

## Regular Meeting November 23, 2020

In responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Joliet Park District addressed the important responsibility to limit circumstances that might allow for the spread of the COVID-19 virus while fulfilling its obligation to comply with the transparency and openness requirements of the Open Meetings Act (“OMA”). Due to the size of the conference room and essential staff attending, the following process was followed for the November 23, 2020 Regular Board Meeting:

The in-person attendance requirement for members of the Joliet Park Board of Commissioners was suspended and commissioners attended by remote participation via computer or phone.

Public attendance at the regular meeting site was not feasible due to the COVID emergency. Public participation instructions are as follows:

- Computer Access: Join the Zoom Meeting:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82504744600?pwd=WGtjUkxQY3FFMjhubWdydXZ2TE9qZz09>  
Meeting ID: 825 0474 4600 and Passcode: 1020
- Phone access: Audio Participation for Chicago Region:  
One tap mobile +13126266799,,82504744600#,,,,,0#,,1020# US (Chicago)  
Dial +1 312-626-6799 US (Chicago) Meeting ID: 825 0474 4600 and Passcode: 1020
- Android phones & tablets, iPad, iPhone: Download the “Zoom Cloud Meeting” app through the Google Play Store or Apple App Store. Open the app on your device.  
Meeting ID: 825 0474 4600 and Passcode 1020
- Important: As you install the Zoom software, it will prompt you to enter your name. Any use of rude names will result in ejection from the meeting. Plan to join the meeting at least 5-10 minutes before the start of the meeting.
- Everyone is automatically muted. If you wish to speak during “Open Forum” email request to [ttalarico@jolietpark.org](mailto:ttalarico@jolietpark.org) by 2:30 p.m. on 11/23/20 for instructions.

### 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 Via Remotely: Paul, Jobe-Gavin, Tatro, Clement, Gulas  
Commissioners Absent: None

### C. Convening the Bond Information Notice Act (BINA) Hearing

President Gulas opened the BINA Hearing concerning the intent of the Board to issue \$1,850,000 General Obligation Park Bonds for the payment of land condemned or purchased for parks, for the building, maintaining, improving and protecting of the same and the existing land and facilities of the District and for the payment of the expenses incident thereto.

Lisa Banovetz, Director of Finance & Human Resources, stated that the Bond Issue Notification Act (BINA) hearing concerns the Districts annual issuance of rollover bonds. The hearing is required by law and is related to funding of the District's annual capital budget as well as the funding of certain obligations. The Board will have to approve an ordinance to facilitate the issuance of the bonds in January or February of 2021. The Park District is able to approve bond issuances not to exceed \$1,850,000.

When given the opportunity for the public to comment either by email, written submission, or in person, no one came forward to address the Board. President Gulas made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Tatro, to close the BINA Hearing. The motion carried as follows:

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

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

When given the opportunity to comment either by email, written submission, or in person, no one from the public came forward to address the Board.

E. Approval of the Minutes of Regular Meeting October 26, 2020

A motion was made by Vice President Clement, seconded by Commissioner Paul, to approve the minutes of Regular Meeting of October 26, 2020. The motion carried as follows:

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

F. Approval of the bills and payroll for the month of October - \$1,702,606.44

A motion was made by Commissioner Jobe-Gavin, seconded by Commissioner Tatro, to approve the bills and payroll for the month of October 2020. The motion carried as follows:

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

G. Treasurer's Report for the month of October 2020.

Lisa Banovetz, Director of Finance & Human Resources, gave the Treasurer's report for the month of October 2020 as follows:

Cash on hand beginning of month:	\$	489,987.40
Total Receipts:	\$	21,975,588.94
Total Disbursements:	\$	18,163,995.68
Cash on hand end of month:	\$	982,950.32
Total Investments:	\$	8,618,482.91

Commissioner Jobe-Gavin made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of October 2020. Commissioner Paul seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

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

Nays: None

#### H. Communications

##### 1. Executive Director Correspondence

Brad Staab, Executive Director, thanked staff and the Board on the handling of the new guidelines and restrictions. Mr. Staab noted that there has been no gym cancellations due to the new requirement to wear a mask when working out.

Mr. Staab noted that he is working with other park districts on federal funding for COVID-19 related loss revenue and expenses. The park districts are looking for support for HR7303 that would provide funding for special districts in future stimulus efforts.

##### 2. Staff Reports

John Ekstrom, Director of Golf Grounds and Parks, updated the Board on the Inwood Sports Complex project including a new pavilion and patio.

Mr. Ekstrom stated that the ceiling glass installation in the Ron Dodd Showroom at the Bird Haven Greenhouse has been completed.

Mr. Ekstrom added that the Grove Road Park project continues with installation of park amenities.

Terry Keigher, Director of Recreation, stated that Nowell Park Recreation Center has 435 fitness memberships and sold 125 \$25 for 6 week memberships.

Mr. Keigher updated the Board on remote learning. Currently there are 34 students at Nowell Park Recreation Center and 42 students at the Kathy Green Multi-Purpose Center.

Mr. Keigher stated that two fields are completed at the Inwood Sports Complex. The remaining fields are close to completion. Mr. Keigher stated that schedules between all renters, including University of St. Francis are close to being final.

#### I. Action Items

##### 1. Old Business

There was no old business.

##### 2. New Business

###### a. Approval of 2021 Board Meeting Schedule

A motion to approve the 2021 Board meeting schedule was made by Vice President Clement. Commissioner Tatro seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

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

b. 2021 Medical/Dental Insurance

Ms. Banovetz stated that Horton Group, the District's insurance, employee benefits and risk advisory firm, received several quotes from insurance carriers and recommends Allied Benefit Systems, which offered the best pricing and can offer the same insurance plans currently in place.

Commissioner Paul made a motion to approve the insurance administrator and coverage for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 as presented. Commissioner Jobe-Gavin seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

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

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

Mr. Staab noted that the Memorandum of Understanding is to extend for one year the 2019-2020 collective bargaining agreement.

Commissioner Tatro made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Joliet Park District and AFSCME Council 31 on behalf of Local 791. Commissioner Jobe-Gavin seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

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

d. Bids and Award of Contract

1. Authorization to Reject All Bids –  
Inwood Backstop Improvement Project

Mr. Staab stated that bids were received for the Inwood Sports Complex Backstop Improvement Project. The scope of work includes demolition of existing fence, installation of new fence, installation of poles and netting for backstops. Due to the bid amounts, staff is looking to complete the project in house. Staff's recommendation is to reject all bids.

Commissioner Paul made a motion to approve staff's recommendation to reject all bids for the Inwood Sports Complex Backstop Improvement Project. Commissioner Tatro seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

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

Nays: None

J. Board Comment

President Gulas commended all staff for their hard work implementing the new mitigation restrictions and guidelines. President Gulas wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

1. Committee Report

a. Joliet Park Foundation

There was no Report

1. Joliet Regional Airport

There was no Report

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 5:32pm, 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 6:11pm, a motion was made by President Gulas and seconded by Commissioner Paul, to reconvene to Open Session. The motion was carried as follows:

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

Nays: None

M. Action from Executive Session

There was no Executive Session.

N. Adjournment

With all agenda items discussed, a motion to adjourn was made by President Gulas. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tatro and it carried unanimously. The time was 6:11pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa Talarico  
Recording Secretary