

Regular Meeting
June 20, 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 will begin at 5:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance
Commissioner Marcum led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call
Commissioners Present: Gould, Condon, Albritton, Marcum, Schultz
Commissioners Absent: None

- A. Public Hearing – OSLAD Grant Application
- 1. Public hearing regarding application for an Open Space and Land Acquisition Development grant

President Gould opened the hearing to receive public comment regarding the District's intention to apply for the State of Illinois Open Space and Land Acquisition Development (OSLAD) Grant. Grant Coordinator Debbie Greene advised that if awarded the grant, the District would use the funds for land acquisition on the far west side of Joliet. The grant is for fifty percent of the needed funding and we will look for funding elsewhere for the match. Executive Director Dominic Egizio added the land encompasses 108 acres of which 58 acres are buildable.

- 2. Adjournment of Hearing
- Receiving no public comment, President Gould declared the hearing closed.

President Gould then asked permission to move to agenda item F.1.b and then F.1.a. Receiving no objection, President Gould introduced Kevin O'Brien and Kim Riterlin from Special Olympics of Illinois. Mr. O'Brien advised that a volunteer of the year is named at the Special Olympics Spring Games each year. This year two were awarded, one each to Joliet Park District employees Kathy Green and Katie Dillon for their tremendous volunteerism for the past several years. Mr. O'Brien then presented the Illinois Special Olympics Volunteer Award of the Year to Ms. Green and Ms. Dillon which read Area 7 Volunteer of the Year for her unlimited energies on behalf of the athletes and families of Area 7 Special Olympics Illinois. Mr. Egizio commended Kathy and Katie, saying they both do a great job in our Special Recreation Department. Commissioner Marcum also thanked both women and said the awards were very well deserved.

President Gould then presented a Make A Difference Award to employee Dave Evans. He thanked Mr. Evans on behalf of the Board and the entire Park District and then read the award as follows: 'On Monday, May 2, 2011, Joliet Park District employee Dave Evans responded to an emergency situation in Pilcher Park, assisting a user with his seriously injured dog. This is just one of many times Dave has gone above and beyond to make sure the Park District shines. Dave also takes pride in his job by working efficiently, resulting in streamlined procedures and cost savings. The Joliet Park District appreciates Dave's willingness to get involved and Make A Difference'.

Mr. Egizio added that Dave volunteers for the majority of our events. He willingly does whatever job he is given to do.

B. Approval of the minutes of Regular Meeting of May 23, 2011

A motion was made by Commissioner Albritton, seconded by Commissioner Marcum, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 23, 2011. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: All in favor

Nays: None

C. Approval of the bills, payroll and petty cash for the month of May 2011

Vice President Condon inquired about the charge from Amalgamated Bank. Mr. Egizio advised the charge was payment of interest on the bonds for Splash Station. The Park District gets reimbursed from the City through the riverboat gaming funds.

Vice President Condon asked about the charge from ASCAP. Mr. Egizio advised this is the royalty fee to have music played at our facilities such as the athletic club, the ice rink and Splash Station.

Vice President Condon asked about the \$6,305.00 charge for drinking water at the Nature Center. Mr. Egizio advised the amount was probably typed incorrectly and should be \$63.05. He will report back on this in the next Friday Report.

A motion was made by Vice President Condon, seconded by Commissioner Albritton, to approve the bills, payroll and petty cash for the month of May 2011. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: All in favor

Nays: None

D. Treasurer's Report for the month of May 2011

Mr. Egizio gave the Treasurer's Report for the month of May 2011 as follows:

Cash on hand beginning of month:	\$ 19,437.55
Total Receipts during month:	\$2,220,933.90
Total Disbursements during month:	\$2,184,975.55
Cash on hand end of month:	\$ 55,395.90
Total Investments:	\$4,470,695.25
Total Cash and Investments:	\$4,526,091.15

Commissioner Schultz made a motion approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of May 2011. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Marcum and it carried as follows:

Ayes: All in favor

Nays: None

E. Opportunity For The Public To Speak - 3 minute time limit

When given the opportunity, no one from the public came forward to address the Board.

F. Communications

1. Executive Director's Correspondence

Mr. Egizio advised there is new federal legislation regarding ADA requirements for our parks and facilities. Two quotes were received to have the required inspections done; however, the City of Joliet has volunteered the use of their inspector for this work which would save the Park District a potential \$70,000. The inspections must be completed by March 2012 and then a plan must be made to implement the required changes.

Mr. Egizio reported that the FAA is going to re-do the fencing on 3 sides of Joliet Regional Airport with 10' high fence and barbed wire to deter deer in the area. The work will not be part of our TIPs projects. This project affects one land owner, a law office on McDonough Street. Mr. Egizio will meet with the firm to let them know.

The annual Sundowner 5k race will be July 21st in Pilcher Park. It is anticipated that participation will exceed last year's event as there are nearly 400 runners signed already. He encouraged all of the commissioners to come out.

