

Regular Meeting
September 28, 2015

At the call of President Glen Marcum, the Joliet Park District Board of Commissioners met for a Regular Meeting on Monday, September 28, 2015 in the Board Room of the Presence Inwood Athletic Club, 3000 W. Jefferson Street, Joliet, IL. The meeting began at 5:00pm.

Pledge to the Flag

The Pledge to the Flag was led by Vice President Schultz.

Commissioners Present: Marcum, Schultz, Broderick, Gulas, Mutz

Commissioners Absent: None

- A. Approval of the minutes for Special Meeting and Executive Session of August 18, 2015 and for Regular Meeting and Executive Session of August 24, 2015

A motion was made by Vice President Schultz, seconded by Commissioner Mutz, to approve the minutes for Special Meeting and Executive Session of August 18, 2015 and for Regular Meeting and Executive Session of August 24, 2015. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: All in favor

Nays: None

- B. Approval of the bills and payroll for the month of August 2015

A motion was made by Commissioner Mutz, seconded by Commissioner Gulas, to approve the bills and payroll for the month of August 2015. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: All in favor

Nays: None

- C. Treasurer's Report for the month of August 2015

Matt Pehle, Interim Chief Executive Officer/Director of Finance, gave the Treasurer's Report for the month of August 2015 as follows:

Cash on hand beginning of month:	\$ 1,235,383.01
Total Receipts during month:	\$ 1,776,396.81
Total Disbursements during month:	\$ 2,164,442.59
Cash on hand end of month:	\$ 847,337.23
Total Investments:	\$15,279,387.87
Total Cash and Investments:	\$16,126,725.10

Mr. Pehle noted that the Operating Fund balance at the end of month was \$1,392,741.39 compared to \$1,291,410.90 last year which is up over \$100,000. Since there has been some Fall Concert disbursements, expenses are up compared to last year.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mutz, seconded by Commissioner Gulas, to approve the Treasurer's Report for August 2015. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: All in favor

Nays: None

D. Resolutions Recognizing Softball Teams: Road Dawgs, Quack Pack, KBI, Pullara Construction and Insanity

Commissioner Gulas presented the following resolution honoring the Quack Pack Softball Team: Whereas: The Quack Pack Softball Team finished in 1st place in Men's USSSA E State tournament on August 22, 2015; and Whereas: The Quack Pack Softball Team finished 2nd at the USSSA Great Lakes E National on September 5, 2015; and Whereas: The Quack Pack Softball Team represented the Joliet Park District through its high quality level of play and brought forth distinguished prestige to the softball community in the city of Joliet. Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Joliet Park District, through it duly authorized and assembled Board of Commissioners, publicly commends the Quack Pack Softball Team and recognizes their outstanding achievements. Be It Further Resolved that this Resolution be spread of record and a copy be presented to the Quack Pack Softball Team. Dated, at Joliet, Illinois this 28th day of September, 2015.

Commissioner Broderick presented the following resolution honoring the Insanity Softball Team: Whereas: The Insanity Softball Team finished in 3rd place at the USSSA Women's D State Tournament on August 15, 2015; and Whereas: The Insanity Softball Team finished in 2nd place at the 2015 Joliet Park District City Tournament Women's Division on July 24, 2015; and Whereas: The Insanity Softball Team represented the Joliet Park District through its high quality level of play and brought forth distinguished prestige to the softball community in the city of Joliet. Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Joliet Park District, through it duly authorized and assembled Board of Commissioners, publicly commends the Insanity Softball Team and recognizes their outstanding achievements. Be It Further Resolved that this Resolution be spread of record and a copy be presented to the Insanity Softball Team. Dated, at Joliet, Illinois this 28th day of September, 2015.

