

**Minutes
Bloomington Park District
Board of Commissioners Meeting
May 16, 2022
Johnston Recreation Center and Via Zoom Video Conference**

Pledge of Allegiance

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

COVID-19 Meeting Statement

President Andre Burke recited the following statement related to virtual meetings 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 questions in advance.

Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Bloomington Park District Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Burke at 7:03 p.m. In attendance were Commissioners Buzz Puccio, Jerry Marshall, Mike Vogl, and Andre Burke, and staff members Joe Potts, Jennifer Vale, Sandy Vangundy, Mesha Hadzic, and Jackie Tithof Steere. Incoming Board Member Gerace Olson was also present.

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

Commissioner Puccio moved, seconded by Commissioner Marshall, to move up on the agenda Item 7A. On roll call vote the motion was approved 4-0.

Aye: Puccio, Marshall, Vogl, Burke

Nay: None

Absent: None

New Business

Oath of Office – Appointment of Gerace Olson as New Commissioner

Gerace Olson was sworn in as Park Board Commissioner by President Burke.

Commissioner Olson succeeds Commissioner Karen Johns, who retired early – April 30, 2022 – from her six-year term on the Bloomington Board of Commissioners.

Recognition of Visitors

The Board acknowledged Kelly Keatts from the Bloomingdale Baseball and Softball Association (BBSA) and Frank Saverino of the Bloomingdale Parks Foundation.

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

Aye: Puccio, Marshall, Olson, Vogl, Burke

Nay: None

Absent: None

Other Items To Be Brought Before the Board

Recognition of BBSA President Kelly Keatts for Service

Executive Director Potts presented Kelly Keatts, president of the BBSA, a custom-designed plaque made of ash, the same wood from which baseball bats are made, for his nine years of service as the association's fields and safety representative.

Throughout his tenure, Kelly has been an advocate for children and an ambassador of the Park District, making many improvements along the way. Kelly presented a miniature BBSA anniversary banner to the District and thanked BPD staff – Joe Potts and Mesha Hadzic – for helping make the BBSA organization, its many opening days, and its 50th anniversary parade possible.

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

At this point, the Board resumed the normal order of the agenda.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Marshall moved, seconded by Commissioner Puccio, to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2022, meeting as presented. On roll call vote the motion was approved 4-0, with Commissioner Olson abstaining.

Aye: Marshall, Puccio, Vogl, Burke

Nay: None

Absent: None

Staff Reports

Executive Director Potts informed the Board that staff member Jo Peterson was thrilled to have the gymnastics gym named after her. A discussion was held regarding several vandalism issues and ways in which to prevent further incidents, including the installation of cameras, involving the Police Department and the District's risk management agency, interviewing neighbors, and distributing public messaging.

President Burke thanked staff for their work on interpretive signage and the Bloomingdale Intergovernmental Group meeting and Commissioners for representing the Board at the Arbor Day planting and BBSA's opening day festivities.

(Lonna Converso joined the meeting at 7:21 p.m.)

New Business, Continued

Review of FY 2022-2023 Annual Budget

Staff informed the Board of new FY 2022-2023 Annual Budget activity since the last Board Meeting on April 18, 2022. Changes include salary increases due to several parks position modifications, potential increases in insurance benefits due to additional staff hours and new hires, the addition of access doors to the Fitness Center to accommodate Silver Sneakers and Prime fitness members, and a transfer of truck replacement costs into the next year because of a supply chain issue. Addendum materials were also provided to the Board.

Discussion of Staff Hiring/Retention Incentives

Staff addressed the Board on the need to utilize non-traditional hiring and retention incentives to attract and retain qualified employees in this non-ample staffing year. Incentives included allowing certain staff to work longer hours, possibly qualifying them for insurance benefits in compliance with the Affordable Care Act (ACA), and modifying the anti-nepotism policy to allow for family members of staff and Commissioners to work part time, in addition to seasonally, at the Park District. The Board concurred the incentives are the cost of doing business now and possibly into the future.

Approval of Resolution No. 2022-04: Anti-Nepotism Policy Modification

Commissioner Marshall moved, seconded by Commissioner Olson, to approve Resolution No. 2022-04: A Resolution Modifying the Anti-Nepotism Policy To Allow for Hiring of Part-Time Staff. On roll call vote the motion was approved 5-0.

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

Approval of Resolution No. 2022-05: Grade #1 Employee Benefit Modification

Commissioner Olson moved, seconded by Commissioner Marshall, to approve Resolution No. 2022-05: A Resolution Modifying Benefit Eligibility for Part-Time Grade #1 Employees Within the Personnel Policy Manual. On roll call vote the motion was approved 5-0.

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

Additional Items for the Board

Gratitude from School District 13

Dr. Jon Bartelt thanked the Park District for its donation of B-Fit and Oasis passes to School District 13 for Teacher Appreciation Week.

Hosting of DuPage Stormwater Group at JRC

The Park District will host a meeting next week for the DuPage County Stormwater Group at the JRC.

BPD Earned Readers' Choice Awards from Daily Herald

The Park District was notified it has earned Daily Herald Readers' Choice Awards for its summer camp programs, picnic and reunion spaces, and as a best place to host a quinceañera (Museum). Staff will promote the awards within and outside the District, in the brochure and a newspaper supplement, and through other promotions.

Acceptance of Financial Reports

Commissioner Puccio moved, seconded by Commissioner Vogl, to accept the Financial Reports dated April 2022. On roll call vote the motion was approved 5-0.

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

Approval of Directive to Pay

Commissioner Olson moved, seconded by Commissioner Marshall, to approve the Directive to Pay dated May 16, 2022. On roll call vote the motion was approved 5-0.

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

Executive Session

It was determined there was a need to enter into Executive Session to discuss an issue falling under one of the following exemptions: (5 ILCS, Par. 120/2(c)(1)) Personnel, (5 ILCS, Par. 120/2(c)(11)) Pending or Imminent Litigation, (5 ILCS, Par. 120/2(c)(5)) Possible Acquisition of Real Estate.

Commissioner Puccio moved, seconded by Commissioner Marshall, to enter into Executive Session at 8:00 p.m. On roll call vote the motion was approved 5-0.

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

(Staff and visitors not required to attend Executive Session were excused and left the meeting at 8:01 p.m.)

Rise from Executive Session

Commissioner Marshall moved, seconded by Commissioner Olson, to rise from Executive Session at 8:20 p.m. On roll call vote the motion was approved 5-0.

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

Regular Meeting, Resumed

The Regular Meeting of the Bloomingdale Park District Board of Commissioners was called back into session by President Burke at 8:21 p.m.

Roll Call

In attendance were Commissioners Buzz Puccio, Jerry Marshall, Gerace Olson, Mike Vogl and Andre Burke and staff members Joe Potts and Jackie Tithof Steere.

(The Executive Session was conducted to discuss (5 ILCS, Par. 120/2(c)(5)) Possible Acquisition of Real Estate.)

Adjournment

Commissioner Olson moved, seconded by Commissioner Marshall, to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m. On roll call vote the motion was approved 5-0.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Potts
Board Secretary