

**Minutes
Bloomingdale Park District
Board of Commissioners Meeting
November 15, 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 during COVID-19:

These meetings 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 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 to Jackie.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Board and staff 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 7:03 p.m. In attendance were Commissioners Buzz Puccio, Jerry Marshall, Karen Johns, Mike Vogl, and Andre Burke, and staff members Joe Potts, Jennifer Vale, Sandy Vangundy, Josh Hendricks, Mesha Hadzic, and Jackie Tithof Steere.

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

Recognition of Visitors

There were no visitors in attendance outside of additional Park District staff members Natalie Reed and Chris Tompkins whose aquatics report was listed on the agenda.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Johns moved, seconded by Commissioner Vogl, to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2021, meeting as presented. On roll call vote the motion was approved 5-0.

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

Staff Reports

The Board complimented the recreation staff on its calendar and newsletter for seniors and active adults and brainstormed on how to serve and accommodate more seniors in the area.

Commissioner Puccio moved, seconded by Commissioner Vogl, to move up on the agenda Item 8A. On roll call vote the motion was approved 5-0.

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

Other Items to be Brought Before the Board

2021 Aquatic Report Presentation

Staff presented an overview of the 2021 summer season at The Oasis. The Park District partnered with Starfish Aquatics Institute for swim lessons this past year and the lessons, specifically groups lessons, were popular. Next year staff recommends having seasoned staff guide newer staff into teaching positions and designating the last day of lessons as a fun day with a unique graduation activity. The swim and dive team had a great season with virtual meets.

Despite having a substantial number of new staff, the pool earned two 5-star and one 4-star grade on its annual audit. Staff appreciation - such as pizza night, awards ceremonies, and a softball game - has proved important to staff satisfaction and retention. Staff proposed a modest increase in fees, a kickoff pool pass event featuring a discount, and a twilight rate for next year. The Board congratulated staff overall on a job well done and Natalie Reed on a nice first year on the job.

(At this time, the Board resumed the normal order of the agenda, Item 7A.)

(Natalie and Chris left the meeting at 7:31 p.m.)

New Business

Approval of the Board of Commissioners 2022 Meeting Schedule

Commissioner Puccio moved, seconded by Commissioner Vogl, to accept the Bloomingdale Park District Board of Commissioners 2022 Meeting Schedule as presented. On roll call vote the motion was approved 5-0.

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

Approval of the Budget Schedule for FY 2022-2023

Staff proposed a standard Budget Schedule for FY 2022-2023 that was similar to schedules from years past.

Commissioner Vogl moved, seconded by Commissioner Johns, to approve the Budget Schedule for FY 2022-2023. On roll call vote the motion was approved 5-0.

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

Approval of Resolution No. 2021-09: A Resolution Determining Funds to be Raised by Taxation for the Year 2021, Fiscal Year 2022-2023, to be Available for 20 Days

Staff presented to the Board its standard Tax Levy Resolution for approval. Anticipating the final 2021 tax levy to include an increase of approximately 2.59% to the previous levy, which is less than 105% of the previous year's tax extension, a Truth in Taxation public hearing is not required. Per Township projections, EAV growth is expected to increase by 3.86%. The value of new construction is estimated to be \$13,425,190 or 1.22% of current EAV. In total, the 2021 levy request provides for a 3.23% increase over the 2020 tax levy extension. The Resolution, along with the Ordinance that follows it, will be filed with the DuPage County Clerk.

Commissioner Marshall moved, seconded by Commissioner Vogl, to approve Resolution 2021-09: A Resolution Determining Funds to be Raised by Taxation for the Year 2021, Fiscal Year 2022-2023, to be Available for 20 days. On roll call vote the motion was approved 5-0.

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

Approval of Ordinance No. 2021-05: Surplus Property

Staff requested permission from the Board to dispose of several items – a truck and various pieces of landscaping and tractor equipment – that have exceeded their useful life with the District.

Commissioner Johns moved, seconded by Commissioner Puccio, to approve Ordinance No. 2021-05: An Ordinance Declaring Certain Park District Personal Property as Surplus and Authorizing the Sale or Disposal. On roll call vote the motion was approved 5-0.

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

Other Items to be Brought Before the Board, Continued

Discussion of 2022 IAPD/IPRA Soaring to New Heights Conference

The Board discussed attendance at the IAPD/IPRA Soaring to New Heights Conference, which will be held January 27-29, 2021, at the Hyatt Regency Chicago. Staff will make hotel and registration arrangements. If the Board and staff do not dine together at the conference, they may do so on another occasion.

Review of Draft of Resolution on Monarch Butterfly Habitat Expansion

The Board reviewed a draft of a Resolution that commits the District to enhancing and extending habitat for monarch butterflies and other native pollinators. Notification to neighbors and interpretive signage were also discussed. Other agencies have passed similar resolutions. A final draft will be presented to the Board at the December 20, 2021, meeting.

Review of Draft of Resolution on VESSA Policy Update

The Board reviewed an update to the District's Victims' Economic Security and Safety Act (VESSA) Policy language, provided by legal counsel at Ancel Glink, in accordance with amendments in Illinois House Bill 3582 taking effect January 1, 2022. The law now permits leave relating to a "crime of violence" for a broader group of family members, allows an employee to choose documentation for certification, and adds a confidentiality provision requiring the filing of and information provided for the accommodation to be retained by employers in the strictest of confidence. The updated VESSA policy will be brought back to the Board in the form of a resolution at the December meeting.

Additional Items for the Board

Potential Referendum for Roselle Park District

Commissioner Puccio met with Roselle officials, who are contemplating a referendum to meet pool and athletic field needs, to share information on the process.

Facebook Events Posting

The Board and staff discussed a recent Facebook posting of the Festival of Lights (FOL) event by the Village and the ensuing potential confusion over ownership of the event. The Board would like consistent messaging demonstrating that FOL is collaborative project between the Village and the Park District. Up to two Commissioners may attend a wrap-up meeting or meet with Village administrators.

Circle Park Asphalt/ADA Project Update

Staff updated the Board on a \$10,000 overage for the Circle Park Asphalt/ADA Project, which was primarily due to the absence of ADA warning strips in the original plan. Commissioners relayed positive feedback on the project. The public is pleased with the construction and the smoothness of the path. It is now one continuous smooth surface.

Acceptance of Financial Reports

Commissioner Puccio moved, seconded by Commissioner Marshall, to accept the Financial Reports dated October 2021. On roll call vote the motion was approved 5-0.

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

Approval of Directive to Pay

Commissioner Vogl moved, seconded by Commissioner Johns, to approve the Directive to Pay dated November 15, 2021. On roll call vote the motion was approved 5-0.

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

Executive Session

Commissioner Johns moved, seconded by Commissioner Vogl, to not enter into Executive Session. On roll call vote the motion was approved 5-0.

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

Adjournment

Commissioner Vogl moved, seconded by Commissioner Puccio, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:14 p.m. On roll call vote the motion was approved 5-0.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Potts
Board Secretary