

**Bloomington Park District
Board of Commissioners Meeting
June 1, 2020, 7:00 P.M.
Via Zoom Video Conference**

(This meeting was conducted by video conference without a physically present quorum of the Bloomington Park District Board of Commissioners because of a disaster declaration related to COVID-19 public health concerns affecting the jurisdiction of the Park District. The public was asked to submit questions and/or comments in advance.)

Meeting Called to Order

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

Recognition of Visitors

No visitors were present to acknowledge, and no questions or comments were submitted in advance.

Commissioner Jerry Marshall joined the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

New Business

Presentation on Re-Opening Under Restore Illinois Plan's Phase 3 Guidelines

Staff presented to the Board a plan for re-opening the Park District based on Phase 3 Guidelines from Governor Pritzker's Restore Illinois Plan. In Phase 2, staff had focused on providing virtual programming to the public at no charge, only recently charging a fee for such classes, and is currently working on in-person programming.

Anxious to get started, staff is seeking clarification for formulating inside sports classes and working out the logistics of offering outdoor classes, such as accessible restrooms, patrons bringing their own equipment, and identifying areas in parks in which to hold classes. Staff continues to work toward offering drive-in movies, virtual dance classes with Medinah Park District, and See-A-Truck and Father's Day events.

A discussion was held on whether to continue with charging a fee for virtual programming. It was determined that staff would provide two weeks of virtual programming history at the next meeting.

Staff reported the drive-through Preschool graduation at the Johnston Recreation Center (JRC) went well. Students were able to wear their gowns and see and take socially distant pictures with their teachers. Camp on the Go, a take-home camp, is up and ready to go with a couple delivery options, a fair number of registrations, and activities such as virtual field trips, science experiments, and special prizes. With 43 children currently registered for Camp Escape, the search for camp staff has begun. Daily and weekly camps will be divided into groups of 10 with two instructors and will feature independent play, curbside

drop off and pick up, and daily health screenings. Parents will be briefed on requirements of children (i.e. wearing masks and taking care of their own needs) in a June Zoom meeting. The entire JRC will be used for camp; Westfield Middle School will be used if additional space is needed. The Museum staff will return to prepare for the next exhibit.

Other Items for the Board

Staff Meeting on JRC Re-Opening

The staff will be meeting via Zoom this week to review procedures for, the timing of, and alternatives to opening of the JRC during Phase 3. Board Members provided opinions on the re-opening. The staff will figure out the details.

Building Modifications

Staff is working on adjustments to the JRC to accommodate camps, per guidance of the Park District Risk Management Agency (PDRMA). Training will be provided for all staff during Phase 3 and Phase 4.

Air Circulation in JRC

Adjustments will be made to the air ventilation system at the JRC in order to turn over air as much and as quickly as possible for fresher air, per IDPH-approved guidelines.

Cameras at The Oasis

To thwart trespassing and mischief in the closed pool areas, staff is looking into installing cameras and will gather quotes. In the meantime, a temporary trail camera and no trespassing signs will be put up.

Anticipated Pool and Other Advice from the Illinois Association of Park Districts (IAPD)

Staff anticipates IAPD advice on pools will be coming soon. The Board and staff also discussed other amenities opening, including playgrounds, which probably will not be opening in Phase 3. The Park District is ready to go when given the go-ahead to open them.

Possible Adjustments to the Extension of the Open Meetings Act

President Burke alerted the Board and staff of a recent email he received announcing potential changes to the amended Open Meetings Act currently allowing the full Board to meet remotely during the COVID-19 pandemic. IAPD is hosting a webinar on the topic.

Grateful to Staff

The Board extended credit to the staff for their handling of COVID-19 change and praised them for their hard work during this time.

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, Puccio, Marshall, Burke

Nay: None

Absent: None

Adjournment

Commissioner Johns moved, seconded by Commissioner Marshall, to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. On voice vote the motion was approved 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Tithof Steere
Board Assistant Secretary