Commissioner Broderick presented the following resolution honoring the Pullara Construction Softball Team: Whereas: The Pullara Construction Softball Team finished in 3rd place in USSSA Men's C State tournament on August 8, 2015 and finished the 2015 season ranked 6th in the nation in USSSA points; and Whereas: The Pullara Construction Softball Team finished 2nd at the 2015 Joliet Park District City Tournament Men's Open Division on July 24, 2015; and Whereas: The Pullara Construction Softball Team represented the Joliet Park District through its high quality level of play and brought forth distinguished prestige to the softball community in the city of Joliet. Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Joliet Park District, through it duly authorized and assembled Board of Commissioners, publicly commends the Pullara Construction Softball Team and recognizes their outstanding achievements. Be It Further Resolved that this Resolution be spread of record and a copy be presented to the Pullara Construction Softball Team. Dated, at Joliet, Illinois this 28th day of September, 2015.

Commissioner Mutz presented the following resolution honoring the KBI Softball Team: Whereas: The KBI Softball Team finished in 1st place at Illinois USSSA Conference Tournament on August 1, 2015, 1st place in the Men's C State tournament on August 8, 2015 and 2nd place in the USSSA Men's C National tournament on September 12, 2015; and Whereas: The KBI Softball Team won their Joliet Park District Thursday night men's double header "B" league with a record of 22 wins and 2 losses and won the 2015 Joliet Park District City Tournament Men's Open Division title on July 24, 2015; and Whereas: The KBI Softball Team represented the Joliet Park District through its high quality level of play and brought

forth distinguished prestige to the softball community in the city of Joliet. Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Joliet Park District, through it duly authorized and assembled Board of Commissioners, publicly commends the KBI Softball Team and recognizes their outstanding achievements. Be It Further Resolved that this Resolution be spread of record and a copy be presented to the KBI Softball Team. Dated, at Joliet, Illinois this 28th day of September, 2015.

President Marcum presented the following resolution honoring the Road Dawgs Softball Team: Whereas: The Road Dawgs Softball Team finished in 1st place at the GSL Men's D State tournament on July 26, 2015; and Whereas: The Road Dawgs Softball Team finished in 1st place at the 2015 Joliet Park District City Tournament Men's Competitive Division on July 24, 2015; and Whereas: The Road Dawgs Softball Team represented the Joliet Park District through its high quality level of play and brought forth distinguished prestige to the softball community in the city of Joliet. Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Joliet Park District, through it duly authorized and assembled Board of Commissioners, publicly commends the Road Dawgs Softball Team and recognizes their outstanding achievements. Be It Further Resolved that this Resolution be spread of record and a copy be presented to the Road Dawgs Softball Team. Dated, at Joliet, Illinois this 28th day of September, 2015.

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

Pam Heavens, Will-Grundy Center for Independent Living Executive Director, invited the Commissioners and everyone in attendance to the "Stroll-n-Roll-n-Survey Our Park" event at Pilcher Park on Saturday, October 3, 2015.

F. Communications

President Marcum stated that Vice President Schultz will be recognized for his 10 years of service as a Park Board Commissioner at the IAPD Best of the Best Gala on Friday, October 2, 2015.

1. Staff Reports
 - a. Audit

Mr. Pehle stated that a representative from Lauterbach & Amen, LLP was unable to attend tonight's meeting however if the Board requested, they would be available for the October board meeting.

Mr. Pehle presented to the Board the Audit Report for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2015. The Joliet Park District received a clean opinion which is the highest level opinion issued. Mr. Pehle noted two financial highlights are that the Joliet Park District's net position increased as a result of this year's operations; net position increased by \$161,412,00 and the District's two primary operating funds, General and Recreation, increased by \$255,021.00. Overall the District's deficit is down 60%. Our goal will be to continue to lower the deficit.

Mr. Pehle stated that the Joliet Park District is self-funded for insurance and it was a difficult year. The insurance fund is still positive however the fund is losing money each year so we will need to look into the funding for the internal insurance fund. Mr. Pehle noted that overall fiscal year ending April 30, 2015 was a beneficial year.

Commissioner Broderick inquired about any concerns in the next 12-36 months. Mr. Pehle mentioned some concerns would be funding for the Insurance Fund, a possible property tax freeze and an increase in minimum wage. Mr. Pehle noted that the Joliet Park District has already seen and impact on the CCR&R program which affects the pre-school and after-school programs.

b. Design Concepts – Garnsey Park and Heggie Field

Mr. Burich, Director of Planning and Parks, presented design concepts for Heggie Field and Garnsey Park to the Board. The two parks will be renovated using the funds from the 2014 Referendum.

