

**Minutes
Bloomingdale Park District
Board of Commissioners SPECIAL Meeting
September 14, 2022, 6:00 P.M.
Johnston Recreation Center**

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 6 p.m. In attendance were Commissioners Jerry Marshall, Frank Saverino, and Andre Burke and staff members Joe Potts, Mark Goode, Mesha Hadzic, Sandy Vangundy, Lonna Converso, Jennifer Vale, and Jackie Tithof Steere.

President Burke noted that Commissioners Olson and Puccio notified the Board in advance of their absence.

Recognition of Visitors

The Board recognized 17 residents attending to learn more about and contribute to possible improvements to Leslie Park. Meeting participants included: Kyle Reehoff, Zaira Defino, Renee Neri, Fina Klco, Hatem Khemakhem, Colleen Peters, Sarah and Kevin Samp, Donna Carusiello, Marie Luparello, Pam Hager, Walt and Terri Zylo, Chris Fournier, George Mavropoulos, Peter Chang, and Michael Marchi.

New Business

Open House to Review Community Concept for Leslie Park OSLAD Renovation Project

Lara Barnas and Patty King of Wight & Company facilitated a second open house to review with the community a conceptual design for the potential Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) grant to improve Leslie Park. Included in the improvements are additional shade trees, two playgrounds – one for children age 2-5 and one for children age 5-12, modern surfacing, a centralized entrance with an archway, a pollinator garden, interpretive signage, a 24' x 24' shelter with four picnic tables, bike parking, trash receptacles, bench seating, three fitness stations, a one quarter mile figure eight path with mile markers, disc golf, a multipurpose open playing field, a permanent bags game, and split-rail fencing.

Comments from the community included concerns about the proximity of disc golf to the houses and trails. Disc golf will be adjusted to minimize perceived conflicts. Community members requested that tot and bay swings be included in the playground design, as the existing tot swings are heavily used. The first open house to solicit community input was held on September 1, 2022.

Approval of Resolution No. 2022-08: OSLAD/Leslie Park Grant Application Authorization

Commissioner Saverino moved, seconded by Commissioner Marshall, to approve Resolution No. 2022-08: A Resolution of Authorization for OSLAD Grant Application – Matching Funds for Leslie Park Project. On roll call vote the motion was approved 3-0.

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

Adjournment

Commissioner Marshall moved, seconded by Commissioner Saverino, to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 p.m. On roll call vote the motion was approved 3-0.

Aye: Marshall, Saverino, Burke

Nay: None

Absent: Puccio, Olson

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Potts
Board Secretary