

**Bloomington Park District  
Board of Commissioners Meeting  
February 24, 2020, 7:00 P.M.  
Johnston Recreation Center**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The Board and staff recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Meeting Called to Order**

President Burke called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. In attendance were Commissioners Jerry Marshall, Karen Johns, and Andre Burke and staff members June Fergus, Josh Hendricks, Joe Potts, Sandy Vangundy, and Jackie Tithof Steere.

(Commissioners Puccio and Vogl notified the Board in advance of their absence.)

**Recognition of Visitors**

The Board recognized Sandy Gbur, Executive Director of the Western DuPage Special Recreation Association (WDSRA), who was present to provide an update on the special recreation agency.

**Approval of Minutes**

Commissioner Johns moved, seconded by Commissioner Marshall, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 27, 2020, as presented. On voice vote the motion was approved 3-0.

Commissioner Johns moved, seconded by Commissioner Marshall, to move up on the agenda Item 9A. On voice vote the motion was approved 3-0.

**Other Items to be Brought Before the Board**

Visit from Sandy Gbur, WDSRA

Sandy thanked the Board for having her and proceeded to give the Park Board an update on happenings at WDSRA, which serves participants ranging in ages from 2-84. Efforts to recruit ambassadors for the agency were described as were examples of how WDSRA programs build community through joint fundraising opportunities and can support and strengthen families, allowing parents to have a break, children to become more independent and try new things, and siblings the opportunity for one-on-one time with a parent.

WDSRA has had good success with a new fundraising initiative with some people pledging for five years to continually support their programming. The agency has been rebranded with a new logo, expanded its leadership team, experienced a 15% increase in special events, and supported 29 Special Olympic athletes in 10 different sports. Bloomington residents accounted for 9% of 2,518 registrations. Sandy asked the Park District to display WDSRA booklets year-round and invited the staff and Board to its upcoming Bash fundraiser.

The Board commented on how excited people get when they first receive the new WDSRA brochures, what a good volleyball event it had recently with local high schoolers, and the great news that WDSRA donations have not curbed with the implementation of new tax laws concerning donations.

At this point, the Board resumed the normal order of the agenda.

### **Staff Reports**

The Board was pleased that certain programs are receiving extra promotion to reduce cancellations.

### **New Business**

#### Approval of Multi-Day Conference Expenses for Board Members

As required by new regulations, the Board reviewed and approved all Board expenses related to the 2020 IAPD/IPRA Soaring to New Heights Conference. Most of Commissioner Vogl's expenses were covered by the Illinois Association of Park Districts due to his role in the organization.

Commissioner Johns moved, seconded by Commissioner Marshall, to approve 2020 IAPA/IPRA Conference expenses for the Park Board. On roll call vote the motion was approved 3-0.

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

#### Approval of Resolution 2020-04: A Resolution Appointing an Authorized IMRF Agent

Staff briefed the Board on the need to replace former Executive Director Fullerton as the authorized agent for the Illinois Municipal Retirement and recommended naming Interim Executive Director and Director of Finance June Fergus as the new authorized agent.

Commissioner Marshall moved, seconded by Commissioner Johns, to approve Resolution 2020-04: A Resolution Appointing an Authorized Agent for the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund, appointing June Fergus to fill the role. On roll call vote the motion was approved 3-0.

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

#### Rejection of Bids for Mowing, Landscaping, and Chemical Treatment Services

A bid opening was held by staff that combined multiple applications and received only one valid mowing and one valid chemical treatment bid. Attorney Price said the Park District can proceed with what it has, but staff is not comfortable with so few bidders. Staff recommends rejecting the bids, rebidding the services, and bringing the new bids to the Board at its next meeting.

Commissioner Johns moved, seconded by Commissioner Marshall, to reject the bids for mowing, landscaping, and chemical treatment services. On roll call vote the motion was approved 3-0.

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

## **Old Business**

### Johnston Recreation Center Project Closeout Discussion

This item was brought back to the agenda so that Joe Potts could be present to discuss the topic. The kitchen camera was installed Thursday morning; the sink is done. Gender neutral signage was installed. ADA improvements are complete, and storage shelving is partially complete. The cabinet issue in workroom has been addressed.

Also discussed was the leak issue on the old section of the roof, which has caused some cancellations of programs in the gym. Much patching by two different sets of roofers has occurred, and staff is confident the roof issues are fixed, but precautions are in place just in case.

