

**Bloomington Park District  
Board of Commissioners Meeting  
April 18, 2016  
Johnston Recreation Center**

**Meeting Called to Order**

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

**Recognition of Visitors**

There were no guests.

**Approval of Minutes**

Commissioner Vogl moved, seconded by Commissioner Burke, to approve the minutes of the board meeting of March 28, 2016, as presented. On voice vote the motion was approved 5-0.

**Staff Reports**

There were no comments regarding staff reports.

**New Business**

Review Draft of FY2016-2017 Budget

Director of Finance, June Fergus, presented the budget highlights. The FY 2016-2017 budget will be presented to the board on May 16 for final approval.

Discuss Circle Park Playground Request for Proposal for Design Services

Staff reviewed the various design proposals that were submitted for Circle Park renovation. We received proposals from 7 firms and 3 were selected to give a more detailed presentation of their plan for the redesign of the park playground. Staff recommends Studio Bloom to design the new playground at Circle Park. Design services will not exceed \$15,000 and therefore will not require board approval.

Personnel Policy Discussion – Anti-Nepotism

Staff has requested a one-time waiver of Policy 3.8 which states:

“The employment of a close relative of any full-time Park District employee or commissioner in a full-time, part-time or seasonal position is prohibited. For the purpose of this policy, the term “close relative” includes the following relationships, whether established by blood, marriage, or other legal action: mother, father, husband, wife, son, daughter, sister, brother, in-laws, step-child, aunt, uncle, cousin, niece or nephew.

This policy does not apply to “close relatives” who already are employed by the Park District as of the effective date (May 1, 2012) of this anti-nepotism policy. This waiver,

however, may not be used as a basis for further exceptions subsequent to the effective date of this policy.”

The board and staff discussed this issue as it would pertain to the hiring of a seasonal part-time position. Staff recommends keeping the policy as is and asks the board for a one-time waiver for this particular situation.

Commissioner Vogl moved, seconded by Commissioner Marshall, to request that the vote to approve a one-time variance to the current anti-nepotism policy receive a super majority in favor in order to approve this motion. On voice vote, the motion was approved 5-0.

The board would like to further discuss this policy at the May 16 meeting and asked staff to place this item on the agenda.

Commissioner Vogl moved, seconded by Commissioner Marshall, to approve the staff request to allow a one-time waiver of the current anti-nepotism policy in order to meet the current staffing need for a part-time seasonal employee. On voice vote, the motion was approved 5-0.

#### Review and Approve Bloomingdale Church Request for “Party in the Park” at Sunnyside Park – June 17, 2016.

Commissioner Johns moved, seconded by Commissioner Vogl, to approve the request from Bloomingdale Church to host their annual “Party in the Park” at Sunnyside Park on June 17, 2016 and to waive any associated fees. On voice vote, the motion was approved 5-0.

#### **Other Items for the Board**

##### Westlake Resident Interest in Outdoor Fitness Equipment

Staff has heard concerns from residents that they would like to have outdoor adult fitness equipment around the path at Westlake. The board and staff discussed the impact to our budget and strategic plan and how we could potentially finance adding outdoor equipment at this park in the future.

##### Springfield Park Wetlands “Residents for Restoration”

Staff updated the board on this resident group of park friends that are interested in helping the agency raise funds to improve the shoreline at the Springfield Park wetlands.

##### Potential Referendum Question – November 2016 Election

Discussion was held to determine if there is any interest or possibility of success if we were to pose a question on the ballot of the upcoming general election in November, 2016. Staff will conduct research and will present their findings to the board during the May 2, 2016 board meeting.

#### **Acceptance of Financial Report**

Commissioner Johns moved, seconded by Commissioner Burke, to accept the Financial Report dated April 2016. On roll call vote the motion was approved 5-0.

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

### **Approval of Directive to Pay**

Commissioner Marshall moved, seconded by Commissioner Burke, to approve the Directive to Pay dated April 18, 2016. On roll call vote the motion was approved 5-0.

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

### **Executive Session**

Commissioner Johns moved, seconded by Commissioner Vogl, to enter into Executive Session at 8:58 pm. (5 ILCS, Par. 120/2(c)(1)) and (5 ILCS, Par. 120/2(c)(21)). On roll call vote the motion was approved 5-0.

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

### **Rise from Executive Session**

Commissioner Johns moved, seconded by Commissioner Vogl to adjourn the Executive Session at 9:24 pm. On voice vote the motion was approved 5-0.

### **Regular Meeting – Resumed**

The meeting of the Bloomingdale Park District Board of Commissioners was called back into session by President Puccio at 9:25 pm.

### **Roll Call**

In attendance were Commissioners Mike Vogl, Andre Burke, Karen Johns, Jerry Marshall, Buzz Puccio and Executive Director Carrie Fullerton.

Commissioner Puccio stated that the Executive Session was conducted to review the performance of the Executive Director and to review closed session meeting minutes.

Commissioner Vogl moved, seconded by Commissioner Johns, to approve the updates to Executive Director Fullerton's employment contract, salary and benefits. On roll call vote the motion was approved 5-0.

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

Commissioner Johns moved, seconded by Commissioner Burke, to approve and release the Executive Session minutes from February 23, 2015 and February 22, 2016. On roll call vote the motion was approved 5-0.

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

**Adjournment**

Commissioner Johns moved, seconded by Commissioner Vogl, to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 pm. On voice vote the motion was approved 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Carrie A. Fullerton  
Board Secretary