

**Bloomington Park District  
Board of Commissioners Meeting  
September 20, 2010  
Johnston Recreation Center**

**Call to Order**

The meeting of the Bloomington Park District Board of Commissioners was called to order by Vice President Noonan at 7:31 pm. In attendance were Commissioners Lori Noonan, Mike Vogl, Andre Burke, Karen Johns, and Buzz Puccio, Staff Members Carrie Hauptert, Ed Reidy, Josh Hendricks, Andrea Pindak, Jammie Meyer, Mike Orlik and our fall recreation intern, Mike Gutzwiller. Guests in attendance were John Dzarnowski with FGM Architects, and residents Ron and Fina Klco and Haidee Gospodarek.

**Approval of Minutes**

Commissioner Johns moved, seconded by Commissioner Burke, to approve the minutes of the August 16, 2010 meeting as presented. On voice vote the motion was approved 4-0 with Commissioner Puccio abstaining.

**Public Comments**

Guests from the community present were Fina and Ron Klco and Haidee Gospodarek who shared concerns with the board concerning the BBSA (Bloomington Baseball and Softball Association). Mrs. Klco explained that the community is confused about the relationship that various athletic associations have with the Bloomington Park District. She explained that many residents may not understand that the BBSA and BAC are not agency-run programs and that they are separate entities managed by volunteers.

The board reiterated the fact that both BBSA and BAC have mandates (if they use our fields) that 75% of their total participants are to be Bloomington Park District residents and each team should embody 50% Bloomington park district residents. The Klco's and Mrs. Gospodarek explained that this is currently not the case on many rosters in place for the 2010-2011 BBSA season.

Staff members will meet with the BBSA to discuss the residency issue. In addition, the board will review the BBSA by-laws to ensure compliance with BPD rules and regulations and will increase their oversight of the BBSA program. All rosters will be reviewed by staff to ensure that residency requirements are adhered to. Staff explained that BBSA set their own travel policies and the BPD board did not approve these; this is where the conflict exists.

**Staff Reports**

The board expressed their congratulations to staff for a well-run 5K and Oktoberfest last week. The lights were great, the run was well attended and comments from everyone participating were positive. The Parks Foundation made a profit of about \$500 on this event, which is encouraging for an inaugural program.

Ed Reidy, Director of Parks and Planning reviewed the status of the Pizzo project at Springfield Park wetlands. Pizzo staff will attend a board meeting to discuss the project. The Board asked staff to invite the residents in the area near Springfield Park to this meeting.

The board recommended that staff purchase a backup power supply for the telephone system at the JRC.

Mr. Michael Gutzwiller, recreation department intern for fall 2010, was introduced to the board. Mike will be with us for 12 weeks, which will complete his graduation requirements from Southern Illinois University. He will then receive a Bachelors Degree in Recreation Administration.

## **Old Business**

JRC Improvements – Mr. John Dzarnowski with FGM Architects provided the board with a design overview of the elevator addition (improved accessibility project) planned for the JRC. It is anticipated that this project will require a four-month construction timeframe. They will be ready to submit applications for permits on November 1<sup>st</sup>. Construction is projected to begin in March 2011. This project will be paid for with Special Recreation funds currently approved for this use by WDSRA board of directors.

The Oasis Water Park – Staff provided the board with an Aquatics Report for the summer 2010 season. The board was impressed with the good job that staff did on reducing personnel expenses, and increasing overall pool revenue. Cost cutting initiatives were reviewed and confirmed that they should be sustainable long-term. Hours of operation as well as pool pass sales were also discussed. The board requested additional information regarding 2011 season pass rates. Staff will provide this to the board for the October 18 meeting.

## **New Business**

Character Counts! Proclamation – Commissioner Noonan moved, seconded by Commissioner Johns, to approve Resolution 2010-02 to accept the CHARACTER COUNTS! Proclamation as submitted and to declare October 19, 2010 as CHARACTER COUNTS! Day throughout the Bloomingdale Park District. On voice vote the motion was approved 5-0.

First Reading – Parks Usage Ordinance – Staff provided the board with the first draft of the updated ordinance regarding patron usage of our park system. This document is being worked on by our legal counsel and also being reviewed by the Bloomingdale chief of police.

## **Other Items to be brought before the Board**

### Staff Service Award/Recognition

Mike Orlik, parks maintenance staff, was recognized for his 20 years of service to the Bloomingdale Park District. President Puccio congratulated Mike on his service and the board and staff joined him in thanking him for his dedication to the agency. Mike has given countless hours as a magician for our preschool programs, served as Santa at winter carnival and helps out at every special event and whenever needed. He is an asset to the agency and the board expressed their appreciation for his commitment and service.

### 2011 Board of Commissioners Meeting Schedule

The board discussed the plan for board meetings for 2011. During 2009 and prior years, the board met twice per month and as a trial, for 2010 the board met only once per month, unless business deemed an additional meeting necessary. Staff will review the 2010 schedule and

modify the 2011 meeting schedule to include two meetings per month during those times when business demands it. The board consensus was to limit board meetings to one per month during the summer months.

#### Needs Assessment Update – Leisure Vision

The survey has been mailed to a random group of residents with the hope that 400 will be returned to Leisure Vision. As of today, 100 surveys have been returned. Leisure Vision is confident that more will be returned within the next few weeks.

#### Parks Foundation Status

Mr. Josh Hendricks, Director of Marketing and Communications, presented a status report of the various programs and events with the Parks Foundation. The 5K run/walk was a good event that was well attended for a first-time program. The annual golf outing will be discontinued as it was not successful the past few years. Lori Noonan, board commissioner and parks foundation member liaison suggested that another board member may choose to become the liaison in April when her term expires.

#### **Acceptance of Financial Report**

Commissioner Johns moved, seconded by Commissioner Vogl, to accept the Financial Report dated August 2010. On voice vote the motion was approved 5-0.

#### **Approval of Directive to Pay**

Commissioner Burke moved, seconded by Commissioner Vogl, to approve the Directive to Pay dated September 20, 2010. On roll call vote the motion was approved 5-0.

Aye:	Burke, Vogl, Johns, Noonan, Puccio
Nay:	None
Absent:	None

#### **Executive Session**

Commissioner Johns moved, seconded by Commissioner Noonan, to not move into Executive Session at 9:12 pm. On voice vote the motion was approved 5-0.

#### **Adjournment**

Commissioner Johns moved, seconded by Commissioner Burke to adjourn the meeting at 9:13 pm. On voice vote the motion was approved 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Carrie A. Hauptert  
Board Secretary