

**Bloomington Park District**  
**BINA Public Hearing and Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**September 21, 2020**  
**Johnston Recreation Center 7:00 P.M.**

**Opening Statement**

President Burke recited the following statement related to meeting during COVID-19:

*These meetings will be conducted by video conference and in-person possibly 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 President of the Board of Commissioners has determined that an in-person meeting at the JRC with all participants may not be practical or prudent because of the disaster. Commissioners, the Executive Director, staff and chief legal counsel may not all be physically present at the JRC, due to the disaster. Physical public attendance at the JRC may be limited or not feasible, so alternative arrangements for public access to hear the meeting on Zoom. This meeting will also be audio and video recorded and made available to the public, as provided by law. All votes will be by roll call. The public was asked to submit questions and/or comments in advance.*

**Call to Order – BINA Public Hearing**

The BINA public hearing was called to order at 7:07 p.m. The Public Hearing was pursuant to the requirements of Sections 10 and 20 of the Bond Issuance Notification Act of the State of Illinois, as amended on the plans to issue General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2020, in the amount not to exceed \$2,500,000.

President Burke read the following statement related to the Public Hearing:

*Good evening, ladies and gentlemen. This hearing will come to order. Let the record reflect that this is a public hearing being held pursuant to the requirements of Sections 10 and 20 of the Bond Issue Notification Act of the State of Illinois, as amended. Notice of this hearing was published on September 8, 2020, in the Daily Herald, a newspaper of general circulation in the District. This is a hearing regarding a plan to issue not to exceed \$2,500,000 in aggregate principal amount of the District's General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2020 (the "Bonds"). The proceeds of the Bonds will be used for the purpose of financing and refinancing the cost of payment of land condemned or purchased for parks, for the building, maintaining, improving and protecting of the same and the existing land and facilities of the District and paying certain costs of issuance of the Bonds.*

*The Bonds will be issued by the District in accordance with the provisions of Section 15 of the Local Government Debt Reform Act of the State of Illinois, as amended, and shall constitute a general obligation of the District, payable from (i) the debt service extension base (the "Base") of the District, as permitted by law, and to determine the lien priority of payments to be made from the Base to pay the District's limited bonds, and (ii) such other funds of the District lawfully available and annually appropriated for such purpose.*

*This public hearing is required by Sections 10 and 20 of the Bond Issue Notification Act of the State of Illinois, as amended. At the time and place set for the public hearing, residents, taxpayers and other interested persons will be given the opportunity to express their views for or against the proposed plan of financing, the issuance of the Bonds and the purpose of the issuance of the Bonds.*

No written comments were submitted in advance by the public or by the public in attendance. The Public Hearing was concluded at 7:10 p.m.

### **Roll Call**

Upon roll call, those present were Commissioners Buzz Puccio, Jerry Marshall, Karen Johns, Mike Vogl, and Andre Burke and staff members Joe Potts, June Fergus, Sandy Vangundy, Josh Hendricks, and Jackie Tithof Steere.

### **Adjourn Public Hearing**

There being no comments from the public, President Burke closed the Public Hearing portion of the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

### **Call to Order – Regular Meeting**

The Regular Meeting of the Bloomingdale Park District Board of Commissioners was called to order at 7:12 p.m. In attendance were Commissioners Buzz Puccio, Jerry Marshall, 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**

There were no public comments from persons in attendance. Present were staff members Natalie Reed, newest recreation supervisor; Mark Goode, safety coordinator; and Mike Orlik, park maintenance staff member. Family members of Mike Orlik were also present.

Commissioner Puccio moved, seconded by Commissioner Vogl, to move up on the agenda Items 12A and 12B. On roll call vote the motion was approved 5-0.

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

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

#### Fifteen Year Anniversary Award to Mark Goode

The Board and staff commended Mark for working so well for three agencies and presenting important safety rules and regulations in an educational way that does not create friction among staff. The District is grateful to Mark for making and keeping Bloomingdale parks, facilities, and programs safe.

#### Thirty Year Anniversary Award to Mike Orlik

A loyal, dedicated employee for 30 years, Mike is in elite company. The staff is grateful to Mike for regularly sharing his knowledge with others and responding immediately when duty calls, even late at night. Mike never hesitates to patiently help and train new employees. Bloomingdale parks remain safe, clean, and attractive thanks to Mike's dedication to his work. The Board was thankful for his lengthy service and many contributions to the District, including his work as Santa's helper in which he relates well to children.

The Board proceeded to Item 12C on the agenda.

