

**Minutes of the
Bloomingdale Park District
Board of Commissioners Meeting
March 5, 2014
Johnston Recreation Center
7:00PM**

Call to Order – Special Meeting

The special meeting of the Bloomingdale Park District Board of Commissioners was called to order at 7:00 pm. In attendance were Commissioners Karen Johns, Andre Burke, Michael Childress and Mike Vogl. Staff members in attendance were Carrie Fullerton, Sandy Vangundy, Josh Hendricks and Joe Potts.

Recognition of Visitors

President Pro-Tem, Karen Johns, welcomed the guests and invited them to please write down their questions on the note cards provided. Ms. Johns introduced Director Fullerton.

Visitors present were residents:

Terri Graves
Kathy Jecmen
Jon Hageman
Camille Iannacco
Sue Shembari
Mark Stenzel
Trish Mc Climans
Kay Laureto
Michael Orlik
Karima Berrabah
Lora Troesken

New Business

Presentation from Executive Director Carrie Fullerton

Director Fullerton welcomed the guests and introduced the staff who were present and acknowledged the staff's contribution in preparing the PARC Grant application. Director of Parks and Planning, Joe Potts, explained that public input is incredibly important and he was glad to see our residents at the meeting. Director Fullerton proceeded to explain the PARC Grant and the Johnston Recreation Center proposed improvements.

Why Now?

- The grant is a 3:1 match, with a max of \$2.5M
- Applications are due March 10th
- PARC stands for **Illinois Park and Recreational Facility Grant Program**

General Overview of the Project:

- Second Floor renovation of the facility and some minor lower level improvements.
- Areas to be addressed:
 - New Fitness Center
 - New Fitness Rooms
 - ADA Washrooms
 - Plumbing Replacement
 - Energy Efficient Lighting
 - High Efficiency HVAC
 - Insulation
 - Life Safety Issues
 - Facility Control Issues
 - Preschool Remodel
 - Administration Remodel
 - Site Restoration
 - Rain Garden
 - Utilities

Financing

- Absolutely NO Tax Increase
- The total project is estimated at \$3.75M
- \$2.5M would come from the Grant
- We would need to provide a \$1.25M local match

Particular Changes to the Facility

- To determine what needed to be done to the facility we utilized three key documents:
 - The most recent Needs Assessment (2010)
 - Strategic Plan (2013-2018)
 - Capital Asset Replacement Plan (2013-2032)
 - ADA Transition Plan
- These four documents provided us with information on what our residents want, what our capital needs are to maintain our facility to the best of our ability, and what it would take to make the facility more accessible to ALL.
- Our **needs assessment** document suggests the following:
 1. 37% of residents feel we need indoor fitness and exercise facilities
 2. 46% of residents need more fitness programs
 3. 31% of residents need more health and wellness programs
 4. 33% of residents rated fitness programs as most important
 5. 21% of residents rated health and wellness programs as most important
 6. 42% of residents stated they would use a weight room/cardiovascular equipment area if the park district offered it
 7. 38% of residents stated they would use an exercise facility that was welcoming to adults aged 50+
 8. 34% of residents requested a renovation of the JRC
- Our **Strategic Plan** update suggests that:

2014 Plan Update:

The District's 2010 Community Needs Assessment and a series of focus groups conducted during this planning process indicate an indoor fitness and exercise facility as the highest facility need for the District. When survey results are combined with the aging facility's access needs, the District should develop a renovation and modernization plan for JRC which improves public access, expands usable program space and expands services to new populations.

- Our Capital Asset Replacement Plan and our ADA Transition Plan have a wide range of issues that need to be addressed with regard to aging infrastructure of the facility and overall accessibility.

A Few of the Proposed Specific Changes:

Recreation Space

- Use of abandoned bath house space (7 years)
- Fitness Center
- Additional Fitness Program Space
- Updated Preschool Rooms
- Future Play Feature

Life Safety Issues

- Abandon outdoor staircases and replace with covered staircase – issues with safety of facility exit
- Fire System and Sprinkler system updated

ADA Issues

- Main Floor toilet rooms (can't be "grandfathered in") – must be addressed
- Control Desk height
- Preschool Toilet rooms
- Cabinets and sinks in preschool rooms

Energy Efficiencies

- Adding insulation to exterior walls on entire main floor
- High efficiency lighting (T5 Fluorescent or LED's)
- Plumbing (aged) and will have low flow features
- Main floor new HVAC 90-95% Efficient

Presentation from Joe Potts, Director of Parks and Planning

Joe Potts, Director of Parks and Planning, welcomed the guests. Mr. Potts continued to describe the Johnston Recreation Center proposed improvements and highlighted that the improvements included new and modernized plumbing, HVAC, insulation, and lighting for the entire project area. These improvements will be energy efficient and result in cost savings due to modernization and efficiency. Mr. Potts also explained the life safety installation of a new indoor stairwell and updated fire/sprinkler system improvement on the upper level.

