

**Bloomington Park District  
Board of Commissioners Meeting  
February 24, 2014  
Johnston Recreation Center**

**Call to Order – Regular Meeting**

The Meeting of the Bloomington Park District Board of Commissioners was called to order at 6:02 pm. In attendance were Commissioners Andre Burke, Karen Johns, Mike Vogl and Buzz Puccio. Staff members in attendance were Carrie Fullerton, Andrea Pindak, Sandy Vangundy, Josh Hendricks and Joe Potts.

**Recognition of Visitors**

Lynne Panega, Superintendent, Jeff O’Connell, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services and Barb Layer, board member, all with Lake Park High School District #108.

**Presentation from Lake Park High School**

The purpose of Lake Park representatives attending the board of commissioners meeting of the Bloomington Park District was to review the scope of the project going to referendum vote on March 18, 2014. Lynne Panega and Jeff O’Connell reviewed the design of the proposed aquatic facility, the construction schedule, cost of production, funding plans and repayment schedule.

(Commissioner Michael Childress arrived at 6:20 pm)

President Puccio declared the meeting in recess at 6:33 pm.

President Puccio declared the meeting back to order at 6:36 pm.

**Approval of Minutes**

Commissioner Childress moved, seconded by Commissioner Burke, to approve the minutes of January 13, 2014 meeting as presented. On voice vote the motion was approved 4-0 with Commissioner Puccio abstaining.

**Staff Reports**

Discussion was held concerning the continued success of Daddy-Daughter dance and the increase in pool sales over last year at this time.

**New Business**

BBSA Agreement

Recreation staff has been working with members of the BBSA board to develop an updated memorandum of understanding between the BPD and the BBSA. Staff used information provided by PDRMA and past history to prepare this agreement. The board was pleased with the new agreement and asked that the contract expire on December 31, 2017.

Commissioner Vogl moved, seconded by Commissioner Johns, to accept the BBSA memo of understanding dated February 7, 2014, be adopted. On voice vote the motion was approved 5-0.

#### Proposed Gun Range in Bloomingdale

The board discussed the request from a resident that the board of commissioners take a position on the proposed gun range at the Abbott Engineering location on Circle Avenue in Bloomingdale. The board was unanimous in its decision to not intervene or take a position on this project. President Puccio will contact the resident and advise him of the board's decision to not take a position on this issue.

#### 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Coffee with the Board

Staff and the board discussed the idea of offering residents an opportunity to visit with the board in recognition of our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. This will be planned for an evening allowing some time immediately before a regularly scheduled board meeting. Residents will be given an opportunity to share their opinions on playground equipment that is planned to be installed in FY 2014-2015 at Circle Park and Seasons 4 Park at the same event, providing residents further incentive to come visit with the board.

#### JRC PARC Grant

Staff is interested in applying for a PARC grant being made available through the Department of Natural Resources. This grant would be a 3-1 matching grant. Staff is working with FGM Architects and proposes a total of approximately \$3.75M cost to renovate the JRC. Remodeling ideas include a renovation of the administrative offices, fitness space, ADA toilets, upgrade preschool rooms, improved plumbing, energy efficiency and life/safety needs. The costs would be covered with \$2.5M in PARC grant funds, \$500,000 in ADA funds, and \$1.25M in a local match.

Part of the grant application includes a public input session so we will host a special meeting on Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm for the public to come and express their opinions on what they would like to see us add/renovate from this grant opportunity.

#### Referendum Question - 2016

Brief discussion was held among the board concerning the idea of the BPD posing a referendum question in 2016 as it related to the JRC PARC grant. The board unanimously agreed that it may be time for us to request additional resources to improve property values, and to properly maintain our current assets.

#### **Other Items Before the Board**

Capital Budget Report Update – The board was presented with an updated copy of the capital projects effective February 2014.

Lake Park Tax Consortium – Our legal counsel, Ancel Glink, et al, would like to submit a proposal to the Lake Park Tax Consortium for legal representation, but would like to know if the board has any concerns before they submit a proposal. The board of commissioners feel there is no conflict of interest and has no concerns.

Character Counts! Mural at Springfield Park – Sandy Vangundy presented a sketch of the mural that is proposed for the concession stand at Springfield Park depicting the pillars of character. The Westfield School art teacher will work with students to paint this mural during spring break 2014.

Legislative Breakfast – Commissioner Vogl reviewed the developments at the recent legislative breakfast session with fellow board members. Much discussion was held concerning raising the minimum wage and its impact on park districts.

### **Acceptance of Financial Report**

Commissioner Johns moved, seconded by Commissioner Burke, to accept the Financial Report dated January 2014. On roll call vote the motion was approved 5-0.

Aye: Johns, Burke, Childress, Vogl, Puccio

Nay: None

Absent: None

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

Commissioner Burke moved, seconded by Commissioner Childress, to approve the Directive to Pay dated February 24, 2014. On roll call vote the motion was approved 5-0.

Aye: Burke, Childress, Vogl, Johns, Puccio

Nay: None

Absent: None

### **Executive Session**

Commissioner Vogl moved, seconded by Commissioner Johns, to enter into Executive Session at 7:55 pm for the purpose of discussing personnel (5 ILCS, Par. 120/2(c)(1)). On roll call vote the motion was approved 5-0.

Aye: Vogl, Johns, Burke, Childress, Puccio

Nay: None

Absent: None

### **Rise from Executive Session**

Commissioner Burke moved, seconded by Commissioner Vogl to adjourn the Executive Session at 8:25 pm. On voice vote the motion was approved 5-0.

### **Regular Meeting – Resumed**

The meeting of the Bloomingdale Park District Board of Commissioners was called back into session by President Puccio at 8:25 pm.

### **Roll Call**

In attendance were Commissioners Mike Vogl, Andre Burke, Michael Childress, Karen Johns, Buzz Puccio and Executive Director Carrie Fullerton.

Commissioner Puccio stated that the Executive Session was conducted to discuss the performance of the Executive Director and performed an annual review. Items in this executive session will be voted on during the open meeting of March 24, 2014 (5 ILCS, Par. 120/2 (e)).

**Adjournment**

Commissioner Johns moved, seconded by Commissioner Childress, to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 pm. On voice vote the motion was approved 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Carrie A. Fullerton  
Board Secretary