

Regular Meeting
September 26, 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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Albritton

Roll Call

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

President Gould began the meeting by welcoming the Park District's new attorney, Marji Swanson.

A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting and Executive Session of August 22, 2011.

A motion was made by Commissioner Marcum, seconded by Commissioner Schultz, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting and Executive Session of August 22, 2011. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: All in favor
Nays: None

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

Commissioner Schultz made a motion to approve the bills, payroll and petty cash for the month of August 2011. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Albritton. Discussion followed. Vice President Condon noted the invoices from Johanssen and Anderson for HVAC repairs at various facilities and asked if our facilities receive regular preventative maintenance inspections. Executive Director Dominic Egizio advised that the equipment at the ice arena is done on a monthly basis. Commissioner Marcum noted a costly repair for one of the vehicles and requested a list of all Park District vehicles. He also asked about fuel costs. Business Manager Steve Bixenmann reported that in order to get into a new price level, we would have to order 7,000 gallons of fuel at a time and we do not have storage space for that much fuel. Vice President Condon asked about a \$600 charge for a help wanted ad for the Pilcher Park Nature Center. Nature Center Superintendent Debbie Greene advised that the ad was to hire 4 new instructors for the Little Sprouts preschool. Vice President Condon asked staff to consider other ways to do job searches and she offered to provide contacts for other resources for our job searches. President Gould asked about the \$4,500 charge to post our budget. Mr. Bixenmann reported that state law has recently changed and now we do not have to post the entire budget, we only have to place a legal notice advising how to access our budget. Commissioner Marcum asked about the status of the District's new website. Superintendent of Communications and Marketing Brad Staab reported that the website should be done by the end of next week. Mr. Egizio added that staff is also looking at new registration software and it is hoped that we will be

able to offer on-line registration at that time. Commissioner Marcum suggested staff considering making the Park District's boundaries available to on line registrants. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: All in favor
Nays: None

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

Mr. Bixenmann gave the Treasurer's Report for the month of August 2011 as follows:

Cash on hand beginning of month:	\$107,235.93
Total receipts during month:	\$2,548,432.18
Total disbursements during month:	\$2,470,987.13
Cash on hand end of month:	\$184,680.98
Total Investments:	\$6,032,462.42
Total Cash and Investments:	\$6,217,143.40

A motion was made by Commissioner Schultz, seconded by Vice President Condon to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of August 2011 as presented. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: All in favor
Nays: None

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

Denise Proper, 1102 Sterling, Joliet, addressed the Board regarding possible road closures in Pilcher Park. She asked the Board to look for some way to keep the roads open. Mr. Egizio advised the Park District is in the process of raising funds to address the erosion issue which must take place before the roads can be repaired. The Joliet Park Foundation has taken an active role in Pilcher Park, raising funds to pay for a master plan study. Mr. Egizio invited Ms. Proper to join in the discussion regarding this issue. He continued that there has been very little discussion about closing the roads and there are no definite plans for anything that drastic at this point. Pilcher Park will always be open and the road closure was just one option being explored as are others.

Roger Thompson, no address given, encouraged connection of bikeways and parkways along Route 53, at the Broadway Greenway and near Ruby Street bridge. Mr. Thompson was advised that this property belongs to the City of Joliet and staff will contact city officials to advise them of his concerns regarding the condition of the properties

E. Communications

1. Executive Director's Correspondence

The Joliet Park Foundation met last Wednesday. A committee was formed at the meeting to review the bylaws. Commissioner Marcum is serving on that committee.

There will be a plaque dedication at Ridgewood Park on Thursday, September 29th in memory of Park Services employee Gene Williams.

The Board of Commissioners will hold a Special Meeting on Friday, September 30th at Joliet Memorial Stadium to consider a naming rights agreement for the stadium.

Mr. Egizio advised that the cost to participate in the city's Light Up the Holiday parade has increased this year to \$700. He asked for the Board's direction regarding the Park District's participation this year.

Mr. Bixenmann is working with Commonwealth Edison and the insurance company regarding the incident last week when an electric pole falling on the building at the Hartman Recreation Center. Some of the needed repairs will exceed Mr. Egizio's purchasing limit so he will ask these items to be declared as emergency purchases.

Many requests have been received to have wrestling at Joliet Memorial Stadium, Multi Purpose Center and Hartman Recreation Center. These events would range from martial arts events to WWF events. Mr. Egizio expressed a concern that some people do not consider these types of events as family entertainment and sometimes there are fights in the parking lot after the events. We would have to have something clear cut from the Joliet Police Department on a security plan. If the requests continue to come in, Mr. Egizio will recommend a formal request be made to the Board for approval.

2. Recognition

Mr. Egizio recognized Nick Sakellariou who was the Park District's attorney for many years. President Gould said Mr. Sakellariou always protected the Board and the staff. He presented Mr. Sakellariou with a plaque which read: Presented to Nicholas Sakellariou in grateful appreciation for your outstanding service to the Joliet Park District, 1994 - 2011. Given September 26, 2011. Mr. Sakellariou said it has been a pleasure and privilege to have served the Park District for the past 17 years. He continued that the Joliet Park District staff has given Joliet facilities and programs that are second to none, responsibly and with good economics and with the citizens needs in mind.

3. Recreation Coordinator Laura Brumfiel - Hartman Recreation Center

Mr. Egizio commended Ms. Brumfiel on the outstanding job she did to get the 70 kids who were in the Hartman Recreation Center safely out of the building when the electric pole hit the building last week. Ms. Brumfiel then reported to the Board regarding programs at the center. This year's summer camp enrollment increased to 67 kids. The After School program is up 8 to 68 kids. Looking at the next school year, a teen after school program will be added. A cheer and tumbling program has been started which is always full. The second annual Back to School Fair was held at Nowell Park in August with 280 in attendance, an increase of 220 over the last year's fair. Staff is working to do more programs at Nowell Park. Next year, an Easter egg hunt will be added at Heggie Field. There will be youth soccer at Heggie as well.

4. George K. Baum & Company Presentation

Mr. Egizio said he contacted George K Baum & Company to do a presentation after the Board requested staff research the possibility of doing a public survey and referendum. Paul Hanley from George K. Baum addressed the Board, saying the upfront public policy program would cost \$39,278.00 and the campaign would cost \$33,505.00. A 30 member citizen task force would be formed to reach 24,000 voters. The Board would then decide in July whether or not to move forward with a ballot question for adoption in August. Mr. Egizio said that typically the Board

meets in October or November for a recap meeting on our fiscal year. This could be an agenda item at that meeting.

F. Action Items

1. Old Business

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

2. New Business

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

G. Executive Session: Personnel; Land Acquisition

There was no Executive Session.

H. Action from Executive Session

There was no Executive Session.

I. Adjournment

At 6:06pm, with all agenda items discussed, a motion was made by Commissioner Albritton, seconded by Commissioner Marcum, to adjourn the meeting. The motion unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Dominic P. Egizio, Jr.
Board Secretary