

**Minutes
Bloomingdale Park District
Board of Commissioners Meeting
February 15, 2021
Johnston Recreation Center and Via Zoom Video Conference**

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 7:01 p.m. In attendance were Commissioners Karen Johns, Mike Vogl, and Andre Burke, and staff members Joe Potts, June Fergus, Sandy Vangundy, Josh Hendricks, Mesha Hadzic, and Jackie Tithof Steere.

(Commissioners Puccio and Marshall notified the Board in advance of their absences.)

(Commissioners were able to hear and see one another as well as the staff.)

Opening Statement

At 7:02 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.

Recognition of Visitors

The Board welcomed Sandy Gbur, executive director of Western DuPage Special Recreation Association (WDSRA), who was present to give her annual WDSRA update to the Board.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Johns moved, seconded by Commissioner Vogl, to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2021, meeting as presented. On roll call vote the motion was approved 3-0.

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

At this point, Commissioner Vogl moved, seconded by Commissioner Johns, to move up on the agenda Item 8A. On roll call vote the motion was approved 3-0.

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

Other Items to be Brought Before the Board

Visit from Sandy Gbur, WDSRA Executive Director

WDSRA Executive Director Sandy Gbur updated the Board on the year's happenings at the special recreation agency. Prior to COVID closures, WDSRA was able to hold its signature event, the Bash, in March, raising \$121,000, net. Since the closures, the agency has been able to continue to successfully serve its patrons, keeping them engaged and socially connected, through virtual and in-person programming. A video was shared.

The staff at WDSRA learned the pandemic has been challenging for families. Still, they received approximately \$62,000 in donations from those with means and were able to grant scholarships to all those in need. Other accomplishments include earning their 14th GFOA award for outstanding financial practices, receiving all but \$10,000 of office improvement grants from capital bill dollars, and creating a business plan that includes details on minimum wage, staff development, and a culture plan for becoming an employer of choice.

Sandy thanked the Board for allowing her update. Retiring this June, Sandy has felt supported over the years by her WDSRA board, which is comprised of talented and knowledgeable Park District directors. They have been working with GovHR USA consulting firm and are actively engaged in recruiting and securing her replacement. The Board and staff wished Sandy well in her retirement and thanked her for her 10 years of service. Sandy left the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

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

Staff Reports

The Board and staff discussed opening day and tournaments for Bloomingdale Baseball and Softball Association (BBSA), the high cost to add chillers to the ice rink, the Johnston Recreation Center (JRC) rooftop status, and the cracked heat exchanger situation at The Oasis. The Board requested staff investigate the cost of replacing both exchangers simultaneously.

New Business

Approval of Multi-Day Conference Expenses for the Board

The Board questioned whether all expense reports were submitted for the IAPD/IPRA Soaring to New Heights Conference, held virtually January 28-30, 2021. All reports for Board Members who attended were prepared by staff and included in the Board Packet.

Commissioner Johns moved, seconded by Commissioner Vogl, to approve multi-day conference expenses for the Board for the 2021 IAPD/IPRA Soaring to New Heights Conference. On roll call vote the motion was approved 3-0.

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

Approval of Resolution 2021-02: Update to No-Smoking Policy Section of Parks

Usage Ordinance

Staff presented to the Board for approval Resolution 2021-02: A Resolution Updating the Parks Usage Ordinance to include Vaping Language in No Smoking Sections. The update was based on input from the Board and visitors – the Reality Illinois Teen Advisory Board – attending the Board’s January 18, 2021, meeting. The additions, which include modern language such as vaping and e-cigarettes, have been further researched by staff and approved by Attorney Price.

Commissioner Johns moved, seconded by Commissioner Vogl, to approve Resolution 2021-02: A Resolution Updating the Parks Usage Ordinance to include Vaping Language in No Smoking Sections. On roll call vote the motion was approved 3-0.

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

Other Items to be Brought Before the Board, Continued

IAPD/IPRA Conference Review

The Board discussed this year’s virtual conference. Overall, Commissioners were pleased with the experience and predicted a remote component may be offered in the future. Well received by the Board were: Attorney Price’s legal session, the IPRA business meeting, the award session, and keynote speaker Jason Beneti of ESPN Radio. The virtual format was believed, however, to be challenging for vendors.

Additional Items to be Brought Before the Board

RecTrac Migration

Thanks go to staff who have been busy training and adjusting to the newer, more modern version of the RecTrac registration system. The process is a disruptive one, but the staff is handling it well.

Sports Groups

The District has heard from baseball, lacrosse, and football groups as they are planning their seasons. The BBSA schedule begins the last week of April. Soccer is expected to operate full bore. Spring for the Parks Department will be busy and different this year.

Capital Items

The pedestrian bridge replacement is happening. Already discussed were the heat exchangers.

Village

Executive Director Potts has reached out to the Village.

Executive Session

There will be a need for an Executive Session this evening.

Finance Director's Replacement Search

Thank you to staff for making preparations for the finance director's transition to retirement in early July.

Legislative Breakfast

The next Legislative Breakfast will be hosted by Wheaton Park District and will be virtual. Staff will register Commissioner Johns for the event. Commissioner Vogl will be attending many of the breakfasts since they are virtual.

Parks Foundation

The Foundation will be changing banks and moving to Pan American Bank and is hopeful the institution will participate in future sponsorship opportunities.

Acceptance of Financial Reports

Commissioner Vogl moved, seconded by Commissioner Johns, to accept the Financial Reports dated January 2021. On roll call vote the motion was approved 3-0.

Aye: Vogl, Johns, Burke

Nay: None

Absent: Marshall, Puccio

Approval of Directive to Pay

Commissioner Johns moved, seconded by Commissioner Vogl, to approve the Directive to Pay dated February 15, 2021. On roll call vote the motion was approved 3-0.

Aye: Johns, Vogl, Burke

Nay: None

Absent: Marshall, Puccio

Executive Session

Commissioner Johns moved, seconded by Commissioner Vogl, to enter into Executive Session at 7:55 p.m. On roll call vote the motion was approved 3-0.

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

Rise from Executive Session

Commissioner Johns moved, seconded by Commissioner Vogl, to rise from Executive Session at 8:02 p.m. On roll call vote the motion was approved 3-0.

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

Regular Meeting, Resumed

The Regular Meeting of the Bloomingdale Park District Board of Commissioners was called back into session by President Burke at 8:03 p.m.

Roll Call

In attendance were Commissioners Karen Johns, Mike Vogl, and Andre Burke and staff members Joe Potts and Jackie Tithof Steere.

(The Executive Session was conducted to discuss litigation commenced by a current employee and related attorney-client privileged communications.)

Adjournment

Commissioner Johns moved, seconded by Commissioner Vogl, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:05 p.m. On roll call vote the motion was approved 3-0.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Potts
Board Secretary