

**Bloomington Park District
Board of Commissioners Meeting
May 18, 2015
Johnston Recreation Center**

Call to Order

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

Recognition of Visitors

Guests in attendance include Judge James Orel and Christine Cody, James Reuter, Executive Director with the Carol Stream Park District, Jacqueline Jeffery, President of the Carol Stream Park District Board of Commissioners, and Jen Szabo, Executive Assistant for the Carol Stream Park District.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Burke moved, seconded by Commissioner Vogl, to approve the minutes of April 20, 2015 meeting as presented. On voice vote the motion was approved 5-0.

Commissioner Johns moved, seconded by Commissioner Vogl, to approve the minutes of May 4, 2015 meeting as presented. On voice vote the motion was approved 3-0 with Commissioners Burke and Childress abstaining.

Oath of Office – Re-elected Commissioner Andre Burke

The Honorable James Orel administered the oath of office to Commissioner Andre Burke. He will serve a six year term beginning on May 1, 2015 and concluding in April 2021.

Staff Reports

The board is pleased with the marketing efforts that staff is making towards increasing Oasis season pass sales. Staff updated the board on the Character Counts! mural that is being installed on the concession stand at Springfield Park. The board also requested clarification on the changes being made to the JRC lobby to install a marketing/promotions television and wi-fi area for guests to our facility.

New Business

Approval of Annual Budget FY 2015-16

The board acknowledged the efforts and sacrifices that staff makes to create a working budget for the district. They appreciate all employee efforts to work within budget constraints.

Commissioner Johns moved, seconded by Commissioner Vogl, to approve the budget as presented, effective June 1, 2015 through May 31, 2016. On roll call vote the motion was approved 5-0.

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

Lightning Detection and Warning System – Agreement with Village of Bloomingdale

Staff has been working with staff of the Village of Bloomingdale to replace the current lightning detection and warning system that is located throughout 11 of our parks. We anticipate purchasing a new system in cooperation with the VOB in June 2015. Our share of the purchase will be about \$47,000 and the Village's share will be about \$20,000, based on number of locations. The board suggested staff reach out to Hilton Indian Lakes Resort as they do not currently have a lightning detection system on their golf course.

Commissioner Johns moved, seconded by Commissioner Burke, to accept the Intergovernmental Agreement Between Village of Bloomingdale and Bloomingdale Park District for Lightning Detection and Warning System dated May 18, 2015. On roll call vote the motion was approved 5-0.

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

Other Items Before the Board

IAPD Legislative Conference Recap

Commissioners Vogl and Johns provided the board, staff and guests with a recap of the discussions and networking that was had during the recent IAPD Legislative Conference in Springfield. The board feels strongly that the relationships that are strengthened and the seminars and conversations that are held during this conference are very valuable. The item of greatest concern is the fact that the State of Illinois is \$6.5 billion in debt. The legislation under consideration at this point in time that will affect parks and recreation are the property tax freeze, government consolidation commission, and raising the minimum wage. The board suggests that we continue to watch what happens with these bills moving forward.

Needs Assessment for 2016

Staff suggests that we contract with Leisure Vision again for our next needs assessment in an effort to maintain consistency in the data. The board agrees. Staff will begin preliminary work for the random sampling needs assessment to be conducted in 2016.

Springfield Park Storm Water Drainage and Potential Baseball Fields Improvement Project

Staff and President Puccio met recently with members of Bloomingdale Baseball and Softball Association (BBSA) to recap the need for baseball field drainage improvements and other storm water issues. Staff will continue to meet with engineers and contractors to get a firm understanding of the scope and cost of the project.

Touch a Truck/Kite Fly

Another nice event was held in Springfield Park on May 16th. Children were fascinated when the firemen used the jaws of life in their demonstration.

Acceptance of Financial Report

Commissioner Johns moved, seconded by Commissioner Childress, to accept the Financial Report dated May 2015. On roll call vote the motion was approved 5-0.

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

Approval of Directive to Pay

Commissioner Childress moved, seconded by Commissioner Vogl, to approve the Directive to Pay dated May 18, 2015. On roll call vote the motion was approved 5-0.

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

Executive Session

Commissioner Johns moved, seconded by Commissioner Childress, to not enter into Executive Session. On roll call vote the motion was approved 5-0.

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

Adjournment

Commissioner Johns moved, seconded by Commissioner Childress, to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 pm. On voice vote the motion was approved 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Carrie A. Fullerton
Board Secretary