

Special Meeting
July 14, 2015

At the call of President Glen Marcum, the Joliet Park District Board of Commissioners met for a Special Meeting on Tuesday, July 14, 2015 at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, 205 East Jackson Street, Joliet, IL 60432. The meeting began at 6:00pm.

Pledge to the Flag

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

Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Marcum, Schultz, Gulas, Mutz

Commissioners Absent: Broderick

President Marcum noted that Commissioner Broderick was unable to attend the meeting.

A. Discussion of the East Side Recreation Center

Dominic Egizio, Chief Executive Officer, thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Mr. Egizio stated that the Joliet Park District staff and Board of Commissioners listened to the concerns and comments from the residents at the Special Meeting on May 5, 2015 regarding the Nowell Park Recreation Center. The staff is excited for the recreation center and believes that this facility will enhance the quality of life for the residents.

Mr. Egizio stated that the Bath House will need to be removed for the new recreation center but the Joliet Park District is committed to saving and repairing the pavilion.

Mr. Egizio introduced Daniel Atilano from Dewberry Architects.

1. Daniel Atilano, Dewberry Architects Inc.

Mr. Atilano noted that some of the plans and designs for the recreation center have been changed based on the comments about diversity in programming from the May 5, 2015 Special Meeting. Mr. Atilano stated that the basketball courts have been added and instead of the indoor walking track, a walking/biking path has been added to the outside. The IHSA basketball/volleyball courts use a portable wood floor system. The wooden floors are removable and will be stored at the recreation center. Under the portable wood floor is the indoor field turf for soccer and infield baseball practice. Around the perimeter of the field house will be a viewing area, a fitness center with lockers and showers, office space, restrooms, multi-purpose room, front desk/lobby and a child watch area.

Mr. Egizio noted that the child watch area is for a babysitting service limited to an hour and a half while patrons are using the facility.

Mr. Atilano showed that the recreation center will be built where the current parking lot is located and a new parking lot would be placed at the old pool site between the pavilion and the recreation center.

Mr. Atilano noted that the designs are still preliminary so there may be some changes once the construction begins. The timeline for the building to be completed would be October of 2016.

Mr. Egizio stated that the design and timeline for the Nowell Park Recreation Center will be presented to the Board for approval at the July 27, 2015 meeting.

B. Opportunity for the Public to Speak – 3 minute time limit

Robert Sanchez inquired about the budget for the recreation center and the ability for minority contractors to work on the project.

Mr. Egizio stated that the budget is based on the 2014 Referendum which 5.5 million was allocated to the building. The construction management company is Henry Bros. and they will keep local contractors in mind. Mr. Egizio informed Mr. Sanchez that as a park district, we must follow state guidelines which means that any work over \$20,000 will be competitively bid.

Cesar Cardenas commented on how the plans for the recreation center shows what the community has expressed. Soccer is very important in the community and there are many leagues looking for inside space. Mr. President Marcum thanked Mr. Cardenas for taking a very active part in the referendum committee.

Denise Winfrey thanked the Board for meeting with the community. Ms. Winfrey asked about plans for safe access to the walk/bike path. Mr. Egizio explained how the Joliet Park District is looking at starting a walk/bike path at the new parking lot and then joining the trail into the existing trail. There is also a possibility to add another entrance by the neighborhood.

Tawan Hughes commented that she has concerns about not having an indoor walking track. Ms. Hughes inquired about what type of salary will there be for employees. Mr. Egizio stated that the staffing is being looked at; typically for this size facility there would be one full-time manager and the rest of the staff is part-time.

Juan Gloria inquired about the showers at the recreation center. Mr. Gloria was concerned about the showers being shared by both adults and children.

Saul Brass inquired about the cost of the facility. Mr. Egizio said that the fee has not been determined but it will not be the same as the Inwood Athletic Club because Inwood has a pool.

C. Board Comments

President Marcum thanked everyone for coming and thanked Our Lady of Mt. Carmel for hosting the meeting.

D. Adjournment

With all agenda items discussed, a motion was made by Vice President Schultz, seconded by Commissioner Gulas, to adjourn the meeting. The motion unanimously carried. The time was 6:34pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dominic P. Egizio, Jr.
Board Secretary