

**Minutes
Bloomingdale Park District
Board of Commissioners Meeting
March 20, 2023
Johnston Recreation Center**

Pledge of Allegiance

The Board and staff recited the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:02 p.m.

Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Bloomingdale Park District (BPD) Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Burke at 7:04 p.m. In attendance were Commissioners, Jerry Marshall (remotely), Gerace Olson, Frank Saverino, and Andre Burke, and staff members Joe Potts, Jennifer Vale, Sandy Vangundy, Lonna Converso, Mesha Hadzic, Mark Goode, and Jackie Tithof Steere.

(Commissioner Puccio notified the Board and staff in advance of his absence.)

Recognition of Visitors

The Board acknowledged staff member Derek Dvorak, who was present to be welcomed by the Board as the District's new athletic supervisor.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Saverino moved, seconded by Commissioner Olson, to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2023, meeting as presented. On roll call vote the motion was approved 4-0.

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

Staff Reports

The Board commended the Foundation's work in helping bring Woodman's Markets in as a sponsor of the Park District. Also discussed was the completion of the Aim for the Fences fundraiser and the transfer of \$1,500 in funds remaining in the account.

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

Commissioner Saverino moved, seconded by Commissioner Olson, to move up on the agenda Item 8B. On roll call vote the motion was approved 4-0.

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

Other Items to be Brought Before the Board

Welcome to Derek Dvorak, Athletic Supervisor

Derek Dvorak was introduced to the Board as the new athletic supervisor with more than 15 years of experience. Derek began his work with the Park District six weeks ago, managing instructional sports, basketball, soccer, and gymnastics programs, as well as diving right into budget and brochure processes. Derek is working well as part of the recreation team and is looking forward to attending special events.

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

(The Board resumed the normal order of the agenda.)

New Business

Approval of Bids from Stratford Park/OSLAD Grant Project

Staff presented to the Board bid results from the March 14, 2023, bid opening for the upcoming Stratford Park/Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) Grant Project. Due to inflation, the bids came in higher than expected; the project, however, can be afforded by drawing capital funds from both the current and next fiscal years. The partnering School District may also be able to commit additional funds, beyond \$65,000, to the project.

Additional options were pondered such as rejecting bids, going to bid again in the fall, negotiating prices down, and removing items from the project. In the end, as a result of the apparent low bidder not being in good standing with the Secretary of State, staff recommended approval of the second lowest, responsible bidder, E. Hoffman, Inc.

Commissioner Marshall moved, seconded by Commissioner Olson, to approve bids from Stratford Park/OSLAD Grant Project Not to Exceed \$872,431. On roll call vote the motion was approved 4-0.

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

Discussion of Decennial Committee on Local Government

The Board and staff discussed a plan to meet the requirements of the Decennial Committees on Local Government Efficiency Act (Public Act 102-1088). Potential resident candidates for the committee, including Foundation members and an executive director from a local agency, were considered. The committee will meet during regular Board Meetings. Templates from the Illinois Association of Park Districts (IAPD) will be released soon and are expected to act as good tools for meeting requirements.

Other Items to be Brought Before the Board, Continued

Festival of Lights Report - 2022

Staff presented to the Board the 2022 Festival of Lights (FOL) Report. For next year, the staff is excited to be leading the charge and working with the Village to secure new lights. Other ideas for the next FOL included a well lit area for pedestrians, entertainment beginning at 4 p.m., programs occurring during normal Museum hours, additional snow machines, moving the stage, and potentially replacing the firetruck with another exciting entertainment feature. Feedback from the Board and public included an appreciation of the Holly Jolly Trolley and of the work involved in producing the event and an amazement of how the event has grown over the years.

Discussion of Naming Rights Policy and Honoring Volunteers

A conversation was held on the District's naming rights policy and how it applies to honoring volunteers, such as April Colantonio, an exemplary volunteer who recently passed away. Input from the last Board Meeting was combined with information from other agencies to generate the following suggestions: utilize a waiting period following a death before a decision is made, compare against other historical volunteer tributes, and consider the magnitude and longevity of contributions. Among other tributes to April, the Board deliberated about naming a basketball court (JRC, Springfield), tournament, prize or street after her or installing a plaque tying together her connections to baseball and basketball. The Board tabled the item for future discussion.

Additional Items for the Board

IAPD Legislative Breakfast

Executive Director Potts thanked the group for helping put together a lovely IAPD Legislative Breakfast on Friday, March 17, 2023. The event, which hosted 100 legislators and parks and recreation elected officials and professionals, was well received. Due to high attendance, the event was moved to the gym. Many compliments were received – participants appreciated the giveaways, delicious food, free pool passes, parking assistance, and chance to communicate with colleagues and elected officials. It is unclear if the Park District will be asked to host the event again next year.

Open Meetings Act (OMA) Reminder

A case study from Ancel Glink, P.C., of an agency found to be in violation of the OMA serves as a reminder not to gather too many Commissioners in a situation that could lead to discussions specifically involving Park District business.

Handball and Pickleball

The Board passed along comments received about expanding Pickleball. The Summer Brochure is due out April 5, 2023, and will feature established Pickleball courts, free clinics, and open indoor times. Engineers will be looking at Sunny Side to possibly convert and dedicate the current tennis courts to Pickleball. One resident is interested in a designated place within the Park District to play handball and has submitted samples of three-wall handball courts.

Lifeguard Pay

A bill was recently introduced in the Illinois Legislature to raise the wage for lifeguards to \$22.50/hour. IAPD believes the bill needs to move through the process but will not gain traction. Because passage of the bill would negatively impact affected agencies, IAPD is opposing it and has asked agencies to communicate their own opposition to the bill to their legislators. It was noted that an increase of this kind also impacts other positions. The Park District is planning to pay lifeguards \$25/hour for post season (two to three weekends) and splitting the wage increase with Roselle Park District. The Super Pass with Roselle continues to work well, resulting in a \$3,000-\$5,000 per year profit for the BPD.

Acceptance of Financial Reports

Commissioner Marshall moved, seconded by Commissioner Saverino, to accept the Financial Reports dated February 2023. On roll call vote the motion was approved 4-0.

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

Approval of Directive to Pay

Commissioner Olson moved, seconded by Commissioner Saverino, to approve the Directive to Pay dated March 20, 2023. On roll call vote the motion was approved 4-0.

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

Executive Session

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

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

Adjournment

Commissioner Saverino moved, seconded by Commissioner Olson, to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m. On roll call vote the motion was approved 4-0.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Potts
Board Secretary