishing Non-Resident Partnership Rates for Residents of Elwood and Manhattan to Use Joliet Park District Nowell Park Recreation Center's Fitness Center

The Board was presented with Non-Resident Partnership Rates for residents of Elwood and Manhattan to use Joliet Park District Nowell Park Recreation Center's fitness center. It was noted that Elwood & Manhattan residents do not have fitness opportunities in their communities and staff feels that offering the partnership rate would increase membership at the fitness center.

President Gulas made a motion to approve Resolution #18-193 – Establishing Non-Resident Partnership Rates for residents of Elwood and Manhattan to use Joliet Park District Nowell Park Recreation Center's fitness center. Commissioner Clement seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

Ayes: Gulas, Clement, McGuire, Tatro, Mutz
Nays: None

- e. Executive Director's Contract Extension

President Gulas made a motion to approve Executive Director's Contract Extension as presented, extending the Executive Director's employment to February 11, 2020. Commissioner Clement seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

Ayes: Gulas, Clement, McGuire, Tatro, Mutz
Nays: None

I. Board Comment

1. Committee Report

a. Joliet Park Foundation

President Gulas stated that the Foundation held their Annual Planning Meeting on November 14. The Election of Officers was held along with the Board approving meeting and event dates for 2019. 2019 Foundation events are: Taste of Joliet 50/50 Raffle - June 21 and 22; Blues & Brews Fest - August 17; the Foundation's Moonlight Golf Scramble and SRJC's Autumn Lights will be combining their events and the new date will be on September 7; and the Poinsettia Luncheon will be on December 3.

b. Joliet Regional Airport

Commissioner Tatro stated that the Airport Christmas party is on December 5, 2018.

On behalf of the election judges for the November 6th Election, President Gulas thanked the Joliet Park District staff. The election judges stated that staff was very accommodating.

- J. Executive Session: The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of a specific employee or legal counsel for the Park District 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1); 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 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5); the setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the Park District 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6); pending litigation or probable or imminent litigation 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11)

There was no Executive Session.

- K. Reconvene to Open Session

There was no Executive Session.

L. Action from Executive Session

There was no Executive Session.

M. Adjournment

With all agenda items discussed, a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Tatro. The motion was seconded by Vice President Mutz and it carried unanimously. The time was 5:42pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa Talarico
Recording Secretary