

Regular Meeting
May 24, 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 Clement.

B. Roll Call

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

Commissioners Absent: None

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

When given the opportunity for the public to speak, no one came forward to address the Board.

D. Approval of the Minutes of Regular Meeting and Executive Session of April 26, 2021

A motion was made by President Gulas, seconded by Commissioner Paul, to approve the minutes of Regular Meeting and Executive Session of April 26, 2021. The motion carried as follows:

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

Nays: None

E. Approval of the bills and payroll for the month of April 2021 - \$1,177,984.88

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

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

Nays: None

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

Lisa Banovetz, Director of Finance, gave the Treasurer's report for the month of April 2021 as follows:

Cash on hand beginning of month:	\$	1,145,785.25
Cash on hand end of month:	\$	350,392.65
Total Investments:	\$	4,493,953.91
Total YTD Receipts:	\$	12,371,769.01

Total YTD Expenditures: \$ 15,187,021.25

Commissioner Jobe-Gavin made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of April 2021. Commissioner Paul seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

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

G. Communications

1. Executive Director Correspondence

Executive Director Brad Staab stated that the park district continues to see increased activity throughout the entire District. Unfortunately, the increased activity has resulted in a rise in vandalism. Vandalism includes: Splash pad electrical panels at West Park and Heggie Field Park have been broken into and the electrical components removed; the bathrooms at Nowell Park, Grove Road Park and Briese Park have been damaged; graffiti found at several playgrounds including Hampton Glen and Hunter Ridge as well as playground surface damaged at Marquette Garden Park and Paul E. Briese Park. Park Services is working hard to keep up with these repairs but this has been challenging since mowing and facility/playgrounds construction has been brought in house. The vandalism is being documented and staff is trying to repair as soon as possible.

2. Staff Reports

Terry Keigher, Director of Recreation, announced that two new Superintendents started. Trevor Brodeur will oversee youth sports programming, Joliet Memorial Stadium, Skate Park, and the Soccer Complex (Infantry & Mission). Robert Talarico will oversee adult sports programming and the Inwood Sports Complex softball/baseball programs and fields.

Mr. Keigher stated that due to the COVID-19 guidelines, Joliet Catholic Academy held their outdoor graduation at the Joliet Memorial Stadium last week.

Mr. Keigher noted that quotes were received for supplying pizza at the Inwood Sports Complex concessions. The Dock at Inwood proposed the lowest price and will begin to supply pizza Thursday through Sunday.

Mr. Keigher informed that Board that the Inwood Sports Complex continues to be busy with adult softball leagues playing Monday through Friday along with the baseball tournaments during the week and weekends.

John Ekstrom, Director of Parks & Golf Grounds, updated the Board on the Grove Road Park project and the ticket booth at the Inwood Sports Complex.

Mr. Ekstrom stated that the perimeter fence at Joliet Reginal Airport was damaged due to a car accident. The fence will be repaired tomorrow.

Mr. Ekstrom noted that there are currently six staff members mowing the parks.

H. Action Items

1. Old Business

There was no old business.

2. New Business

- a. Administration of Oath of Office to newly elected Commissioners
Board President turns the meeting over to Board Secretary to administer the oath of office to newly elected Commissioners, after which the new Commissioners are seated.

President Gulas turned the meeting over to Mr. Staab, who asked Sue Gulas to come forward. Will County Chief Judge Dan Kennedy then administer the oath of office to Commissioner Sue Gulas.

Mr. Staab then asked Bill Tatro to come forward. Leann Tatro then administered a ceremonial oath of office to Commissioner Tatro. Note: Before the Board Meeting on May 24, 2017, Secretary Staab administered the oath of office to Commissioner Tatro in Mr. Staab's office.

Mr. Staab then asked Joe Mutz to come forward. Retired Judge Ned Masters then administered the oath of office to Commissioner Mutz.

b. Election of Officers

1. President

Mr. Staab opened the floor up for nominations for the office of President. Commissioner Jobe-Gavin nominated Commissioner Gulas. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Paul and it carried as follows:

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

Nays: None

2. Vice President

Mr. Staab then opened the floor for nominations for the office of Vice President. Commissioner Paul nominated Commissioner Tatro. Commissioner Jobe-Gavin seconded the nomination and it carried as follows:

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

- c. Appointment of other officers (by newly elected President)
 - 1. Secretary

President Gulas nominated Brad Staab as Board Secretary.

- 2. Treasurer

President Gulas nominated Lisa Banovetz as Board Treasurer.