#### Introduction of New Employee Natalie Reed

The Board welcomed Natalie Reed, a recent graduate of the University of Iowa, to the BPD family. Natalie started working for the District at the end of August after having served several years at the Huntley Park District. She dove right in to manage the remote learning program, Kids' Place, and other programming, and has enjoyed her work thus far.

The Board resumed the normal order of the agenda.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Commissioner Marshall moved, seconded by Commissioner Johns, to approve the minutes of the Board Meeting of August 24, 2020, as presented. On roll call vote the motion was approved 4-0 with Commissioner Puccio abstaining.

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

### **Staff Reports**

The Board inquired about the enrollment status of Preschool, which is currently estimated at 48% of normal enrollment, and the breakdown of enrollment in the remote learning program, approximately 75% of which is from District 13.

## **Old Business**

### Approval of Resolution No. 2020-12: Asset Capitalization Thresholds Guideline Update

Commissioner Vogl moved, seconded by Commissioner Puccio, to approve Resolution 2020-12: A Resolution Updating the Asset Capitalization Thresholds Guideline. On roll call vote the motion was approved 5-0.

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

## **New Business**

### Approval of IGA for COVID-19 Expense Reimbursement from DuPage County

Staff presented the Board with an intergovernmental agreement, approved by Attorney Price, that defines which COVID-19-related expenses Park Districts can be reimbursed for by the County of DuPage. The County has earmarked \$1,000,000 of relief funds for local Park Districts, approximately \$30,000 of which has been apportioned to Bloomingdale Park District. The District continues to track all COVID expenses and has submitted its first invoice for reimbursement. The Board encouraged staff to submit all relevant receipts as quickly as possible.

Commissioner Johns moved, seconded by Commissioner Marshall, to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement for Participation in DuPage County Local Government COVID-19 Reimbursement Program. On roll call vote the motion was approved 5-0.

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

### Approval of IGA with DuPage County for Shared GIS Services

An agreement for the sharing of geographical information system (GIS) services between the County and the Park District from late 2019 was brought to the Board to be entered into the record.

Commissioner Puccio moved, seconded by Commissioner Vogl, to approve the intergovernmental agreement between the Bloomingdale Park District and the County of DuPage for shared geographical information system (GIS) services. On roll call vote the motion was approved 5-0.

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

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

### NRPA Virtual Congress Discussion

It was determined that not all Commissioners have been receiving emails from the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) concerning the association's decision to hold the annual conference virtually this year. Staff will forward on conference information to Commissioner Vogl and will register all interested Board Members for the conference to be held virtually October 27-29, 2020.

### Tree Inventory Update

Staff addressed highlights of the 20-page Tree Inventory Report prepared by Great Lakes Urban Forestry Management. The report rates the condition of each tree; provides a diversity analysis and a data summary breaking down the number of general trees, memorial trees, and diameter of trees, among other things; lists species composition in descending order; and offers a nice description of Westlake Park's diverse tree collection. Recommendations included establishing tree rings everywhere possible, detailing cyclical pruning needs, and maximizing diversity.

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

#### October 5, 2020, Special Board Meeting

The audit will be presented during the October 5 Special Meeting. The dynamics of the meeting were discussed. The Board and staff settled on the option of meeting remotely with Executive Director Potts present in the event a member of the public wanted to attend in person.

#### IAPD Update

Both the Best of the Best Gala and the Legal Symposium are going to be held virtually because the number of attendees who normally attend cannot be accommodated safely during this time. How the state conference will be conducted in January is still undecided. Commissioners shared their experiences with virtual conferences to date.

#### Westlake Bridge

Executive Director Potts explained the Westlake Bridge information he included in his Board Report was for informative purposes only.

#### Flag Football Festival

The topic of a flag football festival raised by the Bloomingdale Athletic Club (BAC) affiliate has not come up again. Such events are not currently condoned by the Bill George Youth Football League.

#### Appreciation

The Board expressed gratitude for the spiffy look of the ballfields and paths at Springfield Park. Many compliments have been received. Congratulations were offered to the staff for working together so well to make everything – programs, the brochure, the president's letter, etc. – work during the pandemic.

### **Acceptance of Financial Report**

Commissioner Marshall moved, seconded by Commissioner Johns, to accept the Financial Report dated August 2020. On roll call vote the motion was approved 5-0.

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

**Approval of Directive to Pay**

Commissioner Vogl moved, seconded by Commissioner Puccio, to approve the Directive to Pay dated September 21, 2020. On roll call vote the motion was approved 5-0.

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

**Executive Session**

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

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

**Adjournment**

Commissioner Johns moved, seconded by Commissioner Marshall, to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 p.m. On roll call vote the motion was approved 5-0.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Potts  
Board Secretary