

**Bloomington Park District
Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes
October 18, 2021, 7:00 P.M.
Johnston Recreation Center (JRC) and via Video Conference**

Opening Statement

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

This meeting will be conducted by video conference and in-person possibly without a physically present quorum of the Bloomington 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. The meeting will also be audio and video recorded and made available to the public, as provided by law. All votes will be by roll call. The public was asked to submit questions and/or comments in advance.

Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Bloomington 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, Jennifer Vale, Sandy Vangundy, Mesha Hadzic, Josh Hendricks, and Jackie Tithof Steere.

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

Recognition of Visitors

The Board welcomed two visitors who were featured on the agenda: Aaron Gold of Speer Financial, addressing the bond sale and alternative bond measures and Amber Patton, newest staff member to be welcomed by the Board. Chris Tompkins, manager of facilities & recreation, was also in attendance.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Marshall moved, seconded by Commissioner Johns, to approve the minutes of the Board Meeting of September 20, 2021, as presented. On roll call vote the motion was approved 4-0.

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

Staff Reports

The Board inquired about the number of travel basketball teams and its impact on in-house teams and the recruitment of coaches; staff believes there will be no impact on coach recruitment. Amber Patton was introduced as the Park District's new fitness coordinator. In her 20 hours-per-week schedule, she will be focus on fitness center memberships and the silver sneakers program. The Park District is glad to have her and is looking forward to an increase in fitness programs.

(Chris and Amber left the meeting following Staff Reports.)

At this point, Commissioner Marshall moved, seconded by Commissioner Johns, to move up on the agenda Items 7C and 7D. On roll call vote the motion was approved 4-0.

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

New Business

Approval of Ordinance No. 2021-04: \$1,267,000 GO Limited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2021
Aaron Gold, assistant vice president at Speer Financial, Inc., briefed the Board on the bidding status for the Park District's bonds. Seven bids total were received this year, and the winning bidder was Bloomingdale Bank and Trust, dba Schaumburg Bank and Trust with a 0.69% rate; last year the rate was 0.8%. After the sale, the issue size was increased by \$11,520 to \$1,267,000 to utilize the District's debt service extension base.

Proceeds from the bonds will be used to provide the revenue source for certain outstanding obligations of the District, to currently refund and restructure all of the District's outstanding General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2016A (the 2016A Bonds), and to fund various capital projects. The bond is scheduled to close on November 2, 2021. Speer Financial recommended acceptance of the favorable bid from Bloomingdale Bank and Trust.

Commissioner Vogl moved, seconded by Commissioner Marshall, to approve Ordinance No. 2021-04: An Ordinance Providing for the Issuance of \$1,267,000 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2021 of the Bloomingdale Park District, DuPage County, Illinois, and for the Levy of a Direct Annual Tax to Pay the Principal of and Interest on Said Bonds. On roll call vote the motion was approved 4-0.

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

Presentation of Rollover Bond Financing Model Options by Speer Financial, Inc.

For informational purposes, Aaron Gold presented to the Board several rollover bond financing model options, including property tax supported alternatives such as general obligation limited tax park bonds and general obligation park bonds along with non-property tax supported alternatives such as general obligation (alternative revenue source) park bonds and debt certificates.

Bond funding for the pool will expire in 2024, presenting options for capital opportunities without going out to referendum. Gold compared various funding scenarios ranging from \$1-3 million paid out over the course of 10-20 years. Although interest rates are at historic lows and inflation is occurring, he recommends considering the amount needed now, the comfort level of borrowing, and refraining from borrowing if there is no need identified.

(Mr. Gold left the meeting following the presentation at 7:37 p.m.)

Commissioner Vogl briefed the Board and staff on the history of the tax cap in 1994 and how it affected Park Districts in DuPage County. In 2003, Senate Bill 83 eventually restored non-referendum bonding ability to 16 agencies, including the Bloomingdale Park District, that were excluded originally according to a formula applied at the time.

(At this point, the Board resumed the normal order of the agenda.)

New Business, Continued

Health Insurance Renewal

The District has been contracted with Park District Risk Management Agency (PDRMA) for a few years. Staff recommended continuing with the same coverage as in years past, an HMO plan administered by Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS) and a PPO plan with an HRA. PDRMA has changed the PPO network and claim administrator this year to BCBS to improve discounts and in-network utilization. Average cost increases/decreases from PDRMA were as follows: 4.74% for medical, -1.16% for dental, -3.7% for vision, 0% for life insurance, and -9.32% for the employee assistance program (EAP).

The total anticipated decrease to the BPD for the year 2022 for all coverages based on current enrollment numbers is approximately \$18,560, based on the current participation of 14 employees, which may change with employee turnovers. In addition, staff recommended maintaining the employee portion of contributions, which stand at 17.5% for medical premiums for the HMO, 30% for PPO plan premiums, 20% for dental and vision premiums, and 0% for life insurance.

Commissioner Johns moved, seconded by Commissioner Marshall, to approve the staff's health insurance renewal recommendation for 2022. On roll call vote the motion was approved 4-0.

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

Approval of IAPD Credentials Certificate

The Board identified its delegates who will be authorized to vote on matters presented during the January 2022 Illinois Association of Park Districts' Annual Business Meeting.

Commissioner Johns moved, seconded by Commissioner Vogl, to appoint Commissioner Vogl as delegate and Executive Director Potts as first alternate for the IAPD Annual Business Meeting. On roll call vote the motion was approved 4-0.

