

**Bloomington Park District
Board of Commissioners Meeting
March 3, 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, Lori Noonan, Buzz Puccio, Karen Johns and Susan Lancaster, Staff Members Steve Scholten, Andrea Pindak, Anita Escalante and Ed Reidy. Guests in attendance include: Augie Battaglia, Ann Nebel, Andre Burke and Linda Auchincloss.

Public Comments

None.

Old Business

Bloomington Parks Foundation – Members of the Parks Foundation Board asked the Board of Commissioners for input as to how they see the role of the Foundation moving forward. It was agreed that the good will generated by the Foundation is more important than money raised. The board of commissioners will identify projects that send a cohesive message to the community that the Parks Foundation and the Park District work on together. The 2008 project will be wetlands restoration.

BBSA Request – The BBSA has requested a variance to the residency requirements for the 2008 baseball/softball season. The variance was granted with the suggestion that staff write a letter to the BBSA explaining that the Park District prefers that one team be formed per age group to alleviate the need for a variance in the future.

Bond Sale – Mr. Dave Phillips with Speer Financial explained the success of our recent bid process for the sale of alternate revenue bonds. The Park District's bond rating was upgraded by Standard & Poor's to AA- from A+ which provided a higher priced sale, resulting in \$119,346.99 in savings the first year.

Commissioner Puccio moved, seconded by Commissioner Johns to accept the low bid from Harris NA Chicago, and Ordinance No. 2008-03, to sell the Series 1998 Alternate Revenue Bonds valued at \$2,410,000.

On roll call vote the motion was approved 5-0:

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

New Business

Legislative Conference – April 1st and 2nd will be the 30th Annual IAPD Legislative Conference in Springfield. President Vogl will be attending.

Legislative Breakfast – There will be a legislative breakfast for the district on Saturday, March 8th at Schaumburg Golf Club. There was no interest in participating.

Executive Session

Commissioner Johns moved, seconded by Commissioner Puccio, to move into Executive Session for the purposes of discussing personnel at 8:40 pm. On roll call vote the motion was approved 5-0.

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

The Board rose from Executive Session at 9:20 pm.

Adjournment

Commissioner Johns moved, seconded by Commissioner Lancaster, to adjourn the meeting at 9:21 pm. On voice vote the motion was approved 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen C. Scholten
Secretary