

Regular Meeting  
January 24, 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 West Jefferson Street, Joliet, IL. The meeting began at 5:00pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Commissioner Present: Gould, Spesia, Schultz, Condon

Commissioners Absent: Albritton

President Gould began the meeting by advising that Commissioner Albritton is absent after experiencing some health issues earlier in the day.

A. Approval of the minutes of Executive Session of November 22, 2010 and the Regular Meeting of December 20, 2010

A motion was made by Vice President Spesia, seconded by Commissioner Condon to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of November 22, 2010 and the Regular meeting of December 20, 2010. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: All in favor

Nays: None

B. Approval of the bills, payroll and petty cash for the month of December 2010

Executive Director Dominic Egizio said there was a question regarding an invoice from Peter Perella and Company. The charges were for a replacement valve in the boiler motor at Bird Haven Greenhouse. Commissioner Condon asked about charges from Lockport Park District for tennis. Mr. Egizio said that Special Recreation of Joliet and Channahon sometimes uses their facility and we so do some recreation programs there.

Commissioner Schultz made a motion to approve the bills, payroll and petty cash for the month of December 2010. The motion was seconded by Spesia and it carried as follows:

Ayes: All in favor

Nays: None

C. Treasurer's Report for the month of December 2010

Business Manager Steve Bixenmann gave the Treasurer's Report for the month of December 2010 as follows:

Cash on hand beginning of month:	\$ 157,354.93
Total Receipts during month:	\$1,748,742.82
Total Disbursements during month:	\$1,744,710.63
Cash on hand end of month:	\$ 161,387.12
Total Investments:	\$6,535,871.91
Total Cash and Investments:	\$6,697,259.03

There were no questions regarding the report and Commissioner Schultz moved to approve Treasurer's Report for the month of December 2010. Commissioner Condon seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

Ayes: All in favor

Nays: None

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

Mr. Egizio advised this balance due amount for the Stadium project has been on the agenda for the past few months and he again recommended waiting to approve the payment until after the spring thaw to make sure everything is working correctly. No action was taken by the Board.

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

When given the opportunity to address the Board, Amanda Gregory 1109 Roosevelt Ave., said she has sent letters and talked to Superintendent Dale Judevine on the phone about the possibility of the Park District providing a covered playground area. She understands that this project is not currently on a priority list for the District but is determined to see it happen some way and would be willing to work with staff for possible sponsors and fund raising options. Mr. Egizio will contact Ms. Gregory to discuss her request further.

Amy Tezak, 1218 Catherine Street, said she was attending to support Ms. Gregory and offered a sponsorship from Tezak Funeral Home. She also knows of several colleagues who would be willing to help.

Greg Malanca, 824 E. North Street, Lockport, said he has received no answer from his letter of December, 2010. He wants Pilcher Park re-opened to horses. He advised he will continue to attend Board meetings to ask the Board to reconsider their decision. President Gould said that the petitions presented in the past and the letter he presented from Ms. Hallin have been taken under consideration; however, the Board differs in position with Mr. Malanca. He asked Mr. Malanca to contact Mr. Egizio to get answers to his questions.

#### E. Communications

##### 1. Executive Director's Correspondence

Mr. Egizio received permission to discontinue providing the Board of Commissioners with the monthly alphabetically payroll report as it will be a difficult report to reproduce as we go through the process of going paperless. The Commissioners will still receive the payroll report by department.

Jim Haller from the City of Joliet was able to get a caboose from Canadian National for Splash Station. Canadian National has pledged \$5,000 towards the cost to move the caboose to the waterpark and the District will pay the remaining \$200-\$300. Mr. Haller is still working to get a locomotive.

Mr. Egizio and staff members Debbie Greene, Kristen Bernier and Kevin Eberhard have formed a committee to begin work on a community garden. Ten other people from the community will be invited to be on the committee. Vice President Spesia agreed to join the committee.

## 2. Casey O'Connell, Recreation Coordinator

Casey O'Connell introduced herself as the District's new Recreation Coordinator. She has a degree in Parks and Recreation administration. Prior to her employment here, she worked at Bourbonnais Park District as their Before and After School Coordinator and also at the Munster, Indiana Parks Department for two years.

