

**Bloomingtondale Park District
Board of Commissioners Meeting
March 16, 2015
Johnston Recreation Center**

Call to Order

President Pro-Tem Andre Burke called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. In attendance were Commissioners Michael Childress, Karen Johns, Mike Vogl and Andre Burke and staff members Carrie Fullerton, June Fergus, Andrea Pindak, Josh Hendricks, Sandy Vangundy, Joe Potts and Jo Peterson.

Recognition of Visitors

Ms. Marilyn Johnson, Vice President of the Bloomingtondale Garden Club was in attendance. Marilyn wanted to thank the board of commissioners and staff for their support of the Garden Club and cooperative efforts on behalf of the community. Their annual plant sale will be held at the BPD maintenance garage and they are excited about the community garden plans envisioned to provide food for Bloomingtondale Township. The Garden Club is hosting garage sales this spring to provide funds to purchase vegetables for planting.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Johns moved, seconded by Commissioner Childress, to approve the minutes of February 23, 2015 meeting as presented. On voice vote the motion was approved 3-0 with Commissioner Vogl abstaining.

Staff Service Awards

Commissioner Johns moved, seconded by Commissioner Vogl, to change the order of the meeting to 7A to present staff service awards. On voice vote the motion was approved 4-0.

Josh Hendricks, Director of Marketing and Communications has been with the Bloomingtondale Park District for 5 years, effective March 29th. Jo Witucki Peterson has recently celebrated 35 years with the agency effective March 3rd. The board thanked them for their service and provided them with monetary gifts.

Staff Reports

The board is pleased with the marketing efforts that staff is making towards increasing Oasis season pass sales.

New Business

Ordinance 2015-03

Commissioner Johns moved, seconded by Commissioner Childress, to accept Ordinance No. 2015-03: An ordinance prescribing the rules and regulations for the government and protection of all park district properties and patrons and to promote maximum usage and enjoyment under control of the board of park commissioners of the Bloomingtondale Park District. On roll call vote the motion was approved 4-0.

Aye:	Johns, Childress, Vogl, Burke
Nay:	None
Absent:	Puccio

Executive Director's Employment Contract

Commissioner Johns moved, seconded by Commissioner Childress, to waive the reading of the Executive Director's employment contract and to approve it as amended. On roll call vote the motion was approved 4-0.

Aye: Johns, Childress, Vogl, Burke
Nay: None
Absent: Puccio

Other Items Before the Board

Sunnyside Park Trail Grant Information

Staff reviewed the information received from the Village of Bloomingdale regarding a grant that the Village has been awarded to link the Bloomingdale Gold Club property to Sunnyside Park and to connect from Glen Ellyn to Byron and to Army Trail Roads. This trail is anticipated to be made with crushed limestone to provide residents with additional paths to walk, run and bike. The Village of Bloomingdale may request an easement from the Bloomingdale Park District at the Sunnyside Park site should this project move forward. Commissioners will be given an opportunity to walk through this site plan prior to any development starting.

OSLAD Grant Suspension

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources has informed the Bloomingdale Park District that they have suspended the grant previously awarded to us for the Circle Park project. They also state that any actions we take to move forward with this project may make the park district liable for all costs without state participation.

Festival of Lights Report – December 2014

Sandy Vangundy, Director of Recreation, provided the board with a report of the success of the December 2014 Festival of Lights activities held in Old Town Park and the Museum and plans to improve the event for 2015. The board was encouraged to hear that more than 1700 residents enjoyed the festivities during this month-long special event.

Lightning Detection System Project Update

Joe Potts, Director of Parks and Planning, updated the board on the status of the lightning detection system replacement project. He summarized findings from a number of meetings held recently with Bret Collins, who is the Bloomingdale Golf Club superintendent. Village and Park District staffs have been researching options for the replacement of the joint Village of Bloomingdale and Bloomingdale Park District lightning detection system. Staff intends to prepare a complete proposal for this project later this spring. It will be coordinated with the Village of Bloomingdale approval process.

IAPD Legislative Conference – Springfield, Illinois

This conference will be held April 28-29, 2015. Commissioners Johns and Vogl will attend with Executive Director Fullerton on our behalf. Director of Marketing and Communications, Josh Hendricks, will also attend the Parks Day at the Capitol and present our marketing information to legislators.

IAPD Legislative Breakfast Meetings

Commissioner Burke commended staff on the wonderful event at the Museum held on March 13th. This legislative breakfast was attended by almost 50 guests where the focus of the conversations was on OSLAD and PARC grant suspensions.

Acceptance of Financial Report

Commissioner Johns moved, seconded by Commissioner Vogl, to accept the Financial Report dated March 2015. On roll call vote the motion was approved 4-0.

Aye: Johns, Vogl, Childress, Burke
Nay: None
Absent: Puccio

Approval of Directive to Pay

Commissioner Johns moved, seconded by Commissioner Childress, to approve the Directive to Pay dated March 16, 2015. On roll call vote the motion was approved 4-0.

Aye: Johns, Childress, Vogl, Burke
Nay: None
Absent: Puccio

Executive Session

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

Aye: Johns, Childress, Vogl, Burke
Nay: None
Absent: Puccio

Additional Discussion

Executive Director Fullerton informed the board that Jim Reuter, Executive Director of the Carol Stream Park District, along with Tim Powers, President of the Board of Commissioners of the Carol Stream Park District, will attend the April 20 meeting of the Bloomingdale Park District board of commissioners.

Commissioner Vogl shared some ideas that IAPD board members have been discussing in regard to the state conference to be held in January 2016. They plan to modify the timing of the closing speaker to 9:00 am on Saturday morning to increase participation. The IAPD board is looking for additional volunteers to help with conference registration and also for the career development symposium. They are also looking for ideas for the welcome social and the closing event.

Adjournment

Commissioner Johns moved, seconded by Commissioner Vogl, to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 pm. On voice vote the motion was approved 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Carrie A. Fullerton
Board Secretary