

Regular Meeting
April 25, 2011

At the call of the President, Brett Gould, the Joliet Park District Board of Commissioners met for a Regular Meeting in the Board Room of the Provena Saint Joseph Inwood Athletic Club, 3000 W Jefferson Street, Joliet, IL. The meeting began at 5:04pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Gould, Spesia, Schultz, Albritton, Condon

Commissioners Absent: None

President Gould, seeing no objections from the Board, moved up agenda item E2, Resolutions Recognizing Special Recreation of Joliet and Channahon's Basketball Teams 1 and 2. Executive Director Dominic Egizio commented that the coaches and teams did great job and he appreciated them coming to the meeting to receive recognition from the Board.

Vice President Spesia read the resolution for Team #1 into the record as follows:

Resolution, Joliet Park District, A Tribute to SRJC (Special Recreation of Joliet and Channahon) Basketball Team #1. Whereas: SRJC Team #1 won 1st place in the Special Olympics Illinois State Basketball Tournament on March 12 and 13, 2011; and Whereas:

The SRJC Team #1 brought distinguished prestige to the community through its outstanding sportsmanship; and Whereas: The SRJC Team #1, consisting of coaches Katie Dillon, Dan Hughes, and Laura Brumfiel and the following players: Jason Akbar, Tim Gunter, Thomas Howes, Jeff Johnson, Dean Piver, Dave Powers, Tim Pruett and Nas Tabb, playing its regular season games at the Joliet Park District Multi-Purpose Center, was an inspiration to adults and youngsters of the Joliet area; Now, Therefore, be It Resolved by the Joliet Park District, through its duly authorized and assembled Board of Commissioners, publicly commends SRJC Team #1 and recognizes this outstanding achievement; Be It Further Resolved, that this Resolution be spread of record and a copy be presented to the SRJC Team #1. Dated, at Joliet, Illinois this 25th day of April, 2011.

Team #1 received congratulations from the Board and then a motion was made by Commissioner Schultz, seconded by Commissioner Condon, to adopt the resolution. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: All in favor

Nays: None

President Gould read the resolution for Team #2 into the record as follows:

Resolution, Joliet Park District, A Tribute to SRJC (Special Recreation of Joliet and Channahon) Basketball Team #2. Whereas: SRJC Team #2 won 3rd place in the Special Olympics Illinois State Basketball Tournament on March 12 and 13, 2011; and Whereas: The SRJC Team #2 brought distinguished prestige to the community through its outstanding sportsmanship; and Whereas: The SRJC Team #2, consisting of coaches Sara Kunke, Caitlin Dalton, Rayna Smith,

Justin Mueller, and the following players: Todd Benda, Arthur Carter, Dwayne Deming, Allen Havranek, Astyn Jones, Mike Martz, Kim Raymond, James Russio, Kari Seroka, Jennifer Skoien and Denise Wordlaw, playing its regular season games at the Joliet Park District Multi-Purpose Center, was an inspiration to adults and youngsters of the Joliet area; Now, Therefore, be It Resolved by the Joliet Park District, through its duly authorized and assembled Board of Commissioners, publicly commends SRJC Team #2 and recognizes this outstanding achievement; Be It Further Resolved, that this Resolution be spread of record and a copy be presented to the SRJC Team #2; Dated, at Joliet, Illinois this 25th day of April, 2011.

Team #2 then received congratulations from the Board followed by a motion by Commissioner Schultz, seconded by Vice President Spesia, to adopt the resolution. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: All in favor
Nays: None

President Gould congratulated SRJC on the success of their recent Candlelight Bowl fundraiser.

A. Approval of the minutes of Regular Meeting and Executive Session of March 21, 2011
Commissioner Albritton moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting and Executive Session of March 21, 2011. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Condon and it carried as follows:

Ayes: All in favor
Nays: None

B. Approval of the bills, payroll and petty cash for the month of March 2011
A motion was made by Vice President Spesia, seconded by Commissioner Schultz, to approve the bills, payroll and petty cash for the month of March 2011.

Commissioner Condon asked about the gas sales for fuel at Joliet Regional Airport. Business Manager Steve Bixenmann said we charge a mark-up over what we pay for it.

