

**Bloomington Park District
Board of Commissioners Meeting
SPRINGFIELD PARK BALLFIELD TOUR, BINA PUBLIC HEARING,
AND REGULAR MEETING
September 18, 2017
Johnston Recreation Center**

Springfield Park Ballfield Meeting

President Puccio called the meeting at Springfield Park to order at 6:00 pm. In attendance were Commissioners Andre Burke, Karen Johns, Jerry Marshall, and Buzz Puccio; staff members Joe Potts, Carrie Fullerton, and Jackie Tithof Steere; and guests Mike Rink, Rob Snover, Ron Olson, and Paul Tarman.

Mike Rink conducted a tour of the Springfield Park Ballfields, detailing the status of construction and many new features such as batting cages, an underground drainage system, LED lighting, planters, brick paved areas, covered bleachers, sprinkler systems, and walking paths.

The meeting was recessed at 6:25 pm to move to the Johnston Recreation Center.

Bond Issuance Notification Act Public Hearing

President Puccio called the BINA Public Hearing to order at 7:02 pm. In attendance were Commissioners Jerry Marshall, Andre Burke, Karen Johns, Mike Vogl, and Buzz Puccio and staff members Carrie Fullerton, June Fergus, Joe Potts, Sandy Vangundy, Josh Hendricks, and Jackie Tithof Steere.

Recognition of Visitors

There were no visitors in attendance.

As the Hearing Officer, President Puccio read a statement required by Sections 10 and 20 of the Bond Issue Notification Act of the State of Illinois, as amended. The purpose of the meeting was to receive public comments on the plans to issue General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2017, in the amount not to exceed \$2,200,000.

Comments from the Public and Board

There were no comments from the public or the Board.

Adjournment

Commissioner Johns moved, seconded by Commissioner Burke, to adjourn the BINA Public Hearing at 7:06 pm. On roll call vote the motion was approved 5-0:

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

Regular Meeting – Called to Order

President Puccio called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners to order at 7:06 pm. In attendance were Commissioners Jerry Marshall, Andre Burke, Karen Johns, Mike Vogl, and Buzz Puccio and Staff Carrie Fullerton, June Fergus, Sandy Vangundy, Joe Potts, Josh Hendricks, and Jackie Tithof Steere.

Recognition of Visitors

No visitors were in attendance.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Johns moved, seconded by Commissioner Vogl, to approve the minutes of the Board Meeting of August 21, 2017, as presented. On voice vote the motion was approved 5-0.

Staff Reports

The Board asked that athletic trainers talk to the Park District's travel coaches as well as in-house coaches about athletic services they offer, and commended the Recreation Department on the significant increase in program participation of 27%. The Board is delighted the preschool will be teaching students about agriculture.

New Business

Review and Potentially Approve Character Counts! Proclamation

Commissioner Johns moved, seconded by Commissioner Vogl to designate October 3, 2017, as Character Counts! Day. On roll call vote the motion was approved 5-0:

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

Review, Discuss, and Potentially Approve NRPA 2017 Conference Room Rates

A discussion was held on rates and availability of hotel rooms for the 2017 National Recreation and Park Association Annual Conference in New Orleans.

Commissioner Marshall moved, seconded by Commissioner Burke, to approve current room rates for the 2017 NRPA Conference. On roll call vote the motion was approved 5-0:

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

Review and Potentially Approve Change Orders Associated with Springfield Park Ball Field Project

Staff informed the Board that the net change amount for Change Orders #7-11 is a positive \$14,044.74. A \$35,000 savings is credited to Mike Gricus, Village of Bloomingdale, who identified an opportunity to remove an unnecessary underground six-inch pipe from the project scope. The Board commended the staff on the phenomenal appearance of the Springfield Park Ball Fields.

Contemplated and pending changes to the project include the restoration of the fire pit area and Erickson Elementary School's physical education area as well as additional irrigation for grass behind home plate. Requests for an additional sidewalk and a shelter replacement have been voided.

Commissioner Johns moved, seconded by Commissioner Marshall, to approve change orders associated with the Springfield Park Ball Field Project, not to exceed the following amounts: Change Order #7 for Barton Electric, Inc., for the increased amount of \$4,475; Change Order #8 for Jensen's Plumbing & Heating, Inc., for the decreased amount of (\$35,061); Change Order #9 for Action Fence Contractors, Inc., for the increased amount of \$1,931.26; Change Order #10 for Great Lakes Landscaping Company, Inc., for the increased amount of \$14,625; and Change Order #11 for Great Lakes Landscaping Company, Inc., for the decreased amount of (\$105). On roll call vote the motion was approved 5-0.

