

Regular Meeting  
March 21, 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 5:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

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

Commissioners Absent: None

A. Approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting and Executive Session of February 28, 2011  
Executive Director Dominic Egizio reported an error in the February 28<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting minutes. The minutes should be corrected to reflect that Commissioner Albritton was in attendance. President Gould also requested a correction be made due to a typographical error in the Superintendent of Revenue Facilities and Golf Operations report. 'Coruse' should be 'Course'.

A motion was made by Vice President Spesia to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 28, 2011 as corrected and the minutes of the Executive Session of February 28, 2011. Her motion was seconded by Commissioner Schultz and it carried as follows:

Ayes: All in favor

Nays: None

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

Vice President Spesia asked about the charges from United Labs and was advised the charges are for cleaning supplies. President Gould asked if the District had used Fore! Reservations last year and was advised that we had.

Vice President Spesia made a motion to approve the bills, payroll and petty cash for the month of February, 2011. Her motion was seconded by Commissioner Albritton and it carried as follows:

Ayes: All in favor

Nays: None

C. Treasurer's Report for the month of February 2011

Business Manager Steve Bixenmann gave the Treasurer's Report for the month of February, 2011 as follows:

Cash on hand beginning of month:	\$ 36,762.77
Total Receipts during month:	\$2,605,711.25
Total Disbursements during month:	\$2,598,668.26
Cash on hand end of month:	\$ 43,805.76
Total Investments:	\$5,243,788.49
Total Cash and Investments:	\$5,287,594.25

A motion was made by Commissioner Schultz, seconded by Commissioner Albritton, to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of February 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)

Mr. Egizio reported the field appeared to handle the most recent rainfall but recommended waiting on payment of this invoice. The Board did not take action on this agenda item.

- b. Joliet Memorial Stadium - Burla & Sons Bldrs \$72,620.00

Mr. Egizio advised the invoice from Burla & Sons Builders is for approximately 70% of their work at Joliet Memorial Stadium, and he recommend payment. Commissioner Condon asked about the timeline for the remaining work. Mr. Egizio said only one thing remains, the rubber for the cleats in the javelin area is not down yet. The equipment is here and the University of St. Francis has been practicing on the field.

Commissioner Condon moved to approve payment to Burla & Sons Builders in the amount of \$72,620.00. Her motion was seconded by Commissioner Schultz and it carried as follows:

Ayes: All in favor

Nays: None

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

Lynn Richardson, 17563 Meader Road, Homer Township, addressed the Board. She said she is a Will County equestrian and is shocked at the disrepair in Pilcher Park. She requested feedback from the Board on the future for safe use of the park. President Gould said that Executive Director Egizio will address her concerns and share with her the master plan for the park.

E. Communications

1. Executive Director's Correspondence

Mr. Egizio reported on his recent trip to Washington DC on behalf of the National Park and Recreation Association. He joined sixty others who attended from Illinois. He met with Senator Durbin, representatives from the Federal Aviation Administration and Congressman Adam Kinzinger. He said the political climate in Washington is similar to that in Springfield. There is no money and everyone is looking for ways to make cuts.

Mr. Egizio said he has been inundated with requests for baseball and softball teams. Staff is still waiting to hear about our \$2.5million grant application for the field house addition to the Multi Purpose Center. The architect has indicated it is a three to four month process to get ready for RFP's. Commissioner Schultz asked if anything could be done to speed up the process. President Gould added that he would like to move forward to get some preliminary ideas on paper. Commissioner Condon said that if the District moves forward with the drawings, she would like to see a report each month of how much is being spent.

a. Danielle McNamara, Interactive Media Specialist

Superintendent of Marketing/Communication Brad Staab introduced Danielle McNamara to the Board. Danielle graduated from the University of Illinois with a degree in graphic design. Her work at the Park District includes updating and maintaining the six websites and all social media. She recently redesigned the main website which should be up by the end of the month. Ms. McNamara reported there have been 200 new fans of our Facebook page since January. Ms. McNamara said interactive media is a valuable tool to share information about new events, programming. SRJC's Candlelight Bowl has filled since last week and Inwood Golf Course has had \$1,300 worth of sales because of an e-blast that was sent. The Board welcomed Danielle to the District.

b. Departmental Reports

Dale Judevine, Superintendent of Parks: Inwood and Wedgewood Clubhouses are being painted. The process to move the juice bar to the main lobby of the Provena Saint Joseph Inwood Athletic Club went smoothly. Mr. Judevine has been in contact with Commonwealth Edison to see what can be done to allow us to tear down the electrical building located at the north end of Joliet Memorial Stadium.

