

Regular Meeting
February 28, 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

Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Gould, Spesia, Condon, Schultz

Commissioners Absent: Albritton

A. Approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting and Executive Session of January 24, 2011.

Executive Director Dominic Egizio advised the January 24, 2011 Regular Meeting minutes needed to be corrected to add Commissioner Condon's name to the attendee list. There being no other corrections or additions, Commissioner Condon made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting and Executive Session of January 24, 2011 as corrected. Her motion was seconded by Vice President Spesia and it carried as follows:

Ayes: All in favor

Nays: None

B. Approval of the bills, payroll and petty cash for the month of January 2011 Vice President Spesia asked about the energy bill for Splash Station. Business Manager advised that more than half of that bill is a capacity charge which is a fee that is passed along to the customer based on its capacity. In addition, the electric bill is for two months because we switched vendors. Mr. Bixenmann advised that the Illinois Park and Recreation Association recommends a preferred energy consultant who will come in as an independent voice, do an audit and assist us to get proposals to lower our costs on bundled packages. President Gould asked if the consultant would assist us in looking for lighting grants. Mr. Bixenmann will check on this.

Vice President Spesia would like to continue receiving the explanation letter that accompanied the bills report. She asked about the costs from Martin Whalen for the copiers and was advised that all costs were for maintenance for our black and white copiers. The only copier we still lease is the color copier used by the marketing department.

A motion was made by Commissioner Albritton, seconded by Vice President Spesia to approve the bills, payroll and petty cash for the month of January, 2011. 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 \$15,000.00)

The Board of Commissioners took no action on this invoice as recommended by Mr. Egizio. He will recommend payment after the frost is out of the ground and it has been determined that there is no puddling on the field after Spring rains.

C. Treasurer's Report for the month of January 2011 Business Manager Steve Bixenmann gave the Treasurer's Report for the month of January 2011 as follows:

Cash on hand beginning of month:	\$161,387.12
Total Receipts during the month:	\$2,759,234.61
Total Disbursements during the month:	\$2,883,858.96
Cash on hand at end of month:	\$36,762.77
Total Investments:	\$4,855,072.93
Total Cash and Investments:	\$4,891,835.70

Vice President Spesia moved to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of January 2011 as presented. Commissioner Condon seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

Ayes: All in favor
Nays: None

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

When given the opportunity by President Gould, Francisco Bermudas from the Joliet Ravens addressed the Board. He is still looking for a place for his youth football team to practice and have games. With three registration dates remaining, they already have 180 football players and 64 cheerleaders. He would be open to renting Joliet Memorial Stadium but asked the Board to work with him on costs.

Mr. Egizio said the Stadium manager will call Mr. Bermudas when the schedule is finalized sometime in April.

Greg Malanca, 824 E North Street Lockport, thanked Nature Center Superintendent Debbie Greene and Mr. Egizio for meeting with his group. He said the information they received is negative. He noted that Mr. Egizio took exception to the group saying they did not get the proper respect, but he said they are not being addressed. No other user groups are being charged for use of the trails. He is disappointed that they have to try to come up with non-matching grant funds so the trails can be repaired because the Park District does not have the money. President Gould responded by saying the Park District has been working with Mr. Malanca and his group for some time, saying our staff has spent a significant amount of time with him. President Gould continued that when it was suggested that Mr. Malanca's group work on funding, they said they would do so, and the Board of Commissioners has made its case and until the District has what it needs in order to repair the trails, the decision of the Board stands.

E. Communications

1. Executive Director's Correspondence

Mr. Egizio said today's legislative breakfast was a success. He thanked Superintendent of Programming Terry Keigher and Wedgewood's Golf Manager/Pro, Jason Shook, for refereeing SRJC's basketball tournament. The Dick Biondi Sock Hop at the Multi Purpose Center

was also successful with 400 people attending. Last weekend's Turn Back the Clock closing party was well attended. D'Arcy's team won the contest.

a. Resolutions - Kelly Family Proclamations

President Gould asked the Kelly Family to come forward to be recognized for their work on Eagle Scout projects in Pilcher Park.

