

Regular Meeting
August 22, 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 5:00pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Glen Marcum.

Roll Call

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

Commissioners Absent: None

A. Approval of the minutes of Special Meeting of July 18, 2011 and Regular Meeting and Executive Session of July 25, 2011

Executive Director Dominic Egizio stated that the last page of the July 18th Special Meeting minutes should be corrected to say the motion was made by Commissioner Marcum. He then recommended approval of the minutes as corrected. A motion was made by Commissioner Albritton, seconded by Commissioner Schultz, to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of July 18, 2011 as corrected and to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting and Executive Session of July 25, 2011. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: All in favor

Nays: None

B. Approval of bills, payroll and petty cash for the month of July 2011

Vice President Condon made a motion to approve the bills, payroll and petty cash for the month of July 2011. Her motion was seconded by Commissioner Schultz.

Vice President Condon asked about the charges from Signs by Tomorrow. Superintendent of Programming Terry Keigher advised the purchase was for new rules and regulations signs for the attractions at Splash Station. Commissioner Marcum asked if all of the office trailers have been hooked up and Mr. Egizio advised the last hook up was completed today. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: All in favor

Nays: None

C. Treasurer's Report for the month of July 2011 Business Manager

Business Manager Steve Bixenmann read the Treasurer's Report for the month of July 2011 as follows:

Cash on hand beginning of month:	\$ 751,640.59
Total Receipts during month:	\$2,022,099.98
Total Disbursements during month:	\$2,666,504.64
Cash on hand end of month:	\$ 107,235.93
Total Investments:	\$5,978,040.23
Total Cash and Investments:	\$6,085,276.16

Mr. Bixenmann advised that debt service payments have been incorporated into the Treasurer's Report. President Gould asked about the more than \$1million in the Park/Land Ordinance Fund. Mr. Bixenmann advised this money is dedicated to park site construction. Mr. Egizio said there was money left after some of the parks were completed and it will be used for park sites for which a developer donated all land and no cash. Park District Attorney Nick Sakellariou said that, by City of Joliet ordinance and by Illinois case law, any money donated for a subdivision must be used for a park in that subdivision or for a regional park that services that area. For instance, developer money can be used for a facility like the Inwood Athletic Club as long as it services the particular subdivision that the money was donated for. Developer money can only be used for capital, not operations. A motion was made by Commissioner Schultz, seconded by Commissioner Albritton, to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of July as read. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: All in favor

Nays: None

D. Opportunity for Public to Speak -3 minutes time limit

When given the opportunity, Pat Mudron, 1153 Buell Avenue, Joliet, addressed the Board regarding Item F2c. Cincinnati Insurance - Broker of Record. Our agent, Shamus Mudron, left Northern Insurance and is now with Mudron-Kane Insurance. He would like the opportunity to represent Mudron-Kane to quote Cincinnati Insurance to the Park District.

E. Communications

1. Executive Director's Correspondence

Mr. Egizio said that one of the two new state laws that affect the Park District pertains to concussions. Originally, our role was to determine if an athlete is suffering from concussion. Under the new law, our role is to provide education only. Staff has been working with Provena St. Joseph Medical Center to prepare handouts to be distributed to our athletes. The information will also be emailed and provide in our kiosks. Our parent sign off sheets will be modified so that when the sheet is signed, the parent is also signing that he or she has been notified of the concussion law.

Opening day for fall soccer is September 10th at the Inwood Soccer Complex. It will be preceded by a ribbon cutting at 8:00am. Because the Park District no longer leases property from Commonwealth Edison for the Bob Fowler Soccer Fields, a plaque will be dedicated in memory of Bob Fowler at the soccer fields.

Mr. Egizio encouraged the Commissioners to attend Saturday's *Sunset at Bird Haven* fund raiser at Bird Haven Greenhouse.

Mr. Egizio advised he will speak at Rotary Club's Noon luncheon tomorrow. He also reported that he has not been contacted by the City of Joliet regarding recent comments about closing Splash Station. The Park District expects the City of Joliet to honor its agreement with the Park District. Mr. Sakellariou is in the process of reviewing the agreement and stated that the Park District has an agreement that we expect to be honored unless both parties agree to change it.

Mr. Egizio said that Inwood Golf Course is celebrating its 80th anniversary. The Park District received a Senate resolution from Senator AJ Wilhelmi honoring Inwood Golf Course.

Commissioner Schultz thanked the staff for a great job done at the Taste of Joliet and Sundowner 5k race.

2. Make A Difference Award - Gloria Fang

Mr. Egizio asked Gloria Fang to come forward with her supervisor Karen Cooper. Karen explained that Gloria went above and beyond her duties when a customer became distraught at her counter and that she did a great job keeping everyone one calm in a very difficult situation. President Gould then read the Make A Difference Award: On Thursday, August 4, 2011, Joliet Park District employee Gloria Fang responded to an emergency situation at the Multi Purpose Center. When assisting a customer with program registration, Gloria recognized that the customer was in medical distress. Without hesitation, she contacted her supervisor and also secured the customer's medical history for use by paramedics when they arrived on scene. Gloria's sensitivity to the situation at hand and her quick response were key to getting the customer needed medical assistance in a timely manner. The Joliet Park District appreciates Gloria's willingness to get involved and 'Make A Difference'. Mr. Egizio thanked Gloria and said she does a tremendous job for the Park District.