Terry Keigher, Superintendent of Programming: Twelve scientists will provide activities at tomorrow's Science Fair at the Multi Purpose Center. To date, 580 kids will participate in soccer which begins April 9. There are currently 150 softball teams registered. Staff is anticipating 225 teams will be registered before league play begins on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Inwood Sports Complex is open for rentals and practices beginning today. The University of St. Francis has their first game tomorrow evening and the Complex's first tournament is scheduled for next weekend. Sunshine & Rainbows Learning Center received a donation of six new laptop computers by Dan and Cheryl Hoffman who have had two children in the program. Commissioner Albritton requested copies of the letter from the Hoffmans be placed in the appropriate staff's personnel files.

Ted Brodeur, Superintendent of Revenue Facilities & Golf Operations: The Provena Saint Joseph Inwood Athletic Club continues to do well with 5,700 members, a gain of 300 members since Gold's Gym closed. The juice bar will open on Thursday. All three golf courses all open. The annual ice show is April 15-16.

Brad Staab, Superintendent of Marketing/Communication: The Taste of Joliet entertainment line-up will be announced on the local radio stations this Friday. Lover Boy will be Friday's entertainment, KC and the Sunshine Band will perform on Saturday and Sunday will be Kenny Rodgers. The Taste of Joliet's website has been updated and tickets will be available for purchase as soon as the line-up is announced.

Steve Bixenmann, General Superintendent: He has been in contact with the utility consultant who was discussed at last month's meeting. Mr. Bixenmann is encouraged about the savings potential. Wedgewood and Woodruff Golf Courses will be reporting their information daily to a file on the computer that can be picked up in the Business Office. This procedure will be more efficient in that it save the time it would normally take the course to hand deliver their information and it also saves on paper.

Debbie Greene, Superintendent of the Nature Center/Grant Coordinator: Ms. Greene reported that she and Mr. Egizio met with the architect to review preliminary plans for the Nature Center. Construction will include adding on to the kitchen, doubling the size of the back classroom, chinking and roofing. Pancake Breakfast and Pioneer Fest is this weekend at the Nature Center.

F. Action Items

1. Old Business

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

2. New Business

a. Re-naming of Bluff Plaza Park to Mayor Art Schultz Park

Mr. Egizio reported that he has received a few questions regarding what the Park District will do for Mayor Schultz as he retires. Because there is fountain named after the Mayor's wife nearby, it seems appropriate to re-name Bluff Plaza Park after the mayor. A re-dedication ceremony will take place when warmer weather arrives.

After a brief discussion regarding the required procedures, a motion was made by Commissioner Albritton, seconded by Commissioner Condon, to direct Mr. Egizio to cause the notice to be placed to re-name the park and that the resolution be placed on the agenda for the next Board of Commissioners' meeting. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Albritton, Condon, Spesia, Gould

Nays: None

Abstained: Schultz

b. Rental Rates - Joliet Regional Airport

Mr. Bixenmann said it has been a long time since rental rates were raised and he recommended an increase of \$10 for the hangar and astroport aircraft storage areas and an increase of \$20 for the grass tie down parking areas which will be paved in the fall.

Commissioner Albritton moved to approved staff's recommendation. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Schultz and it carried as follows:

Ayes: All in favor

Nays: None

G. Executive Session - Land Acquisition; Personnel

At 5:29pm a motion was made by Commissioner Condon to suspend the regular meeting and move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing land acquisition. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Albritton and it unanimously carried.

H. Action from Executive Session

At 5:38pm the regular meeting was convened with no action from Executive Session. President Gould extended the Park District's get well wishes to Commissioner Schultz's mother as she recovers from a time in the hospital. Commissioner Schultz thanked everyone for their concern regarding his mother and for thinking of his dad with the re-naming of Bluff Plaza Park.

I. Adjournment

With all agenda items discussed, a motion was made by Commissioner Schultz, seconded by Vice President Spesia, to adjourn. The motion unanimously carried. The time was 5:39pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dominic P. Egizio, Jr.  
Executive Director