

Regular Meeting

July 26, 2021

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 recited.

A motion was made by Vice President Tatro for Commissioner Jobe-Gavin to participate remotely according to Section 7a of the Open Meetings Act. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Paul. The motion carried as follows:

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

Nays: None

B. Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Mutz, Paul, Tatro, Gulas

Commissioners Participated Remotely: Jobe-Gavin

Commissioners Absent: None

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

Mary Lou Catalani, Joliet Park District employee, invited the Board Members and all present to visit the Inwood Sports Complex concession area and new pavilion to see how staff perform their job and see other items that should be addressed in order to make the concession function more effectively. Ms. Catalani gave an example of how poorly the computer system is and how it should be updated.

D. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting and Executive Session of June 21, 2021

A motion was made by President Gulas, seconded by Commissioner Paul, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting and Executive Session of June 21, 2021. The motion carried as follows:

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

Nays: None

E. Approval of the bills and payroll for the month of June 2021 - \$1,983,751.62

A motion was made by President Gulas, seconded by Commissioner Mutz, to approve the bills and payroll for the month of June 2021. The motion carried as follows:

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

Nays: None

F. Treasurer's Report for the month of June 2021.

Lisa Banovetz, Director of Finance & Human Resources, gave the Treasurer's report for the end of month of June 2021 as follows:

Cash on hand beginning of month:	\$	859,251.63
Cash on hand end of month:	\$	849,430.96
Total Investments:	\$	7,161,982.77
Total YTD Receipts:	\$	19,589,890.77
Total YTD Expenditures:	\$	19,200,272.25

President Gulas made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of June 2021. Vice President Tatro seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

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

G. Communications

Introduction of new employees: Robert Talarico, Athletic Superintendent (Inwood Sports Complex and Adult Sports Programming) and Trevor Brodeur, Athletic Superintendent (Joliet Memorial Stadium, Mission Blvd. and Youth Sports Programming).

1. Executive Director Correspondence

Executive Director Brad Staab thanked staff for all their hard work, especially with recent events and programs such as Concert in the Park, Movies in the Park, Sundowner 5k and track meets at the Joliet Memorial Stadium.

Mr. Staab announced the Inwood Golf Club will be hosting the Special Olympics Golf tournament this week. It was noted that it will be the first time hosting the event. Inwood will also be hosting the Joliet Park Foundation's Moonlight Golf Outing on July 31.

Mr. Staab stated that the Joliet Chamber will have their Business After Hours at the Inwood Sports Complex on August 26.

Mr. Staab informed the Board that there will be a community event August 20-22, which will include bands on Friday and a carnival on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Staab recognized Dianne Marry, IT Manager, who will be retiring in August. Mr. Staab, thanked Dianne for her hard work and dedication for the past 25 years.

3. Staff Reports

Director of Recreation Terry Keigher stated that Back to School Fest at Nowell Park will be August 14 from 11am – 2pm. This free event is staffed by park district employees and other local agencies. It was noted that 1,500 backpacks were donated and will be handed out to the children.

Mr. Keigher thanked Brian Legan, Inwood Golf Club Manager, and staff for hosting the Special Olympics golf tournament after the initial course cancelled.

Director of Parks & Golf Grounds John Ekstrom publicly thanked Park Services and the Golf Grounds Crew for all their hard work during the extreme heat.

Mr. Ekstrom updated on current projects that are close to completion: Wedgewood starter shack, Inwood Sports Complex ticket booth, Parkwood Playground.

H. Action Items

1. Old Business

a. Nature Center Totem Pole Renovation Project

Mr. Staab presented a proposal from Third Coast Conservation, which is the firm the Field Museum recommended to Midwest SOARRING Foundation for the totem pole renovation. The proposal is an estimate since there will be additional charges such as: \$50 per day fee for housing the pole while work is being done; reinstallation fees; and building a new base or moving it away from the tree that is currently behind the totem pole.

A motion was made by President Gulas, seconded by Commissioner Mutz, to approve the proposal from Third Coast Conservation for no more than \$10,000. The motion carried as follows:

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

Nays: None

2. New Business

a. Ordinance No. 843 – Surplus Equipment

Mr. Ekstrom noted that the surplus equipment is the 2008 septic truck, which was recently replaced with a new truck due to age and multiple leaks in the tank.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mutz, seconded by Vice President Tatro, to approve Ordinance No. 843, allowing the disposal of surplus equipment and other non-usable items. The motion carried as follows:

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

Nays: None

Commissioner Jobe-Gavin inquired about the scoreboards that were removed from the Inwood Sports Complex. It was stated by Director Keigher and Executive Director Staab that the scoreboards are being stored and can be declared at surplus.

b. Approval of Voluntary Separation Agreement

President Gulas made a motion to approve the Voluntary Separation Agreement for Dianne Marry as presented. Commissioner Mutz seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

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

Nays: None

H. Board Comment

1. Committee Report

a. Joliet Park Foundation

President Gulas announced that the Moonlight Golf Outing on July 31 is sold out. It was noted that Happy Hour tickets are still available.

President Gulas and Vice President Tatro announced that the Foundation will be holding a "Save the Island Green" raffle, which will raise money for the renovation of the Island Green at Inwood Golf Club. Tickets will be \$50 and sold from July 31 through December 29. The grand prize is golf for life that will be valid at all three Joliet Park District golf clubs. Other prizes include, season golf pass, Inwood Athletic Club membership, and a 70" inch television.

b. Joliet Regional Airport

No Report.

President Gulas commended the fitness staff on a successful Sundowner 5k.

President Gulas stated that, in the last couple of months, there have been numerous reports on vandalism at park district parks. President Gulas is discouraged about the amount of incidents and the money put into repairing vandalized equipment. Commissioner Mutz requested staff to look into a partnership with the City of Joliet police to patrol park district parks and facilities.

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 5:38pm, a motion was made by President Gulas, seconded by Commissioner Mutz, 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, Mutz, Jobe-Gavin, Paul, Tatro

Nays: None

K. Reconvene to Open Session

At 5:49pm, a motion was made by Commissioner Tatro and seconded by Commissioner Mutz, to reconvene to Open Session. The motion was carried as follows:

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

Nays: None

L. Action from Executive Session

There was no action.

The Board agreed to look into the issues at the Inwood Sports Complex.

M. Adjournment

With all agenda items discussed, a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Paul. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mutz, and it carried unanimously. The time was 5:48pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa Talarico

Recording Secretary