## 3. Departmental Reports

In Terry Keigher's absence, Mr. Egizio gave the Recreation Department report. Dick Biondi will be at the February 12<sup>th</sup> dance at the Multi Purpose Center. Tickets sales are going well with 195 tickets sold to date. More than 200 people are anticipated to attend. The recreation staff has met to come up with programming idea to be done at Troy schools. There is a meeting set with the superintendent during the first week of February and the programs should start in the summer or fall.

Debbie Greene reported that the Underground Railroad program culminates this weekend with a special event at the Nature Center. The maple syrup program will begin February 1<sup>st</sup>. Staff anticipates 150 kids will visit the Nature Center each day for this program.

Brad Staab said his staff is working on the District's submission for the State Conference showcase. We will have a booth at the Joliet Chamber's Expo on February 11-12 at Westfield Mall from 9am - 9pm both days. He encouraged the Board members to stop by. Staff is working hard to secure sponsorships for 2011. Hollywood Casino (formerly Empress Casino) increased their sponsorship by \$40,000 to \$100,000 this year. D'Arcy has renewed their sponsorship of \$50,000 and Budweiser has increased theirs by \$3,000.

Ted Brodeur reported that five inquires have been received regarding rental of the golf course clubhouses. Of those, two events have been booked. Current membership at the Inwood Athletic Club is currently 5,300. The Skate School has 288 kids, the highest ever.

Dale Judevine said his crews are cleaning clubhouses to get ready for the season. Floor tiles have been replaced at Hartman Recreation Center and work is being done on the gym floor there.

## 3. Implementation of Paperless Board Meeting Packets

Mr. Egizio reported that we are moving forward to go paperless for the Board meeting packets. Within the next two weeks the Board will receive their iPads and next month the Board will receive a paper packet and paperless form. Commissioner Condon asked if there is a use policy in place and Mr. Egizio said one could be crafted.

## F. Action Items

### 1. Old Business

There was no Old Business.

### 2. New Business

#### a. Ordinance #753 - Tax Abatement for General Obligation Bonds

(Airport Revenues Alternate Revenue Source)

Mr. Bixenmann said alternate revenue bonds were issued in 1999 for the t-hangars and each year the levy has to be abated. This will be the last year for this one.

A motion was made by Commissioner Schultz, seconded by Vice President Spesia, to approve Ordinance #753. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: All in favor

Nays: None

b. Ordinance #754 - Tax Abatement for General Obligation Bonds  
(Golf Course Alternate Revenue Source)

Mr. Bixenmann said these bonds were issued to build Woodruff Clubhouse in 1998.

Vice President Spesia moved to approve Ordinance #754. Her motion was seconded by Commissioner Condon, and it carried as follows:

Ayes: All in favor

Nays: None

c. Ordinance #755 - Providing for the issuance of General Obligation Limited Tax Bonds, Series 2022 in the amount of \$1,230,000 of the Joliet Park District, Will and Kendall Counties, Illinois, for park improvement and refunding purposes, and providing for the levy and collection of a direct annual tax for the payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds.

Mr. Bixenmann advised the bids were received today and the amount should change to \$1,225,000.00. Mr. Steve Larsen from Ehlers reported that 3 bids received with the low bid coming from Midland States Bank at 1.25%. The interest on the bonds is \$14,734 and they will mature February 1, 2012. These annual rollover bonds are used to do projects and pay for athletic club financing.

A motion was made by Vice President Spesia, seconded by Commissioner Schultz, to approve Ordinance #755. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: All in favor

Nays: None

d. Ordinance #756 - Annexation of Certain Territory to the Joliet Park District  
4970 Theodore Street

Mr. Egizio advised that Ordinance #756 is for the annexation of 4970 Theodore Street. The District piggybacks on City of Joliet annexations whenever possible.

