

**Bloomington Park District
Board of Commissioners Meeting
November 20, 2017
Johnston Recreation Center**

Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Bloomington Park District Board of Commissioners was called to order at 7:02 pm. In attendance were Commissioners Jerry Marshall, Andre Burke, Karen Johns, Mike Vogl, and Buzz Puccio, and staff members Carrie Fullerton, June Fergus, Joe Potts, Sandy Vangundy, Josh Hendricks, and Jackie Tithof Steere.

Recognition of Visitors

There were no visitors in attendance.

Commissioner Johns moved, seconded by Commissioner Marshall, to move up on the agenda Items 7B – Aquatics Report and 6D – Tax Levy.

New Business

Review and Approve Resolution 2017-06: Resolution Determining Funds to be Raised by Taxation for the Year 2017, Fiscal Year 2018-2019, to be Available for 20 days

Staff informed the Board that this levy requests an additional 18.11% increase in taxes over last year's levy, with most of the increase (10.96%) due to the referendum bonds. The estimated increase to a \$300,000 home is within the range of what the Park District estimated during the referendum process. The remaining increase is to ensure the capture of any growth related to new construction and the 2.1% CPI increase. A public hearing is required and will be held on December 18th. The ordinance will come to the Board on December 18th.

Commissioner Johns moved, seconded by Commissioner Marshall, to approve Resolution 2017-06: Resolution Determining Funds to be Raised by Taxation for the Year 2017, Fiscal Year 2018-2019, to be Available for 20 days. On roll call vote the motion was approved 5-0.

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

(June Fergus exited the meeting.)

Other Items to be Brought Before the Board

Discussion of 2017 Aquatics Report

Athletics and Facilities Supervisor Chris Tompkins and Pool Manager Melissa Marcus were present to answer questions regarding the 2017 Aquatics Report and to share some highlights of The Oasis' latest season. Pool pass sales were up this year. Popular events and amenities included the new mermaid-themed swim lessons and birthday parties, Captain Oasis, and the outdoor ping pong table. Challenges remain in finding pool staff and filling swim lessons. The Board thanked the staff for doing a great job maintaining a great facility.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Johns moved, seconded by Commissioner Marshall, to approve the minutes of the November 6, 2017, meeting as presented. On voice vote the motion was approved 5-0.

Staff Reports

The Board was impressed by the large numbers of children attending before and after school care and appreciated staff breaking out project updates by capital project. Staff informed the Board that the next Bike Bloomingdale will be held June 2, 2018; the Forest Preserve approved the permit today.

New Business, Continued

Review and Approve Board of Commissioners 2018 Meeting Schedule

Staff presented a schedule of meetings mostly twice per month to accommodate referendum project contracts, etc. that may require approval.

Commissioner Johns moved, seconded by Commissioner Vogl, to accept the Bloomingdale Park District Board of Commissioners 2018 Meeting Schedule as presented. On voice vote the motion was approved 5-0.

Review and Potentially Approve Discounted Rate Rental for Individual Advocacy Group

Due to the length of rental and its non-profit status, Individual Advocacy Group requests a reduced rental rate of \$15/hour. The rental will occur in an area that is generally unused during the day, so it will not disrupt Park District programming or services.

Commissioner Marshall moved, seconded by Commissioner Burke, to grant the discounted rate rental request for Individual Advocacy Group. On roll call vote the motion was approved 5-0.

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

Review and Approve Budget Schedule for 2018-2019

Commissioner Burke moved, seconded by Commissioner Johns, to accept the budget schedule for fiscal year 2018-2019 as presented. On voice vote the motion was approved 5-0.

Review and Potentially Approve Springfield Park Ball Field Change Order

The Board reviewed Springfield Park Ball Field Change Order #18 for landscaping around the Ball Field's utility boxes and concession stand.

Commissioner Burke moved, seconded by Commissioner Marshall, to approve Change Order #18 for landscaping by Great Lakes Landscape Co., Inc., not to exceed \$8,114.00. On roll call vote the motion was approved 5-0.

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

Other Items to be Brought Before the Board, Continued

IPRA/IAPD 2018 Annual Conference Plans

Staff requested the Board email attendance and dinner schedules for the 2018 IAPD/IPRA Conference, to be held January 18-20 at the Chicago Hilton in Chicago, so that conference registrations and hotel and dinner reservations can be confirmed.

Discuss Springfield Park Ball Fields' Opening and Operations

A discussion was held about the previously determined opening date and operations of the new Springfield Park Ball Fields. In order to be responsive to concerns about the loss of another season raised by the Bloomingdale Baseball and Softball Association (BBSA), the opinion of additional professionals was sought. Due to the new developments and information provided by the sod manufacturer, the Board reached a consensus that the ribbon-cutting ceremony/opening day can be held, and play can begin, on May 5th.

It was determined that the BBSA will be allowed to schedule tournaments on the new fields. The fields, however, will be checked daily and will be shut down if determined unplayable. In such cases, games will be moved to other fields. Staff will notify BBSA leadership of the changes via letter. Staff and the Board will meet with BBSA leadership regarding tournaments and financial matters at a later date.

Additional Items for the Board

Status of Springfield Park Ball Field Project

Having visited the Springfield Park site today, Executive Director Fullerton reported that the crew is finishing up. The sidewalk, entrance, and arch are beautiful. Staff is being trained on the irrigation systems and batting cage maintenance. The group discussed possibly improving the restroom area and painting the concession stand. At the Board's request, staff will check into repurposing stalls from The Oasis.

Illinois Association of Park Districts (IAPD) Joint Legislative Committee Update

Commissioner Vogl briefed the Board and staff on the status of the property tax freeze proposal. The bill died in the Senate and did not pass. Commissioner Vogl had sent letters to five local legislators urging them to vote against the bill. Also, the IAPD legislative picnic is on hold for a year, possibly permanently. Park Districts are encouraged to invite legislators to a currently scheduled event, such as a ribbon cutting, Septemberfest, etc. Commissioner Vogl will act as IAPD Program Committee Chair for a year; Commissioner Marshall has submitted an application to serve on the Program Committee.

Acceptance of Financial Reports

Commissioner Burke moved, seconded by Commissioner Vogl, to accept the Financial Reports dated October 2017. On roll call vote the motion was approved 5-0.

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

Approval of Directive to Pay

Commissioner Johns moved, seconded by Commissioner Vogl, to approve the Directive to Pay dated November 20, 2017. On roll call vote the motion was approved 5-0.

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

Executive Session

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

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

Adjournment

Commissioner Johns moved, seconded by Commissioner Marshall, to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm. On voice vote the motion was approved 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Carrie A. Fullerton
Board Secretary