

**Bloomington Park District
Board of Commissioners Meeting
July 7, 2008
Johnston Recreation Center**

Meeting – Called to Order

President Vogl called the meeting to order at 7:33 pm. In attendance were Commissioners Mike Vogl, Karen Johns, Buzz Puccio, Lori Noonan and Susan Lancaster, Staff Members Sandy Johnson, Andrea Pindak, Anita Escalante and Ed Reidy. Guests in attendance include: Carrie Hauptert and Bob Platt.

Public Comments

Resident Bob Platt expressed concern over the recent fireworks display at the conclusion of FamilyFest. He felt that the debris that was strewn around his neighbors' yards was unusually high this year. Staff assured him that they did a great job of cleaning all the spent shells out of the area immediately after the event.

Discussion was held concerning the Chateau Lorraine board and whether or not there was any interest in the park district donating a parcel of land adjacent to Chateau Lorraine property at Springfield Park North. By law, we can donate less than 3 acres of land to the homeowners' association but a court hearing is required as well as public notice to the community. Mr. Platt expressed concern that the association is not interested in taking on the responsibility and ownership of the retaining wall that is part of the parcel. Staff will determine how we shall proceed and will advise the board of the direction to take.

Old Business

Springfield Park North – Budget issues have arisen as a result of the bids received concerning the intergenerational playground. The lowest bid came in at \$177,000 and we only have \$130,000 available for this project. Staff met with Fuerte Systems to negotiate changes to the project to keep the project in line with budget funds available.

Commissioner Puccio moved, seconded by Commissioner Johns, to reject all bids submitted for the Springfield Park North intergenerational park project and to have the project rebid based on new specifications and financial constraints. On voice vote the motion carried 5-0.

Discussion was held concerning the condition of the soccer fields at Springfield Park as a result of FamilyFest activities. Staff will work with the village and FamilyFest committee to ensure that the condition of the fields is restored to the condition they were in prior to the Fest.

JRC Improvements – The gym floor has been refinished, painting is complete and it looks great.

Park Maintenance – Board suggested that staff develop park maintenance standards that include work requirements, time, labor, and materials. Staff will prepare a timetable that includes the standards we plan to aspire to and the quantifiable parts necessary to achieve needed results.

New Business

Website Redesign – Staff presented the status of the website redesign project. Presentation included the background of the current website, challenges we face, action to be taken, online user benefits of a new site, benefits to the park district, and the implementation schedule. Board suggested some additional features for the new site and staff was encouraged that the board is in support of the new redesign plans.

Other Items Brought Before the Board

Thank you to Commissioner Johns for her participation in the torch running during the opening ceremony of the Olympics.

Staff is hosting a welcome lunch for all full-time staff to meet Carrie Haupt, our new executive director. Commissioners Noonan and Johns will join us.

Lowe's has committed to remove and replace the surface boards with treated lumber on the bridge located at Springfield Park wetlands. Value of Lowe's donation is \$15,000. We will provide Lowe's with a thank you recognition sign at the site.

On Thursday, July 10, 2008, one of our t-ball players will be throwing out the first pitch at the 1:20 pm game of the Chicago Cubs vs. Cincinnati Reds at Wrigley Field. We have a group of about 20 4-5 year olds attending the game with their parents and they will enjoy some time on the field prior to the game.

Board expressed its sincere thanks to Sandy Johnson, Director of Recreation for stepping in and doing a phenomenal job as interim executive director.

Ms. Carrie Haupt will begin on Wednesday, July 9, 2008, as Executive Director of the Bloomingdale Park District. Staff looks forward to Carrie joining the team and is planning a welcome breakfast and lunch on Wednesday for her to get to know the staff.

Executive Session

Commissioner Johns moved, seconded by Commissioner Noonan, to move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel at 9:08 pm. On roll call vote the motion was approved 5-0.

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

The Board rose from Executive Session at 9:35 pm.

Adjournment

Commissioner Johns moved, seconded by Commissioner Noonan to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 pm. On voice vote the motion was approved 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Johnson
Secretary