

**Minutes
Bloomingdale Park District
Board of Commissioners Meeting
January 18, 2021
Johnston Recreation Center and Via Zoom Video Conference**

Opening Statement

At 7:00 p.m., President Andre Burke recited the following statement related to meeting virtually during COVID-19:

This meeting will be conducted by video conference and in-person possibly without a physically present quorum of the Bloomingdale Park District Board of Commissioners because of a disaster declaration related to COVID-19 public health concerns affecting the jurisdiction of the Park District. The President of the Board of Commissioners has determined that an in-person meeting at the JRC with all participants may not be practical or prudent because of the disaster. Commissioners, the Executive Director, staff and chief legal counsel may not all be physically present at the JRC, due to the disaster. Physical public attendance at the JRC may be limited or not feasible, so alternative arrangements for public access to hear the meeting are available here (on Zoom). This meeting is also audio and video recorded and made available to the public, as provided by law. All votes will be by roll call. The public has submitted any questions in advance to Jackie.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Board, staff, and visitors recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Bloomingdale Park District Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Burke at 7:02 p.m. In attendance were Commissioners Jerry Marshall, Karen Johns, Mike Vogl, and Andre Burke, and staff members Joe Potts, June Fergus, Sandy Vangundy, Josh Hendricks, Mesha Hadzic, and Jackie Tithof Steere.

(Commissioner Puccio notified the Board in advance of his absence.)

Staff confirmed Commissioners were all able to hear and see one another as well as the staff.

Recognition of Visitors

The Board welcomed Gilda Ross, Glenbard Student and Community Projects Coordinator, and Rabia Muktar, Community Initiative Coordinator at the DuPage County Health Department, and the Reality Illinois Teen Advisory Board they supervise. The wellness advocacy group was in attendance to suggest improvements to the District's No-Smoking Policy.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Marshall moved, seconded by Commissioner Vogl, to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2020, meeting as presented. On roll call vote the motion was approved 4-0.

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

At this point, Commissioner Vogl moved, seconded by Commissioner Marshall, to move up on the agenda Item 8A. On roll call vote the motion was approved 4-0.

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

Other Items to be Brought Before the Board

Presentation by the DuPage County Health Department's Realty Illinois/Teen Advisory Board Regarding Park Smoking Ban and Discussion

Students from the Realty Illinois Teen Advisory Board presented their case for expanding the Bloomingdale Park District's current No-Smoking Policy to include mention of modern smoking methods such as vaping to send a strong message to teenagers.

The Board and staff thanked the student group for sharing what it has learned in researching the harmfulness of vaping. The Board stated it was happy to look at other policy samples and to possibly amend its policy. A discussion followed on adapting signage to include the term "vaping" and on grant opportunities from the County to cover signage costs.

(Visitors exited the meeting following their report.)

The Board resumed the normal order of the agenda.

Staff Reports

Staff discussed new changes to the website, which is now geared toward phone users, and the brochure status. The Board inquired about the upcoming pool season. The staff is planning early, comparing notes with neighboring Park Districts, and considering using a different swim instruction training program and a colored section appointment approach to pool usage, among other novel ideas. Planning will be initially built around Phase 4 guidelines and modified as permitted by the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH). Executive Director Potts elaborated on the community survey update in his report. He directed the Board and staff to the last survey conducted by the Park District, which is posted online, and suggested thinking about the District's strengths to begin. Commissioners provided contacts and tips for advice in contracting and structuring a proper survey.

New Business

Approval of Ordinance No. 2021-01: Tax Abatement

Staff presented the annual Tax Abatement Ordinance to the Board for approval. This action ensures the District does not levy the principal and interest for this particular bond. Payments are paid through rollover bond proceeds every year.

Commissioner Vogl moved, seconded by Commissioner Johns, to approve Ordinance No 2021-01: An Ordinance Abating the Tax Heretofore Levied for the Year 2020 to Pay Debt Service on the General Obligation Refunding Park Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2012B, of the Bloomingdale Park District, DuPage County, Illinois. On roll call vote the motion was approved 4-0.

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

Approval of Shared Services Agreement (IGA) with Village of Bloomingdale

Staff presented to the Board for approval the Shared Services Agreement Between Bloomingdale Park District and the Village of Bloomingdale, which formalizes a current sharing of services. No changes were made to the agreement by the Village. If approved by the Park Board, the agreement will go before the Village Board for its approval.

Commissioner Marshall moved, seconded by Commissioner Johns, to approve the Shared Services Agreement Between Bloomingdale Park District and the Village of Bloomingdale. On roll call vote the motion was approved 4-0.

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

Approval of Resolution No. 2021-01: Interest Transfer to General Fund

Staff briefed the Board on the Working Cash Fund set up in 1983, which operates as an internal loan fund, and a request to transfer a portion of these interest funds, \$80,000, to the General Fund. Over the past 30 years, the fund has accumulated \$192,000 in interest and is not believed to have been used before. Should the District elect to ever dissolve the fund entirely, another fund of this nature cannot be set up for 10 years.

Commissioner Vogl moved, seconded by Commissioner Marshall, to approve Resolution No 2021-01: A Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of Accumulated Interest Earned from the Working Cash Fund for the Transfer to the General Fund. On roll call vote the motion was approved 4-0.

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

Additional Items to be Brought Before the Board

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Potts has met with the administrative team and will try to resume some of the planned capital project work, including renovation of a ball diamond. The District has not seen an uptick in COVID-19 post-holiday cases and continues to notify staff of COVID-19-related safeguards and matters. Transition planning for the retirement of the finance director in July is in place. Due to a phone call from a park user who reported dog owners are not picking up after their dogs, reminder signs will be installed. The ice rink has involved more time than normal this year but is being used more often. A request for a dog park also was received.

Tree Lighting Ceremony and the Village

Issues with the timing of the live coverage of the tree lighting ceremony have been discussed with the Village. The lighting at Old Town Park is due to come down soon.

Acceptance of Financial Reports

Commissioner Marshall moved, seconded by Commissioner Vogl, to accept the Financial Reports dated December 2020. On roll call vote the motion was approved 4-0.

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

Approval of Directive to Pay

Commissioner Johns moved, seconded by Commissioner Vogl, to approve the Directive to Pay dated January 18, 2021. On roll call vote the motion was approved 4-0.

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

Executive Session

Commissioner Johns moved, seconded by Commissioner Marshall, to not enter into Executive Session. On roll call vote the motion was approved 4-0.

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

Adjournment

Commissioner Johns moved, seconded by Commissioner Marshall, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:54 p.m. On roll call vote the motion was approved 4-0.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Potts
Board Secretary