

**Bloomington Park District
Board of Commissioners Meeting
May 21, 2018
Johnston Recreation Center**

Meeting Called to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

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

Recognition of Visitors

The Board recognized and welcomed visitor Mesha Hadzic. Formerly with the Wheaton Park District, Mesha began his employment with the Bloomington Park District today as the new Assistant Director of Parks and Planning. The Board and staff see Mesha as a great asset to the Park District and welcomed him aboard.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Vogl moved, seconded by Commissioner Marshall, to approve the minutes of the regular Board Meeting of April 16, 2018, as presented. On voice vote the motion was approved 5-0.

Staff Reports

The Board complimented staff on a nice job selling pool passes.

New Business

Review and Approve FY 2018-2019 Annual Working Budget

Staff notified the Board that a few adjustments may need to be made to the budget once bids from the Johnston Recreation Center project come back and a location for gymnastics is selected.

Commissioner Johns moved, seconded by Commissioner Burke, to approve the FY 2018-2019 Annual Working Budget. On roll call vote the motion was approved 5-0.

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

Review and Approve Travel Expenses for Legislative Conference and IAPD Meetings

Commissioner Vogl, the only Commissioner to attend the IAPD Legislative Conference held in Springfield April 24-25, 2018, accumulated minimal expenses.

Commissioner Burke moved, seconded by Commissioner Marshall, to approve Travel Expenses for the 2018 Legislative Conference and IAPD Meetings. On roll call vote the motion was approved 5-0.

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

Review and Approve Ordinance 2018-05: Surplus Property

Staff informed the Board that an air conditioning unit and an industrial double oven are no longer useful to or in the best interest of the Park District and recommend the sale of such items.

Commissioner Burke moved, seconded by Commissioner Marshall, to approve Ordinance 2018-05: An Ordinance Declaring Certain Park District Personal Property as Surplus and Authorizing the Sale or Disposal. On roll call vote the motion was approved 5-0.

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

Review and Approve Amendment to Staff Employment Contract

Commissioner Johns moved, seconded by Commissioner Vogl, to approve the Sixth Amendment to Employment Contract for the Executive Director. On roll call vote the motion was approved 5-0.

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

Other Items for the Board

Bloomington Baseball & Softball Association Service Request

Staff notified the Board about a request from the Bloomington Baseball & Softball Association (BBSA) to have the Park District provide additional services at ball fields. Due to an anticipated decline in future volunteer labor, the incoming BBSA president believes the organization cannot continue to keep up its current level of ball field maintenance.

In response, staff has begun collecting and sharing with the Board data from three different areas: other Park Districts via Survey Monkey on field maintenance procedures to determine an industry standard, from BBSA on total volunteer hours to compare against the cost of Park District staff providing the labor, and on capital costs to improve ball fields beyond those upgraded at Springfield Park. The Board concurred with this approach.

A discussion followed on the history of baseball in Bloomingdale. In the past, duties performed on rudimentary fields like raking were often handled by volunteer managers and coaches, and drags were shared between BBSA and the Park District. Over the years, the needs and expectations from residents and BBSA have evolved. It is important to the Board to change with the times based on its own researched conclusions, serve both the in-house and travel baseball community equally and to industry standards, determine the financial status of and receive financial contributions from BBSA, and to not overspend.

The Board addressed a request from BBSA to waive all direct fees for tournaments this year. Commissioner Burke moved to waive all direct fees for 2018 tournaments. The motion failed for lack of a second. The Board will not consider waiving fees for this year or next year.

The Board directed staff to determine the Park District's most booked fields and put together numbers with infrastructure and the strategic plan in mind and come back with financial and service recommendations to take fields and services to the next level.

Additional Items for the Board

Bids for Johnston Recreation Center and The Oasis

Staff should have better pricing information following the bid openings on Thursday, May 24th for the Johnston Recreation Center and Friday, May 25th for The Oasis.

Gymnastics Relocation Update

The search for a reasonably priced temporary location for gymnastics continues. The realtor currently searching for a property is a resident and will not charge a commission. Having secured Glenbard North until February, staff is working on housing for the remaining months at the Itasca Park District, Stratford Mall, and the former K-Mart building, among other locations.

June 4th Board Meeting

The Board and staff discussed the possibility of needing an alternate library space for the June 4th meeting.

IAPD Meeting Update

Commissioners Marshall and Vogl attended the Illinois Association of Park Districts meeting in Peoria this past weekend, where they reviewed proposed sessions for elected officials attending next year's conference.

Acceptance of Financial Report

Commissioner Johns moved, seconded by Commissioner Marshall, to accept the Financial Report dated April 2018. On roll call vote the motion was approved 5-0.

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

Approval of Directive to Pay

Commissioner Vogl moved, seconded by Commissioner Burke, to approve the Directive to Pay dated May 21, 2018. On roll call vote the motion was approved 5-0.

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

Executive Session

Commissioner Johns moved, seconded by Commissioner Burke, to not enter into Executive Session. 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 Burke, to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 pm. On voice vote the motion was approved 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Carrie A. Fullerton
Board Secretary