

**Minutes  
Bloomingdale Park District  
Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting  
January 23, 2023 - 7 P.M.  
Johnston Recreation Center**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Immediately following the extended Special Board Meeting, the Board and staff recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Call to Order**

The Regular Meeting of the Bloomingdale Park District Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Burke following the extended Special Board Meeting. In attendance were Commissioners Buzz Puccio, Jerry Marshall, Gerace Olson, Frank Saverino, and Andre Burke, along with staff members Joe Potts, Jennifer Vale, Sandy Vangundy, Lonna Converso, Mesha Hadzic, Mark Goode, and Jackie Tithof Steere.

**Recognition of Visitors**

There were no visitors in attendance.

**Approval of Minutes**

Commissioner Olson moved, seconded by Commissioner Saverino, to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2022, meeting as presented. On roll call vote the motion was approved 5-0.

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

**Staff Reports**

Follow-up discussion to the Festival of Lights event included the future need for a microphone, the uncertainty of a fire truck for next year, having a point person on the sound system, the Mayor's unannounced improvement, the potential replacement of the seasonal lights, and the positive reception to the snow. Also addressed were e-bikes and how to allow the respectful usage of them to align with the Village; the usefulness of the conference schedule of events; stormwater assistance in the Seasons Four basin; the Executive Director's upcoming surgery; and bandwidth issues and costs.

The Board acknowledged receiving the IAPD 2023-2024 legislative platform from staff. Preparations are underway for hosting the Joint Legislative Breakfast at the Johnston Recreation Center on March 17, 2023. President Burke plans to chair the event. Following a debate on pickleball, it was determined the sport and its importance to the community (indoor and outdoor) will be included in the community survey and the District will market pickleball opportunities that already exist within the Park District. Staff was also given a general direction to go for seeking grants for stormwater purposes.

## **New Business**

### Approval of Ordinance No. 2023-01: Tax Abatement

Staff notified the Board that the final payments of bonds 2012B and 2018A will be made in December 2023.

Commissioner Puccio moved, seconded by Commissioner Marshall, to approve Ordinance No 2023-01: An Ordinance Abating the Tax Heretofore Levied for the Year 2022 to Pay Debt Service on the General Obligation Refunding Park Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2021B, of the Bloomingdale Park District, DuPage County, Illinois. On roll call vote the motion was approved 5-0.

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

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

### 2023 IAPD/IPRA Conference Discussion

Details were discussed for the upcoming 2023 IAPD/IPRA Soaring to New Heights Conference January 26-28 in Chicago. Reviewed were individual days of attendance, participation in and transportation to the Ancel Glink dinner on Friday and the Board/staff dinner on Thursday, how to avoid the difficulty and expense of conference parking, and the meeting and greeting of legislators (Senator Seth Lewis, Representative Amy Grant and Yasmeen Bankole of U.S. Senator Dick Durbin's office) for the District's awards luncheon table.

## **Acceptance of Financial Reports**

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

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

## **Approval of Directive to Pay**

Commissioner Saverino moved, seconded by Commissioner Olson, to approve the Directive to Pay dated January 23, 2023. On roll call vote the motion was approved 5-0.

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

## **Executive Session**

Commissioner Puccio moved, seconded by Commissioner Marshall, to enter into Executive Session at approximately 8:36 p.m. On roll call vote the motion was approved 5-0.

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

(All staff not attending the Executive Session were excused and left the meeting at 8:38 p.m. Executive Session began at 8:43 p.m. following a short recess.)

**Rise from Executive Session**

Commissioner Puccio moved, seconded by Commissioner Marshall, to rise from Executive Session at 8:54 p.m. On roll call vote the motion was approved 5-0.

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

**Regular Meeting, Resumed**

Commissioner Puccio moved, seconded by Commissioner Marshall, to resume the regular session at 8:54 p.m. On roll call vote the motion was approved 5-0.

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

**Roll Call**

In attendance were Commissioners Buzz Puccio, Jerry Marshall, Gerace Olson, Frank Saverino, and Andre Burke and Executive Director Joe Potts and staff member Jackie Tithof Steere.

(The Executive Session was conducted to discuss a personnel issue.)

**Adjournment**

Commissioner Marshall moved, seconded by Commissioner Puccio, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:55 p.m. On roll call vote the motion was approved 5-0.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Potts  
Board Secretary