

**Bloomington Park District
Board of Commissioners Public Hearing and Regular Meeting Minutes
July 19, 2021
Johnston Recreation Center 7:00 P.M.**

Call to Order – Public Hearing

2021 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance Public Hearing

Called to order at 7:00 p.m. was the public hearing for the 2021 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance, Ordinance No. 2021-02: The Combined Budget and Appropriation Ordinance of the Bloomington Park District, DuPage County, Illinois, for its Fiscal Year June 1, 2021, Through May 31, 2022.

Roll Call

Upon roll call, those present were Commissioners Jerry Marshall, Buzz Puccio, Karen Johns, and Mike Vogl and staff members Joe Potts, Jennifer Vale, Sandy Vangundy, Josh Hendricks, Mesha Hadzic, and Jackie Tithof Steere.

Commissioner Andre Burke notified the Board in advance that he was unable to attend the Public Hearing or Regular Meeting due to personal reasons.

Adjourn Public Hearing

There being no comments from the floor, Commissioner Johns moved, seconded by Commissioner Vogl, to close the Public Hearing at 7:03 p.m. On roll call vote the motion was approved 4-0:

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

Call to Order – Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Bloomington Park District Board of Commissioners was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Vice President Marshall. In attendance were Commissioners Buzz Puccio, Karen Johns, Mike Vogl, and Jerry Marshall and staff members Joe Potts, Jennifer Vale, Sandy Vangundy, Josh Hendricks, Mesha Hadzic, and Jackie Tithof Steere.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Board, staff, and visitors recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognition of Visitors

The Board welcomed to the meeting Dan Leahy, the new executive director of the Western DuPage Special Recreation Association (WDSRA), and staff member Mike Ratajczak and his wife, Jackie.

Commissioner Johns moved, seconded by Commissioner Vogl, to move up on the agenda Items 12A and 12B. On voice vote the motion was approved 4-0.

Other Items to be Brought Before the Board

Observation of Mike Ratajczak's 30-Year BPD Anniversary

Kind words were shared with Mike Ratajczak in honor of his 30-year work anniversary with the Bloomingdale Park District (BPD). Mike was present with his wife, Jackie, to hear thanks and praise from Commissioners and current and former employees, including Steve Scholten and Carrie Fullerton, former executive directors, and Brian Roche, former assistant director of parks and planning. The common theme among the group was a gratitude for Mike's loyalty, expertise, integrity, knowledge, and organizational skills.

(Mike and Jackie left the meeting at approximately 7:10 p.m.)

Visit from New WDSRA Executive Director Dan Leahy

The Board and staff congratulated Dan Leahy on his recent appointment as executive director of WDSRA and commented that they are looking forward to working with the agency and him. Approximately 30 days into his new position, Dan most recently served in a marketing/communications/business development capacity at Fox Valley Park District. Having used WDSRA services personally for his son and recently completed his master's degree in public administration, Dan was prepared for this excellent opportunity to lead the agency and its good team. He plans to lean on his board of park district executive directors for support during the transition.

(Dan left the meeting at 7:15 p.m.)

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

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Puccio moved, seconded by Commissioner Vogl, to approve the minutes of the Board Meeting of June 14, 2021, as presented. On roll call vote the motion was approved 4-0.

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

Staff Reports

The Board passed along positive comments to staff on camp and the pool and commented on the number of reassignments and changes in the Recreation Department. Staff is doing everything possible to ensure kids have fun during Summer Camp. The Board appreciated the 5-star pool rating.

The upcoming annual National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) Conference, to be held September 21-23 in Nashville, was discussed. Commissioner Vogl will attend the conference virtually. The District will take advantage of two free virtual registrations with its four in-person registrations.

Executive Director Potts briefed the Board on the Open Space Land Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) grant process. Two public informational meetings will be held: July 21 and August 11, 2021, at 6 p.m. at Stratford Middle School. Commissioners Burke and Puccio committed to attend. Staff is working on the public notification process.

Congratulations were given to Jennifer Vale who was recently promoted to director of finance for the BPD.

New Business

Approval of Ordinance No. 2021-02: Budget and Appropriation (B&A)

Staff presented to the Board the final version of the B&A Ordinance. No changes were made to the draft brought before the Board last month.

Commissioner Johns moved, seconded by Commissioner Puccio, to approve Ordinance No. 2021-02: The Combined Budget and Appropriation Ordinance of the Bloomingdale Park District, DuPage County, Illinois, for its Fiscal Year June 1, 2021, Through May 31, 2022. On roll call vote the motion was approved 4-0.

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

Approval of Resolution No. 2021-05: IMRF Authorized Agent

It was necessary to change the Park District's IMRF authorized agent appointed at the Annual Board Meeting on June 14, 2021, due to the departure of former employee Antonio Washington. Staff recommended Executive Director Potts be named agent for the District.

Commissioner Vogl moved, seconded by Commissioner Puccio, to approve Resolution No 2021-05: A Resolution Appointing an Authorized Agent for the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF). On roll call vote the motion was approved 4-0.

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

Old Business

Approval of New Board Appointments for FY 2021-2022: Treasurer, FOIA Officer

Changes to several Board appointments made during the Board's Annual Meeting on June 14, 2021, were necessary due to the departure of former employee Antonio Washington.

Commissioner Johns moved, seconded by Commissioner Vogl, to approve the appointment of Jennifer Vale to treasurer and FOIA officer for Fiscal Year 2021-2022. On roll call vote the motion was approved 4-0.

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

Other Items to be Brought Before the Board, Continued

Discussion of Assistant Treasurer Position – Appointment of Jerry Marshall

The Board and staff discussed the addition of an Assistant Treasurer position, as documented in the Board Policy Manual, to the slate of Board appointments for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 approved at the Board's Annual Meeting on June 14, 2021.

Commissioner Johns moved, seconded by Commissioner Puccio, to nominate and approve Commissioner Jerry Marshall as Assistant Treasurer for Fiscal Year 2021-2022. On roll call vote the motion was approved 4-0.

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

Additional Items for the Board

Sidewalk Concerns

Commissioner Johns thanked Executive Director Potts for taking seriously her observation of a safety walkway and curb issue at Tompkins Park. The area needs to be improved for better wheelchair accessibility and will be repaired either by the District or at a lower cost by rolling the project into the Village's concrete work a year or two into the future.

Acceptance of Financial Reports

Commissioner Vogl moved, seconded by Commissioner Puccio, to accept the Financial Reports dated June 2021. On roll call vote the motion was approved 4-0.

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

Approval of Directive to Pay

Commissioner Johns moved, seconded by Commissioner Vogl, to approve the Directive to Pay dated July 19, 2021. On roll call vote the motion was approved 4-0.

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

Executive Session

Commissioner Johns moved, seconded by Commissioner Vogl, not to enter into Executive Session. On roll call vote the motion was approved 4-0.

Aye: Johns, Vogl, Puccio, Marshall

Nay: None

Absent: Burke

Adjournment

Commissioner Johns moved, seconded by Commissioner Puccio, to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 p.m. On roll call vote the motion was approved 4-0.

Aye: Johns, Puccio, Marshall, Vogl

Nay: None

Absent: Burke

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Potts
Board Secretary