3. Outdoor Community Garden - Mission Boulevard Property

Mr. Egizio advised the staff is planning a ribbon cutting for the community garden that will be located on land between the Illinois Youth Center and River Valley Detention Center. Grant Coordinator Debbie Greene reported that she has applied for a \$25,000.00 grant to pay for the irrigation. She is also working on a couple other grant applications for fencing. Vice President Condon asked how it would work and Mr. Egizio said that the plots are 10 x 20 garden plots that would be rented to plant vegetables or flowers. It is hoped that 200 plots will be planted the first year; however, there is the potential for 400 plots. The County of Will has given us permission to use their parking lot.

F. Action Items

1. Old Business

There was no Old Business brought to the Board for consideration.

Commissioner Marcum asked if the bridge had been taken down in Pilcher Park. Superintendent of Parks Dale Judevine advised that he is waiting on an environmental report regarding the building before any work can start. Commissioner Marcum said the park has become a dumping ground and asked staff to research the possibility of closing the park to vehicular traffic. Mr. Egizio said staff will spend some time to research this possibility.

2. New Business

a. Resolution #11-131, Soccer Goal Safety and Education Policy

Mr. Egizio recommended adoption of Resolution #11-131, for compliance with the Soccer Goal Safety Act. Under the Act, notification will be given to all user groups and participants that Park District staff is the only one authorized to move our goals. The Park District has the new goals required by the Act. Staff will check the goal locations each Saturday morning and the goals will be removed and stored after the season is over. This will also become part of the parent sign off sheets and the policy will be posted in the kiosks at the soccer fields. A motion was made by Commissioner Albritton to adopt Resolution #11-131, Soccer Goal Safety and Education Policy. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Schultz and it carried as follows:

Ayes: All in favor

Nays: None

b. Cass Street TIF District

Mr. Bixenmann is serving on the committee. He advised the Cass Street TIF district runs just east of the viaduct on Cass Street to promote investment there. JPD is collecting taxes on what is there and we would continue to but we would not get the increased value for 23 years. It would probably amount to less than 1% of our EAV. The only other experience the Park District has had with TIF districts in recent years was the Rock Run TIF District which was beneficial to us. All taxing districts are affected by it. Mr. Egizio advised that a motion was not needed unless there was objection to the district. There was no objection given by the Board.

c. Cincinnati Insurance - Broker of Record

Commissioner Marcum said the most important thing in insurance is the agent you deal with and he made a motion for the Park District to name Shamus Mudron as our broker of record. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Schultz. Vice President Condon suggested that if our broker of record was Northern Insurance, we should stay with them. Mr. Bixenmann clarified that the current broker of record is Northern Insurance who we have been with for three years and our agent was Shamus Mudron. Mr. Mudron went to work for a different broker, Mudron-Kane Insurance. If the Board went with Mr. Mudron and Mudron-Kane Insurance, it would just be giving the new broker the right to get a quote from Cincinnati Insurance. When President Gould called for a vote, the motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Marcum, Schultz, Albritton, Gould

Nays: Condon

d. Perimeter Fencing - Joliet Regional Airport

Mr. Egizio said that replacement of the fencing at Joliet Regional Airport has been part of the TIPs project list for some time. As part of the bid process, the IL Department of Transportation received an alternate bid for black vinyl fencing which would be more aesthetically attractive. The cost to the Park District for the fencing is approximately \$11,000.00 and to add the alternate for black vinyl would be an additional \$16,000.00 for a total of \$27,000.00. Mr. Egizio said he previously polled the Board and received approval but the vote needed to be ratified in public session. A motion was then made by Commissioner Albritton, seconded by Commissioner Schultz, to ratify the Board's decision to approve the low bid from Lovewell Fencing and the alternate bid of \$16,000.00 for black vinyl siding, making the Park District's total cost for the work to be \$27,000.00. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: All in favor

Nays: None

e. Hanson Professional Services - Contract for Engineering Services at Joliet Regional Airport

Mr. Bixenmann advised that every five years, the Park District must approve the firm we will use for engineering services at Joliet Regional Airport. Hanson Professional Services has performed these services for the Park District for many years and developed the master plan at the airport. It was his opinion that switching companies now would be cumbersome. Mr. Bixenmann recommended we remain with Hanson Professional Services for engineering at Joliet Regional Airport. Commissioner Schultz made a motion to approve staff's recommendation. His motion was seconded by Vice President Condon and it carried as follows:

Ayes: All in favor

Nays: None

f. Superintendent of Planning

This agenda item was delayed until after Executive Session.

G. Executive Session - Land Acquisition; Personnel; Contract Negotiations

At 5:49pm, a motion was made by Vice President Condon, seconded by Commissioner Albritton, to suspend the regular meeting and move into executive session for the purpose of discussing land acquisition, personnel and contract negotiations. The motion unanimously carried.

H. Action for Executive Session

At 6:41pm, Commissioner Albritton moved to reconvene the regular meeting. His motion was seconded by Vice President Condon and it unanimously carried.

Mr. Egizio recommended tabling agenda item F2f. Superintendent of Planning to the next regular meeting in September. Commissioner Marcum moved to approve staff's recommendation. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Albritton and it unanimously carried.

There was no other action taken.

I. Adjournment

With all agenda items discussed, a motion was made by Vice President Condon, seconded by Commissioner Schultz, to adjourn the meeting. The motion unanimously carried. The time was 6:42pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dominic P. Egizio, Jr.
Board Secretary