

**Bloomington Park District
Board of Commissioners Meeting
May 2, 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 and Buzz Puccio and staff members Carrie Fullerton, Sandy Vangundy, Andrea Pindak, Joe Potts, June Fergus and Liz Serruto.

Recognition of Visitors

There were no guests.

New Business

Discuss Potential Referendum Question

The board received information from staff and our attorney regarding a potential referendum question requesting \$10M from voters to purchase bonds for capital projects. Discussion also included whether or not we would also ask for an increase in our tax rate, which would mean two questions on the ballot.

Focus of discussion was on whether or not we feel a referendum would be most successful in November 2016 or April 2017.

There were several projects identified and board consensus is to hire a public relations firm with the resources allocated for community engagement and focus groups to determine what projects the voters really want us to do. The board agreed that all athletic groups and stakeholders must have equal access to information and we are not to provide preferential treatment to any one project or group.

Staff will research consultants and hire someone to help us determine which election cycle would best serve our needs.

The board will meet again on June 6, 2016 to further review this subject.

Other Items for the Board

Lions Club Interest

Staff has learned from the Bloomington Lions Club that they are willing to partner with us on our playground renovations and are interested in sponsoring a feature at one of our parks. Staff will continue to work with the Lions Club and other groups for sponsorship support of our playground renovations.

State of the District

Prior to the May 16, 2016, board meeting, Executive Director Fullerton will meet with part-time staff to review the current state of the district and answer employee questions regarding projects and plans.

Adjournment

Commissioner Vogl moved, seconded by Commissioner Burke, to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 pm. On voice vote the motion was approved 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Carrie A. Fullerton
Board Secretary