

Regular Meeting
August 24, 2015

At the call of the President, Glen Marcum, the Joliet Park District Board of Commissioners met for a Regular Meeting in the Board Room of the Presence Saint Joseph Inwood Athletic Club, 3000 West 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.

Roll Call

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

Commissioners Absent: None

A. Approval of Administrative Leave for Chief Executive Officer

A motion was made by Commissioner Broderick, seconded by Commissioner Mutz, to approve administrative leave for the Chief Executive Officer. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: All in favor

Nays: None

B. Appointment of Interim Secretary to the Joliet Park District Board of Commissioners –
Teri Talarico

A motion was made by Commissioner Gulas, seconded by Vice President Schultz, to approve appointment of Interim Secretary to the Joliet Park District Board of Commissioners to Teri Talarico. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: All in favor

Nays: None

C. Appointment of Interim Chief Executive Officer of the Joliet Park District – Matt Pehle

A motion was made by Commissioner Broderick, seconded by Commissioner Gulas, to approve appointment of Interim Chief Executive Officer of the Joliet Park District to Matt Pehle. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: All in favor

Nays: None

President Marcum stated that we understand that the press would like more information to report to the public in regards to the status of the Chief Executive Officer. However, this is a pending matter under investigation. We need to not only protect the integrity of the investigation but also respect the privacy of our employees, so we cannot publicly speak at this time about this matter.

D. Approval of the minutes for Work Session and Executive Session of July 20, 2015 and for
Regular Meeting and Executive Session of July 27, 2015

A motion was made by Vice President Schultz, seconded by Commissioner Broderick, to approve the minutes of the Work Session and Executive Session of July 20, 2015 and for Regular Meeting and Executive Session of July 27, 2015. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: All in favor

Nays: None

E. Approval of the bills and payroll for the month of July 2015

Commissioner Broderick made a motion to approve the bills and payroll for the month of July 2015. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Gulas and it carried as follows:

Ayes: All in favor

Nays: None

F. Treasurer's Report for the month of July 2015

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

Cash on hand beginning of month:	\$ 1,778,360.36
Total Receipts during month:	\$ 2,094,660.74
Total Disbursements during month:	\$ 2,637,638.09
Cash on hand at end of month:	\$ 1,235,383.01
Total Investments:	\$15,793,899.38
Total Cash and Investments:	\$17,029,282.39

Mr. Pehle noted that the Operating Fund was at \$1,789,329.70 compared to \$1,636,985.79 at the same time last year. Golf and Splash Station had a strong second half of July due to dry weather.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mutz, seconded by Vice President Schultz, to approve the Treasurer's Report for July 2015 as given. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: All in favor

Nays: None

G. Opportunity for the Public to Speak

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

H. Communications

1. Staff Reports

Larry Burich, Director of Planning/Parks, informed the Board that we are waiting on IDOT to come out and turn on the Jefferson Street traffic signal. As of today, no date has been scheduled.

Mr. Pehle introduced Elizabeth Reyes, the new Human Resource Manager.

Brad Staab, Director Public Relations/Marketing, stated that staff is working on the Winter/Spring Catalog and updated the Board on Fall Concert ticket sales and sponsorships.

Ted Brodeur, Director of Revenue Facilities, updated the Board about the stadium lighting project. ComEd will be scheduling a date to come out and remove the old transformer from the building.

Terry Keigher, Director of Recreation, stated that the Recreation Department had a successful summer and are now preparing for the Winter/Spring programs. Mr. Keigher informed the Board about the next long distance trip to Cape Code.

I. Action Items

1. Old Business

a. Resolution #15-165 – Authorizing the Sale of Benton Street Park

Mr. Pehle stated that the Joliet Park District and Pastor Ramirez have been in negotiations regarding the sale of the Benton Street Park. Pastor Ramirez had stated in a previous meeting that the property is needed for the church to expand its parking lot. Counsel Marji Swanson stated that approving Resolution #15-165 is the first step. The sale will need to go to the court for approval. Mr. Burich informed the Board that Gutierrez Park is near Benton Street Park and since Gutierrez Park is larger in size, a bigger playground can be installed. Commissioner Broderick asked that the funds from the sale of Benton Street Park be used for improvements to Gutierrez Park. Mr. Pehle stated that the funds would go into the Park Improvement Fund and can be earmarked to go into the same area.

