

**Minutes  
Bloomingdale Park District  
Board of Commissioners Meeting  
March 21, 2022  
Johnston Recreation Center and Via Zoom Video Conference**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The Board and staff recited the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 p.m.

**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 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 questions in advance to Jackie.*

**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, Jennifer Vale, Sandy Vangundy, Lonna Converso, Mesha Hadzic, and Jackie Tithof Steere.

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

**Recognition of Visitors**

The Board acknowledged staff member Chris Tompkins, who was present to be recognized for his years of service and Andrew Sheridan of Links Technology, who was present to help with technical issues should they arise.

**Approval of Minutes**

Commissioner Johns moved, seconded by Commissioner Vogl, to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2022, meeting as presented. On roll call vote the motion was approved 4-0 with Commissioner Puccio abstaining.

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

At this point, President Burke entertained a motion to move up Item 8B on the agenda.

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

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

### **Other Items to be Brought Before the Board**

#### **Observation of Chris Tompkin's 10-Year BPD Anniversary**

The Board and staff congratulated and thanked Chris Tompkins on his 10 years of service to the Park District. Staff, the Board, and volunteers enjoy working with him. Director of Recreation Sandy Vangundy recalled knowing right away when interviewing Chris for his position, he was wanted on the team. His demeanor, experience, and knowledge set him apart from other applicants. While his role and responsibilities in managing the recreation facility have evolved, Chris has remained a steady force in the recreation department. He is well respected, represents the Park District well, and has a work ethic beyond words. The Board appreciated Chris' help in turning around the travel basketball group's fundraising program. Chris was presented with an anniversary award.

(Chris Tompkins left the meeting at 7:09 p.m.)

The Board resumed the normal order of the agenda.

### **Staff Reports**

Executive Director Potts thanked the staff for their work on the annual budget. Commissioner Johns thanked the staff for a well-produced brochure. She said the variety of programming is incredible while the costs are where they should be. The Board was thankful to the staff for completing work despite staffing changes and challenges.

### **New Business**

#### **Notification of New Commissioner Vacancies**

Commissioner Johns informed the Board and staff that she will be retiring from the Board of Commissioners effective April 30, 2022, after more than 20 years of service. She strongly opposes the new Statement of Economic Interests form. The Board accepts her resignation. Commissioner Johns will submit a formal letter of resignation to President Burke, the entire Board, and Executive Director Potts. Commissioner Vogl announced his resignation from the Board effective August 8, 2022, as he will no longer be a resident of Bloomingdale or the State of Illinois.

Discussions were held on the replacement process for Board Members, which will include posting a notice on the website for two weeks; possible executive sessions; Board terms and size; and best practices. Staff will seek counsel from Attorney Price.

### Approval of Resolution No 2022-02: Benefits for Part-Time and Seasonal Employees

Staff presented the Board with a proposal to temporarily expand certain benefits to part-time and seasonal employees for the purposes of staff retention and recruitment. Extended benefits include free daycare-type programs during working hours and use of the B-Fit Fitness Center and The Oasis while actively employed. The suggestions are in line with what other peer agencies are offering, according to poll results. Offering referral or hiring bonuses was also discussed.

Commissioner Vogl moved, seconded by Commissioner Marshall, to approve Resolution No 2022-02: A Resolution Temporarily Expanding Facility Benefits for Part-Time and Seasonal Employees. On roll call vote the motion was approved 5-0.

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

### **Other Items to be Brought Before the Board, Continued**

#### Festival of Lights Report - 2021

Staff presented the Festival of Lights Report to the Board. Highlights of the event held in Old Town Park included Museum exhibits of the Lego train station as well as Christmas trees, gift boxes, and shopping bags; activity schedules; revenues and expenses; recommendations for 2022; dedicated work of the parks staff; estimated attendance of 4,200 that drew people from other towns; and the success of the firetruck and falling snow.

### **Additional Items for the Board**

#### DuPage County COVID-19 Funding

Staff submitted letters of intent for COVID-19-related expenses to the DuPage County's Local American Rescue Plan Act (LARPA) program. Park Districts, among other municipalities, were invited to submit expenses to the County. Letters of intent for reimbursement included direct supply expenses such as masks and sanitizer; staff time devoted to COVID tracking and staffing of clinics; capital project costs for paving at Westlake Park; and COVID-related programming, such as vaccination and testing clinics. Staff has been itemizing costs related to COVID for two years. During this reimbursement process, it was determined that the Park District will attempt to join the Village's annual bid for paving to reduce costs.

#### Decline of NIMEC Bid

Staff determined the energy bid provided by the Northern Illinois Municipal Electric Cooperative (NIMEC) was neither good timing nor a beneficial price for the Park District. Talks are being held with other providers/brokers of lock-in energy pricing services.

## OSLAD

The Park District was notified that Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development grants will not be awarded until late summer or fall of 2022, with grant agreements executed until winter of 2022. Grant implementation/project construction is anticipated to begin in the spring of 2023. Staff will continue to budget for the project and communicate with our partnering school.

## Statement of Economic Interests New Form

Staff awaits guidance from legal counsel. Executive Director Potts will follow up with Attorney Price to determine when such guidance will be provided.

## IAPD Legislative Conference Report

Commissioner Vogl provided a report on the Illinois Association of Park District's 2022 Legislative Reception and Conference March 8-9, 2022, in Springfield. Covered were Governor Pritzker's proposed \$56 million in OSLAD grants, a proposal to limit the CPI to 5% was not voted upon, the need for a social media policy to control behavior, and choosing a bidder known to be a good company. Commissioner Vogl also learned that Representative Mussman and Senator Laura Murphy will no longer be the District's legislators due to redistricting.

## **Acceptance of Financial Reports**

Commissioner Johns moved, seconded by Commissioner Marshall, to accept the Financial Reports dated February 2022. On roll call vote the motion was approved 5-0.

Aye: Johns, Marshall, Puccio, Vogl, Burke

Nay: None

Absent: None

## **Approval of Directive to Pay**

Commissioner Vogl moved, seconded by Commissioner Marshall, to approve the Directive to Pay dated March 21, 2022. On roll call vote the motion was approved 5-0.

Aye: Vogl, Marshall, Puccio, Johns, 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 Vogl, to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 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