

Regular Meeting  
November 20, 2017

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 McGuire.

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

Earley Coleman, Pilcher Park Restoration Committee representative, thanked the Joliet Park District Board, Executive Director Tom Carstens, Director of Planning/Parks Larry Burich, and all others involved in the Pilcher Park renovation. Mr. Coleman stated that the project has given Pilcher Park a 180 degree turnaround and is well on its way on becoming the jewel it once was. The committee looks forward to continuing to work with the Park District on improving the park. Mr. Coleman also expressed his dissatisfaction with the lack of representation at the Pilcher Park project from Ruettiger, Tonelli & Associates. Mr. Coleman asked the Board to consider another engineer firm for future projects.

Jeff Lindstrom, Pilcher Park resident, commended the Joliet Park District on the Pilcher Park project and thanked the Board for listening to the public. Mr. Lindstrom noted items that can still be improved in Pilcher Park (drainage especially near Snake Hill, would like to see steel instead of wood bridges, paving trails). Mr. Lindstrom would like to see completion dates and more specific plans in contracts for future projects and also felt there was not enough oversight from the engineer firm. Mr. Lindstrom thanked Earley Coleman, Pilcher Park resident, for his time on the project and commended Mr. Burich on listening to the residents.

D. Approval of the Minutes of Regular Meeting and Executive Session of October 23, 2017

A motion was made by Commissioner McGuire, seconded by Commissioner Clement, to approve the Minutes of Regular Meeting and Executive Session of October 23, 2017. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: McGuire, Clement, Tatro, Mutz, Gulas

Nays: None

E. Approval of the bills and payroll for the month of October 2017 - \$1,601,740.11

A motion was made by Commissioner Tatro, seconded by Commissioner McGuire, to approve the bills and payroll for the month of September 2017 in the amount of \$1,601,740.11. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Tatro, McGuire, Clement, Mutz, Gulas

Nays: None

F. Treasurer's Report for the month of October 2017.

Matt Pehle, Director of Finance, gave the Treasurer's report for the month of October 2017 as follows:

Cash on hand beginning of month:	\$ 1,360,126.46
Total Receipts during month:	\$ 2,214,049.91
Total Disbursements during month:	\$ 2,193,233.59
Cash on hand end of month:	\$ 1,380,942.78
Total Investments:	\$15,222,139.67
Total Cash and Investments:	\$16,603,082.45

Mr. Pehle noted that the Operations Fund is \$1,424,567.77 compared to last year's balance of \$2,028,369.80.

Commissioner Tatro made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of October 2017. Commissioner Clement seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

Ayes: Tatro, Clement, McGuire, Mutz, Gulas

Nays: None

G. Communications

1. Executive Director Correspondence

Mr. Carstens, read a letter from Pam Heavens, Executive Director of Will-Grundy Center for Independent Living. Ms. Heavens was unable to attend the Pilcher Park ribbon cutting ceremony but wanted to thank the Board for leaving the road in Pilcher Park so the people with mobility problems have the ability to enjoy the deep forest.

Mr. Carstens noted that the Pilcher Park ribbon cutting ceremony went well with the exception of the rain. Mr. Carstens commended Mr. Burich on a great job on the Pilcher Park renovation.

Mr. Carstens updated the Board on the Nowell Park Recreation Center project.

## 2. Staff Reports

Mr. Staab noted that the contract for the ATI Physical Therapy's expanded physical therapy room has been finalized. ATI will be moving in next week.

Mr. Burich stated that the security gates at Pilcher Park will be controlled by an astronomical clock and will be set to open and close at dawn and dusk.

Mr. Burich noted that the Columbia Park renovation is completed. This is the last park renovated that was funded by the 2014 Referendum, with the exception of West Park. West Park trails will be paved in the spring.

Terry Keigher, Recreation Superintendent, informed the Board that control access doors will be installed at the Hartman Recreation Center and staff is reviewing quotes for additional doors to be installed at other facilities.

Mr. Pehle informed the Board on the Truth in Taxation Hearing along with the financing plan and Hearing regarding the sale of the final \$19.5 million referendum bonds (Series 2018A) and the Limited Tax Bonds (Series 2018B and Series 2018C). Both Hearings will be published in the paper and will be held at the December 18, 2017 Board Meeting.

## H. Action Items

### 1. Old Business

There was no Old Business brought before the Board.

### 2. New Business

#### a. Approval of 2018 Board Meeting Schedule

A motion was made by Commissioner Clement, seconded by Commissioner McGuire, to approve the 2018 Board Meeting Schedule. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Clement, McGuire, Tatro, Mutz, Gulas

Nays: None

#### b. Resolution 17-187 – Adopting a Lease Agreement between the Joliet Park District and Joliet Public School District 86 for a Playground Facility (Jennifer Ann Voots Playground) at Carl Sandburg School

Mr. Carstens noted that a new lease agreement was needed since the playground was moved closer to the school changing the legal description of the park. The contract is still in negotiations and will be brought back to the Board at the December 18, 2017 Board Meeting.

I. Board Comment

1. Committee Report

a. Joliet Park Foundation

President Gulas informed the Board on the 2018 Foundation Events. The events include a 50/50 Raffle at the Taste of Joliet, Glen Marcum Moonlight Golf Scramble and the Blues & Brews event. President Gulas also announced the Foundation's officers: President Rodney Tonelli, Vice President Chris Adler, Treasurer Bob Lees, and Secretary Ann Hintze.

b. Joliet Regional Airport

Commissioner Tatro stated that the next Airport Committee meeting and holiday party is December 6.

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)

At 5:24pm a motion was made by Commissioner Tatro, seconded by Commissioner McGuire, to go into Executive Session for 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). The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Tatro, McGuire, Clement, Mutz, Gulas

Nays: None

K. Reconvene to Open Session

At 5:39pm a motion was made by Commissioner Tatro and seconded by Commissioner Clement, to reconvene to Open Session. The motion unanimously carried.

L. Action from Executive Session

No action was taken.

Commissioner Clement requested that staff look into a tree that was planted near the Jennifer Ann Voots playground. Mr. Carstens noted that the tree will be planted in the spring.

M. Adjournment

With all agenda items discussed, a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Tatro. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Clement and it carried unanimously. The time was 5:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa Talarico  
Recording Secretary