

**Minutes**  
**Bloomington Park District**  
**Board of Commissioners Meeting**  
**December 20, 2021**  
**Johnston Recreation Center and Via Zoom Video Conference**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

At 7:07 p.m. (due to technical difficulties), the Board and staff recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Call to Order**

The Regular Meeting of the Bloomington Park District Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Burke at 7:08 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, Mesha Hadzic, and Jackie Tithof Steere.

It was confirmed that Commissioners as well as staff were all able to hear and see one another.

**Opening Statement**

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 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 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.*

(Due to technical difficulties, the Board emphasized the call-in number for participants to access if necessary.)

**Recognition of Visitors**

There were no visitors in attendance.

## **Approval of Minutes**

Commissioner Johns moved, seconded by Commissioner Vogl, to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2021, meeting as presented. On roll call vote the motion was approved 5-0.

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

## **Staff Reports**

The Board complimented the staff on a great job running the Festival of Lights. Commissioners particularly enjoyed the firetruck tree-lighting experience. Staff informed the Board that the Park District has received the IPRA's Exceptional Workplace Award and will receive the award at the Annual Meeting during the IAPD/IPRA Soaring to New Heights Conference in late January. More details are to come. The Park District has also received a proclamation from Representative Seth Lewis congratulating the Park District on its Best of the Best Award.

## **New Business**

### Approval of Ordinance No. 2021-06: Tax Levy

The Tax Levy was previously presented to the Board as a resolution and together will be filed with the County by the last Tuesday in December.

Commissioner Vogl moved, seconded by Commissioner Puccio, to approve Ordinance No 2021-06: An Ordinance Levying the Taxes of the Bloomingdale Park District for the Fiscal Year Beginning June 1, 2022, and Ending on May 31, 2023. On roll call vote the motion was approved 5-0.

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

### Approval of Resolution No. 2021-10: Monarch Butterfly Habitat

Staff brought to the Board a finalized version of the monarch butterfly resolution. The inclusion of park acreages was the only change to the original draft.

Commissioner Johns moved, seconded by Commissioner Vogl, to approve Resolution No. 2021-10: A Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to Enhance and Expand Available Habitat for Monarch Butterflies and other Native Pollinators. On roll call vote the motion was approved 5-0.

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

### Approve of Resolution No. 2021-11: VESSA Policy Update

This necessary update to the Victims' Economic Security and Safety Act (VESSA) Policy had been presented to the Board in draft format at the previous Board Meeting. No additions had been made since that time.

Commissioner Johns moved, seconded by Commissioner Marshall, to approve Resolution No. 2021-11: A Resolution Updating the Victims' Economic Security and Safety Act (VESSA). On roll call vote the motion was approved 5-0.

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

#### Approval of Truck Replacement

The Board formally voted on their approval of a truck purchase discussed as part of a surplus ordinance at the November 15, 2021, Board Meeting.

Commissioner Johns moved, seconded by Commissioner Puccio, to approve a truck replacement - 2022 Ford F-150XL 4WD, 5.5L V8, regular cab, payload package – not to exceed \$35,000. 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**

##### Discussion on Bloomingdale Barracudas' Swim Score Board, Resolution 2021-12

The Board and staff discussed the swim team's intent to fundraise to purchase a new scoreboard. The Park District may consider helping with the purchase either by sharing the cost of or partly financing the purchase. Discussions are in the early stages.

Commissioner Vogl moved, seconded by Commissioner Johns, to approve a resolution supporting the efforts of the Bloomingdale Barracudas to fundraise and purchase an all-weather scoreboard and the Park District's investigation of ways in which to support that purchase (Resolution 2021-12). On roll call vote the motion was approved 5-0.

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

#### **Acceptance of Financial Reports**

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

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

**Approval of Directive to Pay**

Commissioner Puccio, seconded by Commissioner Johns, to approve the Directive to Pay dated December 20, 2021. On roll call vote the motion was approved 5-0.

Aye: Puccio, Johns, Vogl, 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 Johns moved, seconded by Commissioner Vogl, to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. On roll call vote the motion was approved 5-0.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Potts  
Board Secretary