

Regular Meeting

June 21, 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 led by Vice President Tatro.

B. Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Mutz, Paul, Jobe-Gavin, Tatro, Gulas

Commissioners Absent: None

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

Mark Berman, Linda's Pizza, approached the Board regarding a Special Use Permit application that was submitted, which requested to hold a Linda's Pizza 40th Anniversary Bash at Preservation Park. Mr. Berman stated that the Anniversary Bash will only be held if the celebration can be held at Preservation Park since Preservation Park is across the street from Linda's Pizza. Mr. Berman understands that liquor is an obstacle and is open to suggestions on how to serve liquor. Mr. Berman also stated that t-shirts and pizza would be sold as well as a band playing. Mr. Berman is willing to change the hours of the event from 2pm-9pm to 4pm – dusk.

D. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting and Executive Session of May 24, 2021

A motion was made by President Gulas, seconded by Commissioner Paul, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting and Executive Session of May 24, 2021. The motion carried as follows:

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

Nays: None

E. Approval of the bills and payroll for the month of May 2021 - \$1,557,903.79

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

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

Nays: None

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

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

Cash on hand beginning of month:	\$	350,392.65
Cash on hand end of month:	\$	859,251.63

Total Investments:	\$	4,201,516.45
Total YTD Receipts:	\$	14,321,741.41
Total YTD Expenditures:	\$	16,898,928.39

President Gulas made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report for the month of May 2021. Commissioner Mutz seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

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

G. Communications

1. You Made a Difference Awards

Before the *You Made a Difference* Awards were presented, President Gulas introduced Fire Chief Greg Blaskey. Chief Blaskey presented Joliet Park District employees Julia Castillo, Cole Kics, Molly Hoover, Lauren Ryan and Inwood Athletic Club member Susan Hucul the *Citizen Life Saving Award* for immediate lifesaving response to an Inwood Athletic Club member who was unresponsive and not breathing on June 2, 2021. It was noted that Molly Hoover was not in attendance to accept her award.

President Gulas presented Safety & Aquatics Superintendent Lauren Ryan with a You Made A Difference Award: *On June 2, 2021 Joliet Park District employee Lauren Ryan responded to an emergency situation when a patron collapsed in the Inwood pool. Without hesitation, Lauren assisted with removing the patron from the pool; assisted with ventilations and CPR; and administered treatment using an AED. Lauren’s quick assessment of the circumstances and her immediate response provided life-saving treatment until the paramedics arrived. The Joliet Park District appreciates Lauren’s willingness to get involved and ‘Make A Difference’.*

Commissioner Mutz presented Lifeguard Julia Castillo with a You Made A Difference Award: *On June 2, 2021 Joliet Park District employee Julia Castillo responded to an emergency situation when a patron collapsed in the Inwood pool. Without hesitation, Julia approached the patron and brought the patron to the edge of the pool. Julia then assisted with ventilations and CPR. Julia’s quick assessment of the circumstances and her immediate response provided life-saving treatment until the paramedics arrived. The Joliet Park District appreciates Julia’s willingness to get involved and ‘Make A Difference’.*

Vice President Tatro presented Lifeguard Cole Kics with a You Made A Difference Award: *On June 2, 2021 Joliet Park District employee Cole Kics responded to an emergency situation when a patron collapsed in the Inwood pool. Without hesitation, Cole assisted with removing the patron from the pool and then assisted with ventilations and CPR. Cole’s quick assessment of the circumstances and his immediate response provided life-saving treatment until the paramedics arrived. The Joliet Park District appreciates Cole’s willingness to get involved and ‘Make A Difference’.*

Commissioner Jobe-Gavin presented Susan Hucul with a You Made A Difference Award: *On June 2, 2021 Joliet Park District patron and nurse Susan Hucul responded to an emergency situation when another patron collapsed in the Inwood pool. Without hesitation, Susan assisted with administering treatment by placing the AED pads on the patron's chest. Susan's quick assessment of the circumstances and her immediate response provided life-saving treatment until the paramedics arrived. The Joliet Park District appreciates Susan's willingness to get involved and 'Make A Difference'.*

Commissioner Paul presented Swim Team Director Molly Hoover with a You Made A Difference Award: *On June 2, 2021 Joliet Park District employee Molly Hoover responded to an emergency situation when a patron collapsed in the Inwood pool. Without hesitation, Molly called 911 from her cell phone and relayed information to the 911 operator. Molly's quick assessment of the circumstances and her immediate response provided life-saving information until the paramedics arrived. The Joliet Park District appreciates Molly's willingness to get involved and 'Make A Difference'.* Since Ms. Hoover was not in attendance, Ms. Ryan accepted the award on Ms. Hoover's behalf.

2. Executive Director Correspondence

Executive Director Brad Staab stated that staff will be meeting with Will County again to request federal funding for loss revenue due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Staab presented to the Board a rendering of a small pavilion that would be located at the Inwood Sports Complex. The pavilion will be funded by Jay Darnell, Redbird Baseball. Mr. Darnell will use the pavilion during his tournaments and the park district will also use the pavilion for some programs.

3. Staff Reports

Director of Recreation Terry Keigher stated that summer camp registration is going well. Currently there are 90 children registered at Nowell Park Recreation Center, 12 participants registered for the SRJC camp, and 223 children registered for camps at the Kathy Green Multi-Purpose Center.