Commissioner Albritton asked the status of the gas station located near the airport. Mr. Egizio advised that another letter was recently sent to Congressman Kinzinger. President Gould asked Mr. Egizio to contact Hanson Professional Services for their assistance with this. It was Mr. Egizio's opinion that nothing will help until there is a funding bill for the proposed airport in Peotone. President Gould also requested someone attend the public airport meetings being hosted by the State of Illinois.

- a. Make a Difference Award – Dave Evans

This agenda item was addressed earlier in the meeting.

- b. Kathy Green & Katie Dillon – Special Olympics Volunteers of the Year

This agenda item was addressed earlier in the meeting.

- c. Fiscal Year 2010 -2011 Analysis

A motion was made by Commissioner Schultz, seconded by Commissioner Albritton, to table this agenda item to the next Board meeting.

G. Action Items

1. Old Business

- a. Request from City of Joliet to install video billboards on Park District property

Mr. Egizio introduced Ben Benson from the City of Joliet who began by saying the City of Joliet has a contract with Impact Signs for twelve signs to be installed around the city that will display public messages, amber alerts, special events, tourism, marketing for the city and advertisements. Joliet has requested permission to place three billboards on Joliet Park District property at no cost to the District. We would receive some of the City of Joliet's space to market our events. The Park District would also be able to utilize some of the unsold space; however, we would not be guaranteed space. The Park District locations would be on Jefferson Street where the current City of Joliet monument is located, on Houbolt Road between the corner and the Joliet fire station and one on Route 59 near Hole Number 6 at Wedgewood Golf Course. The two billboards on Joliet Regional airport property must be approved by the FAA.

Park District Attorney Nick Sakellariou advised that, in order to minimize our risk, it would be best to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Joliet to allow them to put the billboards on Park District property rather than contracting directly with the vendor.

Commissioner Albritton asked what types of advertising would be on the billboards, and Mr. Benson advised it would be companies like insurance agents, investment groups, the local barber shop. Mr. Sakellariou added that our agreement with the City will not allow for our sponsors' competitors to be on the signs located on Park District property.

Mr. Egizio asked for direction from the Board. Vice President Condon asked Mr. Egizio if he felt it will be of value to the Park District. Mr. Egizio said he vacillates on it because he appreciates the visual ‘pollution’ it would cause but also realizes that Joliet is one of Illinois’ larger cities and the Park District needs to notify the residents of Park District events and programs.

Commissioner Albritton made a motion to authorize Mr. Egizio and Mr. Sakellariou to work with the City of Joliet’s legal department to craft an intergovernmental agreement that would allow Joliet to place three video billboards on two Park District properties. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Marcum and it carried as follows:

Ayes: All in favor
Nays: None

2. New Business

a. Ordinance #758 - Prevailing Rate of Wages

Mr. Egizio advised this ordinance sets the wages for Park District work done by hired contractors and must be approved every year. He recommended approval.

A motion was made by Vice President Condon, seconded by Commissioner Marcum, to adopt Ordinance #758. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: All in favor
Nays: None

b. Friends of Community Public Art – Request for a mosaic at Mission Blvd. soccer fields

A request has been made by Friends of Community Public Art to install a mosaic at the Mission Boulevard soccer fields. At one time, there was a poor farm and poor cemetery adjacent to the soccer fields. The proposed site for the mosaic would be approximately 10’ from the property’s pond. There was a concern expressed by the Board that the mosaic will attract kids too close to the water. Mr. Egizio was directed to advise the organization that the Board will approve the mosaic if at a different location such as back by the cemetery.

c. Resolution 11-128 – Adopting an Identify-Protection Policy

Mr. Sakellariou reported that the Illinois legislature recently adopted a statute that requires the Park District to adopt an identity protection policy for use in prohibiting the publication of employee social security numbers. The proposed policy is taken directly from the statute and will be distributed to employees.

Vice President Condon made a motion to adopt Resolution 11-128. Commissioner Schultz seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

Ayes: All in favor
Nays: None

d. Resolution of Authorization – OSLAD Grant Application

Debbie Greene advised this is the formal resolution that authorizes her to move forward with the grant application process.

A motion was made by Commissioner Schultz, seconded by Commissioner Albritton, to adopt the resolution of authorization for the OSLAD grant application. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: All in favor
Nays: None

3. Quote – 2011 Soccer Equipment – Mission Boulevard Soccer Fields

Quotes were received from the two area distributors of the specific brand of goal that staff would like to purchase. The particular brand, Kwik Goal, is fully compliant with current laws as well as those laws that will be in place this fall. Mr. Egizio advised the purchase would be funded by the Capital Improvement fund and he recommended accepting the quote from ActionSports/Kwik Goal in the amount of \$22,390.00.

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

Ayes: All in favor
Nays: None

H. Executive Session – Personnel; Land Acquisition
There was no Executive Session.

I. Action from Executive Session
There was no Executive Session.

J. Adjournment
With all agenda items discussed, a motion was made by Vice President Condon, seconded by Commissioner Marcum, to adjourn the meeting. The time was 6:12pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dominic P. Egizio, Jr.
Board Secretary