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

Review and Potentially Approve Ordinance 2017-05: An Ordinance for the Disposal of Surplus Items – Recreation Van

Commissioner Burke moved, seconded by Commissioner Marshall, to approve Ordinance No. 2017-05: An Ordinance for the Disposal of Surplus Items – Recreation Van. On roll call vote the motion was approved 5-0.

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

Review and Potentially Approve Gayatri Gyan Mandir Folk Dance JRC Rental Request

A discussion was held on the request for rental of the Johnston Recreation Center by the Gayatri Gyan Mandir organization to hold its annual folk dance on October 14, 2017. The group plans to charge a nominal fee and will not serve alcohol.

Commissioner Johns moved, seconded by Commissioner Burke, to approve the Gayatri Gyan Mandir Folk Dance Rental Request at the JRC. On roll call vote the motion was approved 5-0.

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

Other Items to be Brought Before the Board

Discuss Picnic Shelter at Springfield Park

Staff briefed the Board on the costs involved with constructing a new picnic shelter at Springfield Park and recommends not proceeding with the project at this time due to budget constraints.

Discuss Scope and Funding for The Oasis Referendum Project

A discussion was held on the scope and funding of The Oasis Referendum Project. The value-engineered base cost, which includes all amenities promised to residents as part of the referendum, is \$1,013,424, just under the allocated \$1,015,666 budget. Items the staff believes would improve the facility, such as interior gates and fencing and a dive platform, are not in this base cost. Proposed additions amount to \$283,700. The Board directed staff to determine if adding gel coating to the current slides will improve their functionality.

Discuss and Review NRPA Congress Schedule and Travel Policy

Staff informed the Board that all NRPA event invitations are noted on the provided schedule; attire requirements are casual. Should there be any additions, a new schedule will be sent.

Presentation of Five-Year Service Award for Joe Potts

The Board congratulated Joe Potts, Director of Parks and Planning, on being a very welcome addition to the staff. Nothing but the highest compliments from the Village were passed along about Joe. Executive Director Carrie Fullerton confirmed that the Parks Department is stronger than ever under Joe's direction and that this is evident in the way the parks looked this summer.

Additional Items for the Board

Block Party Wagons

The Board discussed the idea of offering residents the opportunity to reserve trailers filled with all the makings of a block party, such as chairs, tables, street blockers, canopies, a grill, and possibly staff to entertain kids. President Puccio will pose a possible partnership to the Mayor.

Garden Plot Theft

The increase in theft of produce from the garden plots and how to best combat it were discussed.

Bloomingtondale Rocks on Facebook Project

Currently, Springfield has an interesting campaign going on, called Springfield IL Rocks, that involves painting and hiding rocks around town and asking those who find them to post pictures on Facebook. The Board and staff are considering replicating the project and having kids enrolled in summer camp begin the process of decorating and hiding rocks in Bloomingtondale Parks.

Possible Cancellation of Board Meeting

Staff informed the Board that the October 2nd Board Meeting will likely be cancelled.

IAPD Board Retreat

Commissioner Vogl recently attended an Illinois Association of Park Districts Board Retreat and learned there is a decrease in the number of people willing to serve on park district boards. Attendees agreed that as board members retire they need to do a better job identifying potential replacements.

Parks Foundation

The Board requested a discussion of the vision and purpose of the Parks Foundation be added to the October 16th agenda. Staff will engage with the National Park Foundation for direction.

Acceptance of Financial Report

Commissioner Johns moved, seconded by Commissioner Vogl, to accept the Financial Report dated August 2017. On roll call vote the motion was approved 5-0.

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

Approval of Directive to Pay

Commissioner Marshall moved, seconded by Commissioner Burke, to approve the Directive to Pay dated August 21, 2017. On roll call vote the motion was approved 5-0.

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

Executive Session

Commissioner Johns moved, seconded by Commissioner Burke, to enter into Executive Session at 8:10 pm to discuss pending litigation (5ILCS, Par. 120/2 (c)(11)). On roll call vote the motion was approved 5-0.

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

Rise from Executive Session

Commissioner Burke moved, seconded by Commissioner Vogl, to adjourn the Executive Session at 8:36 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 8:27 pm.

Roll Call

In attendance were Commissioners Jerry Marshall, Andre Burke, Karen Johns, Mike Vogl, and Buzz Puccio; Executive Director Carrie Fullerton; and Director of Finance and HR June Fergus.

Adjournment

Commissioner Johns moved, seconded by Commissioner Marshall, to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 pm. On voice vote the motion was approved 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Carrie A. Fullerton
Board Secretary