Commissioner Condon moved to approve Ordinance #756. Her motion was seconded by Commissioner Schultz and it carried as follows:

Ayes: All in favor

Nays: None

e, 2010 Structural Inspection - Joliet Regional Airport

Mr. Egizio said the management letter from AECOM advises there is no action needed on the structure at Joliet Regional Airport. The report said the building has 10-20 years of useful life without any major repairs. The short term recommendation would be to replace a lintel above one of the doors which will cost approximately \$7,000. This work will be done soon. There are a couple of areas where bricks are loose and it will be necessary to put up some barricades around these areas. Mr. Egizio said the entire structure is aging and it was his opinion that

instead of trying to fix the building, it might be more cost effective to remove the building and put up a new one for use by the airport and park services staff. Staff will look at options to have the building removed and a new one erected. Vice President Spesia suggested the Airport Committee be involved. President Gould asked the staff to continue to look at our options. Commissioner Condon said she would like the staff to look at revenue generating structures. Mr. Egizio will meet within the next two weeks with Representative Tom Cross to discuss the airport and possible federal assistance.

f. IAPD - 2011 Membership Dues

An invoice in the amount of \$6,609.71 was received for our 2011 membership dues, an increase of 2.7%. It was staff's recommendation to continue the District's membership because the Illinois Association of Park Districts is our lobbyists in Springfield.

A motion was made by Commissioner Schultz, seconded by Commissioner Condon, to approve membership in IAPD at a cost of \$6,609.71. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: All in favor

Nays: None

g. Juice Bar - Inwood Athletic Club

Mr. Brodeur said his staff has discussed moving the juice bar to the main floor near the television in the lobby. The bar is not used much in its current location. There are several people who never go upstairs and we miss out on that revenue. Mr. Brodeur will meet with Dale Judevine for Park District labor to do the work at a substantial cost savings over outside contractors. There would still be a small coffee bar upstairs for those members who said they would miss having a place to socialize there. The coat area might be used as a stretching area. The bar downstairs would be big enough for refrigerators and we get into offering more natural fruit smoothies and fresh fruits.

Commissioner Condon made a motion to approve moving the juice bar to the main floor lobby area at a cost not to exceed \$50,000. Commissioner Schultz seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

Ayes: All in favor

Nays: None

3. Bids

a. 2011 Field Throwing Equipment - Joliet Memorial Stadium

Mr. Egizio advised that bids were received for the equipment in the field throwing areas at Joliet Memorial Stadium. Bids were submitted by Diamond Unlimited, Frank Burla and Sons Builders and Rodgers Construction Corporation. He recommended award to the low bidder, Frank Burla and Sons Builders in the amount of \$120,164.00. The work needs to be completed by March 18 and will come from the Capital Improvement fund.

A motion was made by Commissioner Schultz, seconded by Commissioner Condon, to approve staff's recommendation. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: All in favor

Nays: None

b. 2011 Track and Field Equipment - Joliet Memorial Stadium

Mr. Egizio reported that bids were received for the track and field equipment, including the hurdles, distance indicators, lane markers, steeplechase barrier system and lap counter. He recommended award to the low bidder, The Athletic Equipment Company, in the amount of \$45,015.32.

Vice President Spesia moved to approve staff's recommendation. Her motion was seconded by Commissioner Schultz and it carried as follows:

Ayes: All in favor

Nays: None

Vice President Spesia asked about the utility building on the north end of Joliet Memorial Stadium. Mr. Judevine advised the building houses all the transformers for the stadium. Commonwealth Edison would charge \$20,000 or more to relocate the transformers.

G. Executive Session:

A motion was then made by Commissioner Schultz, seconded by Commissioner Condon, to go into Executive Session for the purpose of Personnel and Review of Executive Session minutes. The time was 5:55pm

H. Action from Executive Session

The Board of Commissioner determined that no previous Executive Session meeting minutes were appropriate to release into open session.

I. Adjournment

With all agenda items discussed, a motion to adjourn was made by Vice President Spesia, seconded by Commissioner Schultz. The motion unanimously carried. The time was 6:09pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dominic P. Egizio Jr.,  
Board Secretary