Commissioner Condon presented the following resolution honoring James R. Kelly: Whereas: James R. Kelly helped to restore and recreate the sensory trail at Pilcher Park Nature Center; and Whereas: James R. Kelly brought distinguished prestige to the community through his tireless efforts and dedication to Pilcher Park; and Whereas: James R. Kelly's vision for the sensory trail at Pilcher Park Nature Center has been realized, Now, Therefore, be it resolved that the Joliet Park District, through its duly authorized and assembled Board of Commissioners, publicly commends James R. Kelly and recognizes this outstanding achievement; Be It Further Resolved, that this Resolution be spread of record and a copy be presented to James R. Kelly. Dated at Joliet, Illinois this 28th day of February, 2011.

Commissioner Albritton presented the following resolution honoring Joseph L. Kelly: Whereas: Joseph L. Kelly built the bridges on the Trail of the Oaks; and Whereas: Joseph L. Kelly brought distinguished prestige to the community through his tireless efforts and dedication to Pilcher Park; and Whereas: Joseph L. Kelly's vision for the Trail of the Oaks at Pilcher Park Nature Center has been realized, Now, Therefore, be it resolved that the Joliet Park District, through its duly authorized and assembled Board of Commissioners, publicly commends Joseph L. Kelly and recognizes this outstanding achievement; Be It Further Resolved, that this Resolution be spread of record and a copy be presented to Joseph L. Kelly. Dated, at Joliet, Illinois this 28th day of February, 2011.

Vice President presented the following resolution honoring John C. Kelly: Whereas: John C. Kelly helped to restore and recreate the sensory trail at Pilcher Park Nature Center; and Whereas: John C. Kelly brought distinguished prestige to the community through his tireless efforts and dedication to Pilcher Park; and Whereas: John C. Kelly's vision for the sensory trail at Pilcher Park Nature Center has been realized, Now, Therefore, be it resolved that the Joliet Park District, through its duly authorized and assembled Board of Commissioners, publicly commends John C. Kelly and recognizes this outstanding achievement; Be It Further Resolved, that this Resolution be spread of record and a copy be presented to John C. Kelly. Dated at Joliet, Illinois this 28th day of February, 2011.

President Gould presented the following resolution honoring Michael A. Kelly: Whereas: Michael A. Kelly built the bridge from the Sensory Trail to the Quarter Mile Trail; and Whereas: Michael A. Kelly brought distinguished prestige to the community through his tireless efforts and dedication to Pilcher Park; and Whereas: Michael A. Kelly's vision for the Sensory Trail and Quarter Mile Trail at Pilcher Park Nature Center has been realized, Now, Therefore, be it resolved that the Joliet Park District, through its duly authorized and assembled Board of Commissioners, publicly commends Michael A. Kelly and recognizes this outstanding achievement; Be It Further Resolved, that this Resolution be spread of record and a copy be presented to Michael A. Kelly. Dated at Joliet, Illinois this 28th day of February, 2011.

President Gould presented the following resolution honoring John A. Kelly and Ruth Kelly: Whereas: John A. Kelly and Ruth Kelly inspired their children's philanthropic efforts at Pilcher Park; and Whereas: John A. Kelly and Ruth Kelly brought distinguished prestige to

the community through the tireless efforts of their children John C. Kelly, James R. Kelly, Joseph L. Kelly and Michael A. Kelly; and Whereas: John A. Kelly and Ruth Kelly, through the actions of their children, have helped to beautify Pilcher Park and the Joliet Park District, Now, Therefore, be it resolved that the Joliet Park District, through its duly authorized and assembled Board of Commissioners, publicly commends John A. Kelly and Ruth Kelly and recognizes this outstanding achievement; Be It Further Resolved, that this Resolution be spread of record and a copy be presented to John A. Kelly and Ruth Kelly. Dated at Joliet, Illinois this 28th day of February, 2011.

Mrs. Kelly spoke, saying the projects done by her sons in Pilcher Park have opened her eyes to the beautiful park and what Joliet Park District has to offer. She would like to see more scouts helping in the park.

b. Departmental Reports

Superintendent of Parks Dale Judevine reported that work continues to move the juice bar downstairs at the Inwood Athletic Club. There will be approximately three weeks of work remaining after the electric and plumbing are roughed in. The gymnastic floor at the Multi Purpose Center was moved 15' to the south and some of the subfloor was replaced because it was rotted. The ice rink lobby was painted.