There were two options for Heggie Field. One option would be to switch the soccer field with the playground so the soccer balls would not fly into the playground area. Currently there are two basketball courts. The design showed two and half courts. Mr. Burich is looking to improve the parking lot along with creating accessible parking spots near the shelter. Mr. Burich stated that the project is not ready to go out to bid at this time. President Marcum inquired about the lighting at the park. Mr. Burich said that lighting will be reviewed but there is conflicting opinions from the community about additional lighting at parks. Some believe lighting discourages vandalism but others believe that it invites people to gather at night.

Mr. Burich stated that there are concerns from the neighborhood about the amount of open play area at Garnsey Park. A possible solution would be to remove one tennis court while renovating the other court. Mr. Burich mentioned that a walking trail around the baseball field is being reviewed.

Mr. Burich briefly discussed plans for parking and accessibility for Grove Road Park.

Brad Staab, Director of Public Relations/Marketing, updated the Board on the Fall Concert. Front Section tickets were selling well and there would be food trucks at the concert including RQ Barbecue, Cemenos Pizza and TCBY.

Ted Brodeur, Director of Revenue Facilities, informed the Board that the Presence Inwood Athletic Club staff held a one day membership sale. There were 550 memberships sold during the sale.

Terry Keigher, Director of Recreation, stated that Casey O'Connell, Recreation Superintendent, and Melissa Miller, Gymnastic Supervisor, sold \$2,500 dollars in gymnastic merchandise. Ms. O'Connell and Karen Cooper, Recreation Superintendent, has two busses going on the Cape Cod trip. The group will be leaving Sunday, October 4th and returning on Saturday, October 10th.

G. Action Items

1. Old Business

There was no Old Business brought to the Board.

2. New Business

a. 2015 Property Insurance

Mr. Pehle stated the Joliet Park District received a quote for \$67,848.00 on the Property Insurance renewal for the year October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016 from the District's broker Mudron Kane Insurance. Mr. Pehle stated that this is up five percent from last year but after calling around, he found it was similar to other agencies. Mr. Pehle recommended the renewal of the property insurance proposal of \$67,848.00.

A motion was made by Vice President Schultz, seconded by Commissioner Gulas, to approve the annual premium of \$66,848.00 for the Joliet Park District Property Insurance. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: All in favor

Nays: None

- b. Proposal for Access Consulting – Recreation Accessibility Consultants, LLC

Mr. Burich stated that he would recommend hiring Recreation Accessibility Consultants, LLC to review the trails in Pilcher Park. The company has been used before for other parks and the Joliet Memorial Stadium.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gulas, seconded by Commissioner Broderick, to approve staff's recommendation to approve an agreement with Recreation Accessibility Consultants, LLC under \$20,000 to review the Pilcher Park project's compliance with disability laws pending attorney review. The motion was carried as follows:

Ayes: All in favor

Nays: None

- H. Board Comment
 - 1. Committee Report
 - a. Policy

No Report was given.

- b. Joliet Park Foundation

President Marcum informed the Board that the Foundation will be holding a 50/50 raffle at the Fall Concert to raise funds for three Joliet Public School Parks.

- c. Joliet Regional Airport

Vice President Schultz congratulated staff on a successful Airport Festival.

- D. Executive Session: Consideration of the Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal of Specific Employees or to Hear Testimony on a Complaint Lodged Against an Employee to Determine its Validity; Pending Litigation; Probable or Imminent Litigation

At 5:55 pm a motion was made by Commissioner Broderick, seconded by Commissioner Mutz, to go into Executive Session for the purpose consideration of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees or to hear testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee to determine its validity; pending litigation; probable or imminent litigation. The motion unanimously carried.

H. Action from Executive Session

At 6:15 pm, a motion was made and seconded to exit Executive Session with no action taken. The motion unanimously carried.

J. Adjournment

At 6:16 pm, Commissioner Mutz motioned to adjourn the meeting. His motion was seconded by Vice President Schultz and it unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa L. Talarico
Board Secretary