

**Minutes
Bloomingdale Park District
Board of Commissioners Meeting
December 14, 2020
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 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 7:02 p.m. In attendance were Commissioners Buzz Puccio, 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.

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.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Marshall moved, seconded by Commissioner Johns, to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2020, meeting as presented. On roll call vote the motion was approved 5-0.

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

Staff Reports

The Board commented on Mariano's decision to opt out of the naming rights for the JRC kitchen and advertising at this time and mentioned another grocer who may potentially be interested. The Board also complimented staff on its phenomenal virtual events - most Commissioners were interested in serving as Sparkle Squad judges for an upcoming event – and attracting local businesses to participate in the Adopt-A-Park program. The possible expansion of the Lancer Elite basketball program was also discussed. It was noted that Lancer Elite is a feeder program into schools other than Lake Park High School and that schools like Glenbard East and North High Schools should be included in promotional materials.

New Business

Approval of Ordinance No. 2020-06: Tax Levy

Staff discussed the Tax Levy it previously presented to the Board as a resolution. No Truth-in-Taxation Hearing was required since the Park District levied less than 105%. The ordinance will be filed with the County by the last Tuesday of the month.

Commissioner Puccio moved, seconded by Commissioner Vogl, to approve Ordinance No 2020-06: An Ordinance Levying the Taxes of the Bloomingdale Park District for the Fiscal Year Beginning June 1, 2021, and Ending on May 31, 2022. On roll call vote the motion was approved 5-0.

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

Approval of Truck Purchase

The Board and staff discussed the welcome replacement for a vehicle retired some time ago. Among other improvements, the new vehicle has a smaller plow to avoid damage to turfs, will improve the age of the Park District's fleet, and be used daily.

Commissioner Johns moved, seconded by Commissioner Marshall, to approve the purchase of a 2021 Chevrolet Colorado Extended Cab Pickup Truck including four-wheel drive, options, and a snowplow kit, not to exceed \$35,000.04. On roll call vote the motion was approved 5-0.

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

Other Items to be Brought Before the Board

Discussion of IAPD/IPRA Conference

A discussion was held on the benefits of attending this year's IAPD/IPRA's Soaring to New Heights Conference, to be held virtually, at a reduced total cost of past conferences, which have included travel, lodging, and meal expenses for staff and Commissioners. Sessions will be recorded and available for viewing for 30 days following the event. During the conference, instructors will be available for 15 minutes after sessions for question-and-answer periods via chat.

Community Survey

A conversation took place on updating the 10-year-old community survey. The Board and staff agreed the current environment is not a good one in which to ask questions of the community, but it is a good time to begin prepping for the process. The Board directed Executive Director Potts to proceed with identifying helpful entities and potential questions and preparing a request for proposal (RFP) for the survey that will be conducted three to six months following the end of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Additional Items for the Board

Pool Opening

Staff is preparing for The Oasis to be open this spring and summer by attending aquatics conferences and training.

Budget Update

The Board received an update on the status of the budget during this challenging year. The Park District is projected to lose \$500,000 and not the projected \$1,000,000, due to the careful watching of expenses by staff. Two of the three planned capital projects will most likely will continue. Staff confirmed the losses are comparable to peers. The Board thanked staff for their vigilance and stewardship in keeping spending in line and staff working.

Drive-Thru Events

The recreation staff will be hosting a Jingle Bell Drive-Thru this Saturday from 10 a.m. – noon at Springfield Park. Kids will receive jingle bells for Santa and food for his reindeer. They will also be able to drop off letters for Santa during the event. Staff will be dressing in Frozen costumes; President Burke will attend in holiday attire of some kind. Inflatables are welcome.

Acceptance of Financial Reports

Commissioner Vogl moved, seconded by Commissioner Puccio, to accept the Financial Reports dated November 2020. On roll call vote the motion was approved 5-0.

Aye: Vogl, Puccio, Marshall, Johns, Burke

Nay: None

Absent: None

Approval of Directive to Pay

Commissioner Marshall moved, seconded by Commissioner Johns, to approve the Directive to Pay dated December 14, 2020. On roll call vote the motion was approved 5-0.

Aye: Marshall, Johns, Puccio, Vogl, Burke

Nay: None

Absent: None

Executive Session

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

Aye: Johns, Marshall, Puccio, Vogl, Burke

Nay: None

Absent: None

Adjournment

Commissioner Johns moved, seconded by Commissioner Marshall, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:55 p.m. On roll call vote the motion was approved 5-0.

Aye: Johns, Marshall, Puccio, Vogl, Burke

Nay: None

Absent: None

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Potts
Board Secretary