

**Minutes**  
**Bloomington Park District**  
**Board of Commissioners SPECIAL Meeting**  
**August 29, 2022, 7:00 P.M.**  
**Johnston Recreation Center and Via Zoom Video Conference**

**COVID-19/Open Meetings Act Opening Statement**

President Burke recited the following statement:

*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. The meeting will also be audio and video recorded and made available to the public, as provided by law. All votes will be by roll call. The public was asked to submit questions and/or comments in advance.*

**Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**Meeting Called to Order**

President Burke called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. In attendance were Commissioners Buzz Puccio, Jerry Marshall, Gerace Olson (virtual), Frank Saverino, and Andre Burke and staff members Joe Potts, Mark Goode, and Jackie Tithof Steere.

**Recognition of Visitors**

The Board recognized Geoff Perry of Gewalt Hamilton Associates, Inc., (GHA) who attended the meeting virtually to review bids for the Westlake Park path project with the Board.

At this point, the Board agreed to add an Item 5B, Village Discussion, to the agenda.

**New Business**

Approval of Bids for Westlake Park Path Project

The Board reviewed the background of the paving project at the Westlake Park path. Decades ago, there was staunch opposition to a completely paved path at Westlake Park, leaving one section of the path covered only in gravel. Through a recent Board Meeting visit by Westlake Park residents and a recent survey of the neighborhood, the Board discovered enthusiastic support for improvement of the path to all asphalt. The staff was then directed to look into the project further.

GHA created a preliminary project design and conducted a bid opening last week. Staff concurs with GHA engineers and recommends approval of the base bid of \$120,000 and the bid alternative of \$4,720 from Chicagoland Paving Contractors, Inc., totaling \$124,720. The project will be funded through the capital, ADA, and paving and lighting funds.

Commissioner Marshall moved, seconded by Commissioner Puccio, to approve the lowest responsible bid for the Westlake Park path project by Chicagoland Paving Contractors, Inc., not to exceed \$124,720, per the terms of the contract. On roll call vote the motion was approved 5-0.

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

(Geoff left the meeting at 7:10 p.m.)

#### Village Discussion

The Board expressed disappointment in the Village of Bloomingdale for failing to notify the Park District of a stormwater grant-funded project occurring at Leslie Park, a cooperative land agreement between the two governmental agencies. The Board directed staff to schedule a meeting with peers at the Village and clarify the Park District's expectations for courteous and timely communication moving forward. The status of Bloomingdale's ponds and lakes as stormwater runoff retention areas was also discussed.

#### **Adjournment**

Commissioner Puccio moved, seconded by Commissioner Saverino, to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. On roll call vote the motion was approved 5-0.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Potts  
Board Secretary