A motion was made by Commissioner Broderick, seconded by Commissioner Gulas, to approve Resolution #15-165 – Authorizing the Sale of Benton Street Park. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: All in favor

Nays: None

2. New Business

There was no New Business brought before the Board.

3. Bids and Award of Contracts

a. Award Installation of Playground Equipment: Crombie Park, Mayor Art Schultz Park and Paul E. Briese Park

Mr. Burich stated bids were received from Fuerte Systems Inc., Hacienda and George's Landscape for new playgrounds at Crombie Park, Paul E. Briese Park and Mayor Art Schultz Park plus alternate bids for drainage, benches and installation of Pour n' Place surface at Inwood Park Playground. It is the staff's recommendation to award this project to Fuerte Systems Inc., 20555 SE Frontage Road, Joliet, IL 60431 for the base bid of \$318,604.02. Furthermore the staff recommends that we do not proceed with the alternate projects at this time.

A motion was made by Vice President Schultz, seconded by Commissioner Mutz, to approve staff's recommendation to award this project to Fuerte Systems Inc., 20555 SE Frontage Road, Joliet, IL 60431 for the base bid in the amount of \$318,604.02. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: All in favor

Nays: None

b. Reject Installation of Playground Equipment: Gottschalg Park, Legion Park and Rockdale School

Mr. Burich stated bids were received from Hacienda and George's Landscape for installation of Playground Equipment at Gottschalg Park, Legion, Park and Rockdale School. Mr. Burch noted that since installation would be in the fall and not summer, staff would have the time to complete

the work. It is the staff's recommendation to reject all bids at this time and proceed with using in house labor to complete the installations.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gulas, seconded by Commissioner Mutz, to approve staff's recommendation to reject all bids at this time and proceed with using in house labor to complete the installations. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: All in favor

Nays: None

Mr. Burich informed the Board that Crombie Park, Paul E. Briese Park, Mayor Art Schultz, Gottschalg Park, Legion, Park and Rockdale School will be installed this year.

c. Reject Nowell Park Bath House Demolition

Mr. Burich stated bids were received from Gould Excavating, KLF Enterprises and Alpine Demolition but it is the staff's recommendation to reject all bids at this time, given that the new proposed building may change locations, and therefore the specifications for filling the vacated bath house may change.

A motion was made by Vice President Schultz, seconded by Commissioner Mutz, to approve staff's recommendation to reject all bids for the Nowell Park Bath House Demolition at this time. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: All in favor

Nays: None

d. Appointment of The Sotos Law Firm, P.C. as special counsel

A motion was made by Commissioner Gulas, seconded by Commissioner Broderick, to approve appointment of the Sotos Law Firm, P.C. as special counsel. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: All in favor

Nays: None

4. Quotes – Award of Contract

a. Award of 2015 Lease for Administrative Copiers

Mr. Pehle informed the Board that staff uses two copiers that are about nine years old and the cost of repairs is becoming too high. It is recommended that the quote of \$603.50/month from Canon Solutions America to replace the two copiers be accepted.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gulas, seconded by Commissioner Mutz, to approve staff's recommendation to accept the quote from Canon Solutions America. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: All in favor

Nays: None

J. Board Comment

President Marcum asked for a moment of silence in memory of Commissioner Gulas' father and former employee, Richard Georgantas.

1. Committee Report

a. Policy

Commissioner Broderick had no report. He informed the Board that the purpose of the Policy Committee is to develop policies, guidelines and procedures for the Park Board.

b. Joliet Park Foundation

President Marcum informed the Board that the Foundation had a successful Moonlight Golf Outing that raised around \$9,000.00.

c. Joliet Regional Airport

The minutes from the Joliet Regional Airport committee was submitted to the Board. Vice President Schultz informed the Board about the Airport Festival and Young Eagles Flight Day. Vice President Schultz did not have the dates but would include the dates in the Friday Report.

K. 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 5:25pm a motion was made by Commissioner Broderick, seconded by Vice President Schultz, to suspend the regular meeting and move into executive session for the purpose of 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.

L. Action from Executive Session

At 5:56 pm, a motion was made by Commissioner Gulas, seconded by Commissioner Mutz, to exit Executive Session with no action taken. The motion unanimously carried.

M. Adjournment

At 5:57pm with all agenda items discussed, a motion was made by Vice President Schultz, seconded by Commissioner Broderick, to adjourn the meeting. The motion unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa L. Talarico
Board Secretary