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

Approval of BAA Silent Auction

As it does yearly, the Bloomingdale Artists Association (BAA) requested permission to proceed with holding its annual silent auction at the Museum free of charge. Proceeds of the event go toward scholarships for art students in the area.

Commissioner Marshall moved, seconded by Commissioner Vogl, to approve the BAA's silent auction reception at the Museum On roll call vote the motion was approved 4-0.

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

At this point, the Board moved Item 7F down the agenda to follow Executive Session.

Other Items to be Brought Before the Board

Welcome to New Fitness Coordinator Amber Patton

This item was discussed during Staff Reports.

Discussion of 2022 IAPD/IPRA Conference

The Board discussed interest level for attending the Illinois Association of Park Districts (IAPD)/Illinois Parks and Recreation Association (IPRA) Soaring to New Heights Conference January 27-29, 2021, at the Hyatt Regency Chicago in Chicago. Commissioner Vogl updated the Board on the status of the upcoming conference. Currently, only in-person conference registration is available. No virtual option is offered presently as it is deemed cost prohibitive. Thus far, Commissioner Vogl and Executive Director Potts will attend the conference; Commissioner Marshall is likely to attend.

Observation of Five-Year BPD Anniversary of Jackie Tithof Steere

The Board and staff congratulated Jackie Tithof Steere on her five-year anniversary with the Park District. Jackie is grateful to work with a wonderful group of people.

Additional Items for the Board

Cricket

The Board and staff discussed the growing sport of cricket in the area, particularly at Seasons Four Park, and the issues arising from participants using a portion of the pedestrian walking path as a makeshift sporting pitch. Staff is researching an option to convert an unused baseball field or another area into a field for cricket.

Best of the Best Awards – Trey Arline and Commissioner Johns

The District attended the IAPD Best of the Best Gala on October 15, 2021, at the Wheeling Park District's Chevy Chase County Club. Nominated by the District as Illinois Parks' Top Journalist Award, Trey Arline attended to accept his award. Commissioner Johns, a recipient of the 20-Year Service Award, was unable to attend and will pick up her award at the JRC.

Circle Park's Asphalt Improvements

Executive Director Potts is hopeful that the surface at Circle Park will be the District's smoothest surface by next week.

Drainage Work Completed

Drainage work has been completed by staff, who seeded and blanketed the affected area, and Ed Hoffman, who repaired the area with trench drains.

Path Issue

The Board inquired about an issue with sports bystanders using the pedestrian bike/walking path to sit or stand on to observe games. Staff will remind visitors of etiquette and investigate the use of stripes, signage, or bicycle icons to clearly mark the path to discourage idle use.

Acceptance of Financial Reports

Commissioner Marshall moved, seconded by Commissioner Vogl, to accept the Financial Reports dated September 2021. 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 Marshall, to approve the Directive to Pay dated October 18, 2021. On roll call vote the motion was approved 4-0.

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

Executive Session

Commissioner Johns moved, seconded by Commissioner Marshall, to enter into Executive Session to conduct the semi-annual review of Executive Session minutes and tapes (5 ILCS, Par. 120/2.06 – Written and Recorded Minutes) and (5 ILCS, Par. 120/2(c)(21) – Closed Session Minutes Review) and to review litigation (5 ILCS, Par. 120/2(c)(11) – Pending or Imminent Litigation). On roll call vote the motion was approved 4-0.

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

Staff members not attending the Executive Session were dismissed.

Rise from Executive Session

Commissioner Johns moved, seconded by Commissioner Marshall, to rise from Executive Session at 8:42 p.m. On roll call vote the motion was approved 4-0.

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

Regular Meeting, Resumed

The Regular Meeting of the Bloomingdale Park District Board of Commissioners was called back into session by President Burke at 8:42 p.m.

Roll Call

In attendance were Commissioners Jerry Marshall, Karen Johns, Mike Vogl, and Andre Burke, staff member Jackie Tithof Steere and Executive Director Joe Potts.

(The Executive Session was conducted to review Closed Session meeting minutes and tapes and to review litigation.)

New Business, Continued

Approval of Resolution 2021-08: Closed Session Minutes/Tapes

During Executive Session, the Board discussed the approval and release of Executive Session minutes – January 27, 2020; February 18, 2020; March 2-4, 2020; March 16, 2020; March 30, 2020; April 6-8, 2020; April 20, 2020; and August 24, 2020 – the destruction of Executive Session tapes – October 21, 2019; December 26, 2019; January 27, 2020; February 18, 2020; March 2-4, 2020; March 26, 2020; March 30, 2020, and April 6-8, 2020 – and the retention of Executive Session previously and newly sealed minutes from April 14, 1986; July 14, 1986; August 4-7, 1987; January 20, 1992; January 19, 1998; July 22, 2013; May 20, 2019; April 19, 2021; May 17, 2021; September 20, 2021; and February 15, 2021.

Commissioner Vogl moved, seconded by Commissioner Marshall, to approve Resolution No. 2021-08: A Resolution Authorizing Release of Certain Closed Session Minutes and Tapes. On roll call vote the motion was approved 4-0.

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

Adjournment

Commissioner Johns moved, seconded by Commissioner Vogl, to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 p.m. On roll call vote the motion was approved 4-0.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Potts
Board Secretary