With no other questions, the motion was voted on and it carried as follows:

Ayes: All in favor
Nays: None

C. Treasurer's Report for the month of March 2011
Mr. Bixenmann gave Treasurer's Report for the month of March 2011 as follows:

Cash on hand beginning of month:	\$ 43,805.76
Total Receipts during month:	\$1,333,709.19
Total Disbursements during month:	\$1,308,134.24
Cash on hand end of month:	\$ 69,380.71
Total Investments:	\$5,080,226.68

Total Cash and Investments: \$5,149,607.39

Commissioner Condon asked for a clarification regarding the 'Price Changes' line item on page 1 of the Treasurer's Report. Mr. Bixenmann advised this reflects changes in interest rates for securities.

A motion was made by Vice President Spesia, seconded by Commissioner Condon, to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of March 2011 as presented. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: All in favor

Nays: None

1. Bills

- a. Joliet Memorial Stadium - Walsh Construction \$60,794.00
(less 1% retainage of \$15,000)

Mr. Egizio advised that, with the rain we have been receiving, staff is getting a good idea about the condition of the turf. The field is fine when we get a hard rain but when the rain is light, there still seems to be an issue with drainage. He said he would like to continue to wait to pay the invoice until the issue is resolved. The Board took no action.

D. Opportunity for the Public to Speak - 3 minute time limit

Greg Malanca, 824 E North Street, Lockport, IL, addressed the Board, saying he was attending to continue to represent the 72 people that signed their petition that requests horses be allowed in Pilcher Park. He said the Joliet Park District is losing out on an opportunity for people to experience horses.

Lynn Richardson 17563 Meader Road, Homer Glen, IL asked if there was anything that shows what the Park District's plan is for the future of Pilcher Park. Mr. Egizio gave Ms. Richardson a copy of the Pilcher Park Master Plan.

E. Communications

1. Executive Director's Correspondence

Mr. Egizio reported that the Northern Illinois Hockey League recently held their annual championships at Inwood Ice Arena. They presented the Joliet Park District with their Silver Ring Award in recognition of our service to the hockey community.

Ted Brodeur, Superintendent of Revenue Facilities and Golf Operations, gave an update on the juice bar relocation to the main floor of the Inwood Athletic Club. The bar has been opened for a month and has sold \$9,522.50 in product versus \$2,982.00 during the same time period when the bar was located on the second floor. Construction costs, including material, labor and equipment should be approximately \$25,000.00. The new bar has been a big hit with the pool and ice people. Offerings at the bar will include more natural, healthy product and a kid's size smoothie has been added to the menu.

Ticket sales for Taste of Joliet are at \$3,500 this year which is ahead of the \$2,800 in sales at this time last year. Staff has secured \$190,000 in verbal sponsorship commitments which will cover entertainment costs. More vendors have applied than we have spots for so we will work with the local restaurants first.

President Gould recognized Commissioner-elect Glen Marcum and congratulated him on his election to the Park Board.

Mr. Egizio thanked the commissioners who were able to attend the Rockdale Ramblin' Run. He advised that a \$13,000 profit is anticipated. Commissioner Schultz commended the staff for another great event.

Commissioner Schultz asked for a status on the awning installation at Wedgewood Golf Course and Inwood Softball Complex. Superintendent of Parks Dale Judevine said the weather has been a problem and his staff was also working on the juice bar relocation at Inwood Athletic Club at the same time. He continued that work at Wedgewood is coming along well but the roof for the Sports Complex is on backorder. Mr. Judevine said the work at Wedgewood will be completed within two weeks.

Mr. Egizio said the Park District will celebrate Arbor Day at Inwood Park this Friday. WJOL will do a live feed from the park. Any commissioners who would be interested in being interviewed should contact him or Brad Staab.

Mr. Egizio said the meeting that he and President Gould had with Congressman Adam Kinzinger at Airport went well. He is confident the Congressman will follow up.

Mr. Egizio advised the work that needs to be done on our pools to comply with the Virginia Graehme Baker Act will be expensive. The accessibility audit of our parks and facilities that is required by ADA will also be expensive.