A motion was made by Vice President Tatro, seconded by Commissioner Jobe-Gavin, to approve the appointments of Brad Staab as Secretary and Lisa Banovetz as Treasurer. The motion carried as follows:

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

- d. Committee Appointments
 - 1. Joliet Regional Airport

President Gulas appointed Vice President Tatro and Commissioner Paul to the Joliet Regional Airport Committee.

- 2. Joliet Park Foundation

President Gulas appointed Commissioner Jobe-Gavin to serve with him on the Joliet Park Foundation Board.

A motion was made by Commissioner Paul, seconded by Commissioner Jobe-Gavin, to approve the committee appointments. The motion carried as follows:

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

Agenda item H. /1. Presentation to Outgoing Commissioner Joe Clement was moved up before incoming Commissioner Mutz took his seat.

President Gulas recognized outgoing Commissioner and Vice President Joe Clement by presenting him with an Outstanding Leadership award for providing thoughtful guidance and inspiring excellence and leading with honor, commitment, and integrity.

Commissioner Clement commented on how this Board, the previous Board and staff have worked together collectively to do what is in the best interest of the people of the Park District and was able to turn the District around financially. Commissioner Clement listed several

accomplishments including hiring essential staff; construction of the new addition at the Inwood Sports Complex that was completed in house; renegotiated existing contracts and added new tenants at the Inwood Athletic Center; and installations of new playgrounds. Commissioner Clement lastly thanked staff for their hard work and his family who supported him all along.

e. Resolution 21-203 – Funds of the District

Ms. Banovetz stated that the Resolution covers the investment of the Park District funds and designates authorized signators.

Commissioner Paul made a motion to approve Resolution #21-203 – Funds of the District. Vice President Tatro seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

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

f. Resolution #21-204 – Surplus Equipment

Commissioner Jobe-Gavin made a motion to approve Resolution #21-204, allowing the disposal of surplus equipment and other non-usable items. Commissioner Paul seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

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

f. Approval of Ordinance #842 – Cash Contribution in Lieu of Land
Timber Oaks

Commissioner Mutz made a motion to approve Ordinance #842 which adopts an agreement with Tall Oaks Group, LLC for a cash contribution of \$74,000 in lieu of land for the Timber Oaks Subdivision. Commissioner Jobe-Gavin seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

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

g. Special Use Permits

Mr. Staab presented a Special Use Permit application completed by Mark Breman for an anniversary bash for Linda's Pizza at Preservation Park. The event would be held on August 7, 2021. The event would include 100-500 people (open to the public), include live music and sale of pizza, pop, water, and alcohol.

The Board commented about concerns on the amount of people and what type of permits from the City of Joliet and insurance was needed. There was a discussion about how the

Board is not comfortable to allow alcohol at the event and how it would establish a precedent of allowing users to sell or serve alcohol to the public at Park District parks.

The Board requested additional information regarding cost of police presence, permits and insurance, including whether or not the event can be held if serving alcohol is not approved.

There was a motion by Commissioner Jobe-Gavin to table the agenda item. The motion was seconded by President Gulas and carried as follows:

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

Nays: None

G. Board Comment

1. Presentation to Outgoing Commissioner Joe Clement

Agenda item was moved to earlier in the meeting.

Vice President Tatro stated that it was a pleasure to work with Commissioner Clement and wished him luck at the City of Joliet as a new Councilman.

President Gulas stated that she is humbled to be reelected and looks forward to completion of existing projects along with new plans for the future. President Gulas is looking forward to another successful four years.

President Gulas noted that the Concert in the Park on May 21 was packed and new this year is allowing a few vendors to have food trucks. The Dock at Inwood and TCBY were there and they appeared to be busy all night.

President Gulas commended the Inwood Athletic Club staff for the sold out Hill Yeah! 5k Challenge at West Park and also thanked Mr. Keigher, Mr. Ekstrom and Park Services on the construction and operation of the bar at the Inwood Sports Complex, which has been extremely successful since opening.

Commissioner Jobe-Gavin welcomed new Commissioner Joe Mutz and congratulated Commissioner Clement on his new position on the City of Joliet Council.

Commissioner Mutz thanked everyone who supported him and will give his all while serving on the Park Board for the next four years and stated that it was a pleasure to work with Commissioner Clement for two years on the Park Board.

- I. 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 5:45pm, a motion was made by President Gulas, seconded by Vice President 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, Jobe-Gavin, Paul, Mutz

Nays: None

- J. Reconvene to Open Session

At 6:26pm, 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, Jobe-Gavin, Mutz, Tatro

Nays: None

- J. Action from Executive Session

There was no action.

- K. Adjournment

With all agenda items discussed, a motion to adjourn was made by President Gulas. His motion was seconded by Vice President Tatro and it carried unanimously. The time was 6:27pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Teri Talarico

Recording Secretary