### Approval of Audit Services

Staff briefed the Board on the status of a request for proposal (RFP). Two responses came in – one from the current auditor, Lauterbach and Amen, and one from Selden Fox, Ltd. As part of best practice recommendations to change auditors periodically, and after much research and interviewing, staff recommends approval of audit services from a new firm, Selden Fox, Ltd.

Commissioner Marshall moved, seconded by Commissioner Johns, to approve audit services from Selden Fox, Ltd. On roll call vote the motion was approved 3-0.

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

### Approval of Resolution 2020-05: Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Policy

This Resolution, a Distinguished Agency-required policy draft from last month, was presented to the Board in formal format.

Commissioner Johns moved, seconded by Commissioner Marshall, to approve Resolution 2020-05: A Resolution Adopting an Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Policy for the Personnel Policy Manual. On roll call vote the motion was approved 3-0.

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

### Approval of Resolution 2020-06: Board Manual Official Minutes Section Update

Staff presented the Board with the formal version of this Distinguished Agency-required policy and recommended approval of the policy.

Commissioner Marshall moved, seconded by Commissioner Johns, to approve Resolution 2020-06: A Resolution Updating the Official Minutes Section of Board Policy Manual. On roll call vote the motion was approved 3-0.

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

#### Approval of Resolution 2020-07: ADA Policy for Board Manual

Commissioner Johns moved, seconded by Commissioner Marshall, to approve Resolution 2020-07: A Resolution Adopting an ADA Policy for the Board Manual. On roll call vote the motion was approved 3-0.

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

#### **Other Items to be Brought Before the Board, Continued**

##### IAPD/IPRA Conference Review

Commissioner Marshall moved, seconded by Commissioner Johns, to table the IAPD/IPRA Conference review until more of the Board can be present. On roll call vote the motion was approved 3-0.

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

##### Discussion of the Bloomingdale Athletic Club (BAC) and Lacrosse

Recreation and Parks Department staff met with lacrosse reps and determined Leslie Park might work out well for them. BAC does want to move forward with the 11 people registered currently. The Park District supports BAC in their efforts and will evaluate how well things go with parking, the fields, and the waiver of the non-resident fee. Staff will update the BAC Agreement to include lacrosse and bring it back to the Board at the March 16, 2020, meeting.

#### **Additional Items for the Board**

##### Parks Foundation Recap

Two members of the Parks Board, Rick Tayfel and Frank Saverino, have pledged donations to the Foundation. Next year the Foundation may hold its gift-wrapping fundraiser at Stratford Square Mall, Target, or the Park District. Due to a decline in participation, the Foundation has decided to abandon the 5K event this year and regroup.

##### Legislative Breakfasts

Commissioner Marshall and Interim Executive Director Fergus attended the February 22 Legislative Breakfast in Schaumburg. Four legislators present said they are still working on the budget and could not commit to when Park Districts might receive their capital projects funding. Commissioners Puccio and Vogl will attend the next breakfast with Josh Hendricks.

### Rebuild Illinois Program

Joe Potts attended a seminar on the Rebuild Illinois Program. The Park District is pre-qualified for this grant program but will need to complete other tasks like adopting a grant policy, etc.

### Listening Tour

Commissioner Marshall and Interim Executive Director Fergus will conduct the next listening tour, which will be held at the Museum on March 14, 2020.

### Smoke Purge

A discussion was held on the operation of a smoke purge, which draws smoke out of building. High Rise Security Systems is confident they can install the new smoke purge switches at the JRC to the satisfaction of the Fire Department.

### **Acceptance of Financial Report**

Commissioner Johns moved, seconded by Commissioner Marshall, to accept the Financial Report dated January 2020. On roll call vote the motion was approved 3-0.

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

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

Commissioner Marshall moved, seconded by Commissioner Johns, to approve the Directive to Pay dated February 24, 2020. On roll call vote the motion was approved 3-0.

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

### **Executive Session**

Commissioner Johns moved, seconded by Commissioner Marshall, to not enter into Executive Session. On roll call vote the motion was approved 3-0.

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

### **Adjournment**

Commissioner Johns moved, seconded by Commissioner Marshall, to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m. On voice vote the motion was approved 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Tithof Steere  
Board Assistant Secretary