Mr. Keigher announced that this will be the last week for Cup In Hand Kickball and Softball. The second session will begin July 9. Mr. Keigher stated that the concessions at the Inwood Sports Complex are way above what was expected. For this past weekend alone, over \$25,000 was brought in and year to date revenue is \$187,918. Mr. Keigher publicly thanked the concession staff for their hard work and dedication.

Commissioner Mutz requested that Mr. Keigher review the hours that the concession is open to see if the concession should remain open while a game is still being played late in the evening.

Director of Parks & Golf Grounds John Ekstrom updated the Board on the Parkwood playground installation. It was noted that the playground was funded by a 50/50 grant by GameTime and the Joliet Park Foundation.

Mr. Ekstrom stated that the Bird Haven Greenhouse addition project is delayed due to permitting issues and is currently scheduled to be completed in late September or early October.

Mr. Ekstrom informed the Board that the Grove Road playground installation was completed and only cleanup needs to be finished before reopening the park to the public.

H. Action Items

1. Old Business

a. Special Use Permits

Mr. Staab discussed the Special Use Permit application for the Linda's Pizza event. It was noted that at the May 24, 2021 meeting, the Board requested Mr. Staab to find out about insurance and if no alcohol was an option for the event. Mr. Staab informed the Board that Mr. Berman stated that he did want to have alcohol at the event and Mr. Berman will acquire all insurance that is necessary.

President Gulas asked if there is a motion to approve the Special Use Permit application for the use of Preservation Park for the Linda's Pizza Anniversary Bash on August 7, 2021 as presented.

Mr. Berman stated that the date will need to change since more time is needed to plan the event.

Commissioner Paul inquired about whether or not the Park District would be liable if an incident happened at the park during the event and if alcohol was allowed. It was stated that Mr. Berman will have insurance; however, since it is on park district property, the Park District would also be liable.

President Gulas asked again if there is a motion to approve the Special Use Permit application for the use of Preservation Park for the Linda's Pizza Anniversary Bash on August 7, 2021 as presented.

Hearing no motion, President Gulas stated that the agenda item is dead.

2. New Business

a. Amend Park Board of Commissioners 2021 Regular Meeting Schedule - Move November 22, 2021 Regular Meeting to November 15, 2021

Commissioner Jobe-Gavin made a motion to amend Park Board of Commissioners 2021 Regular Meeting Schedule to move the November 22, 2021 Regular Meeting to November 15, 2021.

Commissioner Paul seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

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

Nays: None

- b. Ratification of Purchase of 2021 Imperial Industries Septic/Vacuum Truck
Great Lakes Equipment Sales, Inc. - \$124,200

It was noted that the current Joliet Park District septic truck was leaking in certain areas and it was necessary to be purchased a new one as soon as possible. Mr. Staab received a consensus from the Board to move forward with the purchase of the 2021 Imperial Industries Septic/Vacuum Truck from Great Lakes Equipment Sales, Inc. in the amount of \$124,200 prior to the June 21 Board Meeting.

Commissioner Paul made a motion to ratify the approval of the purchase of the 2021 Imperial Industries Septic/Vacuum Truck from Great Lakes Equipment Sales, Inc. in the amount of \$124,200. Vice President Tatro seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

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

Nays: None

- c. Approval of Parks & Recreation Management Software
Sportsman Park & Rec Software by Peak Software Systems, Inc. - \$7,990

Ms. Banovetz presented the parks & recreation management software proposal from Peak Software Systems, Inc. to the Board. The Park District currently uses a parks & recreation software called Park Pro by Bockyn that was installed in 2012 and since January of 2021, there has been issues with the program. The Sportsman Software by Peak Software Systems, Inc. would meet the park district's needs in all areas. Sportsman Software is used by Channahon Park District and comes highly recommended. Sportsman's implementation fee is \$2,800 and current annual fee is \$5,190, which is significantly lower than the current Park Pro system. It is staff's recommendation to accept the proposal from Peak Software Systems, Inc. for the Parks & Recreation software, as presented pending Executive Director and attorney review and approval of the agreement.

President Gulas made a motion to approve staff's recommendation to accept the proposal from Peak Software Systems, Inc. for the Parks & Recreation software as presented pending Executive Director and attorney review and approval of the agreement. Commissioner Mutz seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

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

Nays: None

H. Board Comment

Commissioner Jobe-Gavin commended staff for all their work and dedication this year.

President Gulas recognized Recreation Superintendent Karen Cooper and Ms. Cooper's staff for positive comments received about the COVID-19 protocol for the dance program and the Sunshine & Rainbows preschool graduation at the Inwood Park gazebo.

President Gulas requested that staff contact Chicagoland Speedway and inquire about whether or not the bleachers at the facility are going to be donated or sold.

President Gulas commended staff on the Concert in the Park event. The additional trash cans and portable washrooms were appreciated.

1. Committee Report
 - a. Joliet Park Foundation

No Report.

- b. Joliet Regional Airport

No Report.

- 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 5:41pm, 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 6:32pm, a motion was made by Commissioner Paul and seconded by Commissioner Mutz, to reconvene to Open Session. The motion was carried as follows:

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

Nays: None

- L. Action from Executive Session

There was no action.

- M. Adjournment

With all agenda items discussed, a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Paul. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jobe-Gavin, and it carried unanimously. The time was 6:32pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa Talarico
Recording Secretary