

Regular Meeting
September 23, 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 Jobe-Gavin.

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

Willie Wright, resident, thanked the Board and staff for all the work done to the baseball field at Forest Park. Mr. Wright did inquire about adding water to the park for bathrooms and a sprinkler system for the children. It was noted that staff is reviewing funding options for Forest Park Improvements.

D. Approval of the Minutes of Regular Meeting of August 26, 2019 and Special Meeting of September 9, 2019

A motion was made by Vice President Clement, seconded by Commissioner Jobe-Gavin, to approve the minutes of Regular Meeting of August 26, 2019 and Special Meeting of September 9, 2019. The motion carried as follows:

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

Nays: None

D. Approval of the bills and payroll for the month of August 2019 - \$2,242,723.27

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

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

Nays: None

E. Treasurer's Report for the month of August 2019.

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

Cash on hand beginning of month:	\$	810,975.68
Total Receipts during month:	\$	1,531,896.02

Total Disbursements during month:	\$	2,561,038.96
Cash on hand end of month:	\$	(218,167.26)
Total Investments:	\$	6,460,069.35
Total Cash and Investments:	\$	6,241,902.09

Mr. Pehle noted that the Operations Fund is -\$201,021.37 compared to last year of -130,976.28.

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

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

F. Communications

1. Executive Director Correspondence

Director Brad Staab stated that he has been meeting with staff to review budgets for 2020 and the new minimum wage increase.

Mr. Staab commended SRJC, Inwood Golf Course, and the Joliet Park Foundation on a successful Autumn Moonlight event.

Mr. Staab announced that the Airport Festival was cancelled due to weather and the new date for the event is October 6. The Nowell Park will be celebrating its one year anniversary on October 26.

The Commissioners were invited to attend the Red Eye 5k run and hand out medals at the finish line. The race is October 20 and will start and finish inside the Joliet Memorial Stadium.

2. Staff Reports

Director of Recreation Terry Keigher updated the Board on Nowell Park Recreation Center (NPRC). Currently there are 497 fitness center memberships. NPRC staff are working on the one year anniversary. Mr. Keigher thanked Corporate Relations Supervisor Beth Ley for securing Rendel's as the main sponsor for the anniversary event.

Mr. Keigher announced that the Park District received the \$741,000.00 2014 Museum Grant for the Bird Haven Greenhouse. The project will include replacing glass ceiling panels, adding another growing room, new boiler, drill a new well, and ceiling shade clothes. The project will begin spring of 2020.

Mr. Keigher stated that there are ninety travelers registered for the long district trip to Canada. Recreation Superintendent Karen Cooper and Casey O'Connell will be chaperoning the trip.

Mr. Keigher informed the Board about the Pepsi Showdown Series. This is a well-attended soccer tournament with sixteen high school teams. Along with this being a rental for Mission Blvd., Pepsi donated two regulation size soccer goals.

Mr. Keigher noted that there are 194 children participating in gymnastics this session, 209 children enrolled in Sunshine & Rainbows Learning Center, and 28 students registered in the Troy before school and 62 students in the Troy after school program. Mr. Keigher wanted it noted that students are bussed by the schools to the Troy before and after school program at the Kathy Green Multi-Purposed Center.

Mr. Pehle informed the Board that the City of Joliet is requesting to extend their City Center TIF for an additional 12 years. Mr. Pehle recommendation is to support the request for time extension to April 3, 2035. The Board agreed to approve the request.

H. Action Items

1. Old Business

There was no old business.

2. New Business

a. Approval of Amendment to Joliet Park District Personnel Policy - Section 6.06: Vacations

Mr. Staab noted that the amendment to the Personnel Policy, Section 6.06: Vacation, added a third tier for maximum allowable carryover of vacation days. The third tier will set maximum allowable carryover to 10 days for any full-time employees hired after October 1, 2019.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jobe-Gavin, seconded by Commissioner Tatro, to approve amendment to Joliet Park District Personnel Policy - Section 6.06: Vacations. The motion carried as follows:

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

Nays: None

b. Approval of Agreement between the Joliet Park District and Windy City Amusement

Mr. Staab stated that the Agreement between the Joliet Park District and Windy City Amusement is a three year contract for the carnival at the Taste of Joliet.

A motion was made by Commissioner Paul, seconded by Vice President Clement, to approve the Agreement between the Joliet Park District and Windy City Amusement. The motion carried as follows:

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

c. Approval of Agreement between the Joliet Park District and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources

Mr. Staab stated that the agreement is between the Joliet Park District and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources amending Grant Number OS-02-1173 for Splash Station. Mr. Staab noted that the amendment extends the Grant Agreement through 2023.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jobe-Gavin, seconded by Commissioner Paul, to approve the Agreement between the Joliet Park District and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. The motion carried as follows:

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

I. Board Comment

1. Joliet Park Foundation

President Gulas stated that the Autumn Moonlight Golf Scramble and Happy Hour raised about \$10,000 for the SRJC Special Olympics athletes and scholarship fund. Their next fundraiser for the Joliet Park Foundation will be at On the Rocks sports bar. For each Bloody Mary purchased on Sunday during the month of September, \$1 will be donated to the Foundation.

2. Joliet Regional Airport

Commissioner Paul stated that the next Airport Committee's meeting is October 7.

President Gulas thanked the Wedgewood golf ground crew and John Ekstrom, Superintendent of Golf Grounds, for all their hard work during the Wedgewood renovation.

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 5:28pm 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

K. Reconvene to Open Session

At 5:54pm a motion was made by Vice President Clement and seconded by Commissioner Jobe-Gavin, to reconvene to Open Session. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Clement, Jobe-Gavin, Paul, Tatro, 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 and seconded and it carried unanimously. The time was 5:54pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Teri Talarico

Recording Secretary