Superintendent of Programming Terry Keigher advised that Splash Station has 10 lifeguard positions open, as well as 5 deck staff, 10 concession and admission workers and 5 maintenance positions open. Hartman and the Multi Purpose Center staffs are filled. There are 5 concession staff openings at the Inwood Sports Complex and there may be one opening for the ground crew there. Richie Marcum, a long time participant in Special Recreation of Joliet and Channon, passed away recently. The funeral procession stopped at four of his favorite places, one of them being the Multi Purpose Center.

Superintendent of Revenue Facilities and Golf Operations Ted Brodeur reported that positive feedback has been received about moving the juice bar. Staff has started to look at some different smoothie and food options that are healthier. Turn Back The Clock has just finished up. Six teams competed with a total group loss of 99 years of body age and 333 pounds in the 6 weeks. This past weekend was NIHL Super Saturday and Sunday. The tournament continues next weekend with the finals. Golf courses are preparing for opening day. It is hoped that Inwood Golf Course will be ready to open March 14th.

Superintendent of Communications/Marketing Brad Staab said the Taste of Joliet line-up is set and should be announced on the radio next Friday. The District's website is being redone and should be up within net two weeks. We currently have 1,755 Facebook fans. Facebook is used to promote programs and communicate information such as building closings. The next Leisure Guide will be in the Herald News on Sunday, April 24th.

Superintendent of the Nature Center/Grant Coordinator Debbie Greene reported that 125 kids are participating in the maple syrup program daily. The final paperwork for museum grant has been received and Mr. Egizio and Ms. Greene will meet with the architect on March 11th to discuss options for using the grant funds. Open House for Little Sprouts Preschool is Monday. There are currently 14 students in each class with 11 already signed up for next year.

F. Action Items

1. Old Business

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

2. New Business

a. Resolution 11-123 Adopting Rules for Addressing the Board of Commissioners at Park District Meetings

Park District Attorney Nick Sakellariou advised that the Open Meetings Act was amended that requires municipalities to allow time in their meetings for public comment. The Park District has permitted this in the past even though it wasn't a law. This resolution adopts a policy to formalize what we have already been doing.

A motion was made by Vice President Spesia, seconded by Commissioner Albritton, to adopt Resolution 11-123. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: All in favor

Nays: None

b. Resolution 11-124 - Adopting Rules Regulating the Use of Electronic Personal Assistive Mobility Devices (EPAMDs) on Park District Property

Mr. Sakellariou said the federal government has adopted new regulations regarding the use of these devices, commonly known as segways. The Park District must adopt some regulations for the segways to be used on District property.

Vice President Spesia made a motion to adopt Resolution 11-124. Her motion was seconded by Commissioner Condon and it carried as follows:

Ayes: All in favor

Nays: None

c. 2011-2012 Annual Operating Budget - seeking approval for 30 day public display

President Gould advised this agenda items would not be addressed. Rather, there will be a work session set to discuss next year's budget.

d. Request from DunGone Animal Waste Removal for a Dog Walk A Thon in Paul E. Briese Park

Mr. Egizio said a request was received from Jerry Johnson to host a dog walk in Briese Park. At this time, staff would like more information before the Board takes action. He will send a letter to Mr. Johnson advising what information would be needed.

G. Executive Session: Personnel, Land Acquisition/Sale

At 5:43pm a motion was made by Commissioner Schultz, seconded by Commissioner Albritton, to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion personnel and land sale. The motion unanimously carried.

H. Action from Executive Session

At 6:15pm, Commissioner Albritton made a motion to reconvene the Regular Meeting. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Condon and it unanimously carried.

The Board then discussed putting the 2011-2012 annual operating budget on 30 day display. Attorney Sakellariou advised that putting the budget is placed on 30 day display does not lock the Board into that budget. It can still adopt a revised budget. Mr. Egizio said the budget will be placed on the March 2011 agenda for further discussion with the plan being to adopt it at the April 2011 meeting. Action was then taken on agenda item F.2.c. 2011-2012 Annual Operating Budget - seeking approval for 30 day public display.

A motion was made by Commissioner Albritton, seconded by Commissioner Condon, to put the 2011 – 2012 annual operating budget on 30 day display. The motion unanimously carried.

I. Adjournment

With all agenda items discussed, a motion was made by Commissioner Schultz, seconded by Commissioner Condon to adjourn. The time was 6:19pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dominic P. Egizio, Jr.
Board Secretary.