Mr. Egizio gave each Board member a letter advising of his available sick and vacation time as required by his contract with the Park District.

a. Airport Advisory Committee - March & April Meeting Minutes

The March and April meeting minutes of the Airport Advisory Committee were submitted for the record. Mr. Egizio advised that a detailed report regarding June's Airshow will be available at the Park Board's May meeting.

b. Joliet Park Foundation - March Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the Joliet Park Foundation's March meeting were submitted to the Board for the record. Vice President Spesia noted that her name was omitted from the attendance list in the minutes. Staff noted the error and will correct the minutes to reflect her attendance at the meeting.

Commissioner Condon asked if the Joint Waterpark Committee meeting was going to be rescheduled. Mr. Egizio advised that our liquor license application is in the City's hands and he

has not been informed of another meeting. President Gould noted everything the Park District was required to do for the application process has been done, including payment of the fee. We will have to wait to see what the new liquor commissioner's decision will be.

2. Resolutions Recognizing Special Recreation of Joliet and Channahon's Basketball Teams 1 and 2

This agenda item was addressed earlier in the meeting

F. Action Items

1. Old Business

There was no Old Business brought to the Board for consideration

a. Resolution #11-125, Renaming of Bluff Plaza Park to Mayor Art Schultz Park

Mr. Egizio stated that staff recommends approval of Resolution #11-125 to rename Bluff Plaza Park to Mayor Art Schultz Park. President Gould read the resolution into the record as follows: Resolution #11-125, Joliet Park District, A Tribute to Arthur Schultz. Whereas: Arthur Schultz, Mayor of the City of Joliet for nearly 20 years has announced his retirement effective May 3, 2011; and Whereas: Arthur Schultz has given nearly 49 years of continuous service to the City of Joliet; and Whereas: Arthur Schultz began his career with the City of Joliet in the early 1960's, serving 29 years with the Joliet Police Department, retiring with the rank of lieutenant; and Whereas: Arthur Schultz was elected Mayor of the City of Joliet in 1991, the first mayor to be elected to five terms; and Whereas: Arthur Schultz was instrumental in revitalizing Joliet's economy through a number of projects, including Joliet's Splash Station Waterpark, the renovation of Union Station, the Construction of a new police station and four fire stations, the Joliet West Library, the Joliet Area Historical Museum, Silver Cross Minor League Baseball Field, Harrah's Joliet Casino, Hollywood Casino Joliet, Chicagoland Speedway, Route 66 Raceway, the Autobahn and CenterPoint Intermodal Center; and Whereas: Arthur Schultz led the City of Joliet to become the fourth largest city in Illinois during his tenure as mayor; and Whereas: Arthur Schultz is an active, well respected member of the community and a fine example of leadership. Now, Therefore, be it resolved that the Joliet Park District, through its duly authorized and assembled Board of Commissioners, renames Bluff Plaza Park to Mayor Art Schultz Park in honor of Arthur Schultz; Be It Further Resolved, that this Resolution be spread of record and a copy be presented to Arthur Schultz as a tribute to his service to the City of Joliet. Dated, at Joliet, Illinois, this 25th day of April, 2011.

A motion was made by Commissioner Albritton, seconded by Commissioner Condon, to adopt Resolution 11-125. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Albritton, Condon, Spesia, Gould

Nays: None

Abstain: Schultz

Mr. Egizio advised the ribbon cutting will be held on Thursday, May 26, 2011 at 3:00pm.

2. New Business

a. Approval of 2011-2012 Annual Budget

1. Ordinance #757 - Annual Budget & Appropriation Ordinance

Mr. Bixenmann presented Ordinance 757 to the Board for consideration. He said the budget depicts and increase in the local tax levy of 3.65%. If approved the budget will be passed with a tentative real estate levy with the levy ordinance brought to the Board in November or December when the levy is clearer. It is estimated that our tax rate will rise from the present .30 to approximately .32.

A motion was made by Commissioner Schultz, seconded by Commissioner Condon, to adopt Ordinance #757 – Annual Budget & Appropriation Ordinance. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: All in favor

Nays: None

G. Executive Session

There is no Executive Session

H. Action from Executive Session

There was no Executive Session

I. Adjournment

With all agenda items discussed, a motion was made by Commissioner Schultz, seconded by Vice President Spesia to adjourn the meeting. The motion unanimously carried. The time was 5:36pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dominic P. Egizio Jr.
Board Secretary