Resident Camille Iannacco asked if there was any chance that a bathroom could be added to the Kindergarten classroom in the lower level or if a hallway could be added to have access to the Preschool C restroom.

Joe Potts explained that at this time the proposal was mostly for upper level improvements but that the restroom access for the kindergarten students is important and will remain a current topic for discussion.

JRC PARC Grant – Public Input

Guests were invited to ask questions regarding the Johnston Recreation Center proposed improvements. Karen Johns, President Pro-Tem opened the floor for questions from the public.

Question 1

How many grants are given out? What happens if you don't get one?

A total of \$25 million will be awarded throughout the state. Each request can be for a maximum of 10% of the total. If the Bloomingdale Park District is not awarded the PARC Grant, the Johnston Recreation Center improvements will not be completed.

Question 2

What type of equipment will be in the fitness center and how much?

Cardio, free weights, machines. The amount of equipment would be dependent on space and financial resources. Resident input would be part of the selection process.

Question 3

How about bringing a walking track to the Johnston Recreation Center?

A walking track is not part of the current proposed improvement plan due to the track at the school district. It's a good idea and maybe in the future if the gymnasium is renovated.

Question 4

Will there be lockers?

There would be women's and men's shower rooms with limited locker facilities.

Question 5

Will there be suspended flooring in the fitness rooms?

We will check with the architects to verify if this is included in the proposed design.

Question 6

What about the loss of storage on the upper level?

Storage space has been added to the lower level.

Question 7

Are there bathrooms and sinks included in the preschool rooms?

Each room would have classroom access to their own ADA accessible bathroom. A lower sink and cabinets are included in each classroom.

Question 8

How would renovation affect existing programs?

All upper level programs will be moved offsite during the improvements.

Question 9

Would the renovation affect the busses that pick-up and drop-off participants? What time of year will this be done?

Bussing would be worked out during renovation so that all students access the building safely. The renovation would depend on when the grant awards are announced.

Questions from the public concluded.

Commissioner Burke noted that a number of improvements did not fit into the plan and that the proposal is a bare bones project which addresses realistic needs, functionality, and ADA compliancy. Commissioner Vogl commented that the Johnston Recreation Cerner is on this footprint and that there is no room for expansion of the facility. He commended staff for fitting as many pieces as possible, as requested by residents into this improvement puzzle.

A resident inquired about the open space at Indian Lakes and if this is a possible location for Park District facility expansion? Commissioner Burke replied that this land was purchased by the Village of Bloomingdale but that President Buzz Puccio is on the committee to assist the Village with the plan for the Indian Lakes property. President Pro-Tem Johns added that if the Park District is awarded the PARC Grant, it would be like getting a new building for a little over \$1 million dollars. Director Fullerton added that the Park District has shared the District's Needs Assessment information with the Village of Bloomingdale to assist with their plans for the Indian Lakes property. President Pro-Tem Johns said she appreciates the Johnston Recreation Center proposed improvements as a resident of the community and believes it is realistic to what people want and would benefit the aging community of people who do not want to go to a private fitness club. Commissioner Childress added that private fitness centers around the community are expensive.

A resident asked how much a membership would cost to the Park District fitness center. Director Fullerton replied that fees have not been determined yet, but would be very reasonable.

Another resident asked if the Johnston Recreation Center could be built up? Director Fullerton said building up would most likely not be allowed by the Village Plan Commission since the recreation center is located in a residential area.

President Pro-Tem Johns and Director Fullerton thanked the residents for their input and for attending the meeting.

A resident asked the other residents at the meeting how they found out about the public meeting. The residents replied, from E-News blasts, two notices in the newspaper, the Park District website, and the local TV channel.

The visitors viewed the plans with Director Fullerton.

Resolution 2014-01: PARC Grant Application requiring a commitment for matching funds from the district.

Please note the comments submitted previously by Board President, Sebastian J. Puccio who could not attend the meeting due to business-related reasons:

"I have examined all of the documents associated with the pending grant application being discussed at the special meeting of March 5, 2014. Please be advised that I am in full agreement with the plans as presented and the method of financing construction. If present, my vote would be "aye" to move forward the application."

I apologize for not being present.

Sebastian J. Puccio

Commissioner Burke moved, seconded by Commissioner Vogl, to commit to the amount of \$1.25 million for the purpose of fulfilling the local matching funds requirement for the PARC grant application to renovate the Johnston Recreation Center. On roll call vote the motion was approved 4-0.

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

Other Items Before the Board

Director Fullerton thanked the staff for their work on the grant. The Board of Commissioners also thanked staff.

Director Fullerton informed the Board that several letters of support were received for inclusion with the PARC Grant application.

Adjournment

Commissioner Childress moved, seconded by Commissioner Burke, to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 pm. On voice vote the motion was approved 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Carrie A. Fullerton
Board Secretary

**All Commissioners present have had the opportunity to review these minutes, which will be officially approved at the March 24, 2014 Board of Commissioners meeting.