

BOLINGBROOK PARK DISTRICT
Annerino Community Center – Multi-Purpose Room
Workshop Meeting Minutes
February 17, 2022

Board President Sue Vastalo and Commissioner Dorothy Andrews attended tonight's board meeting via ZOOM.

President Vastalo called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Roll call: Andrews, McKay, Hix, McVey, President Vastalo.

Motion Commissioner Vastalo, second Commissioner McVey to approve agenda as submitted. Roll call: Ayes: Andrews, McKay, Hix, McVey, President Vastalo. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion passed 5/0.

District Operations and Activities Update

Executive Director Ron Oestreich reviewed the following Ordinance and Resolutions:

Finance & Technology

Ordinance 22-01 authorizing a supplemental property tax levy to pay the principal of and interest on the outstanding General Obligation Limited Park Bonds, Series, 2019C, of the District.

Superintendent of Business and Finance, Tricia Dubiel said this supplemental levy secures tax funding to make future debt service payment on the 2019 bonds. When the 2019C Series was structured an assumption of growth in our debt service extension base was built into the model at about 1.5% in each year after the issuance. The debt service extension base is a limit that determines how much taxes can be levied in a year to make bond payments and when it grows by a factor called CPI which is a rate of inflation it is published by the State of Illinois every January. Last year CPI has been set at 1.4% and this year it has been set at 5% so commutatively the supplemental levy from last year and this year exceeds the model's assumption of 1.5% of growth in each year after the issuance and will secure the majority of funding remaining on that series. Tricia said she expects next year, at this time, to bring the last supplemental levy for the series for board approval.

The board had no questions.

Buildings, Grounds, and Natural Resources

Resolution 22-13 approve an emergency purchase from West Side Mechanical in the amount of \$60,000 to replace a Lochinvar hot water boiler for Pelican Harbor pools.

Director of BGNR Chris Martner explained back in January there was an issue with one of the heat exchangers. Westside Mechanical came out and got it running again. Then a few weeks later we experienced some issues again. Westside Mechanical came out again and realized the unit had a crack in it putting the whole unit out of commission. The heat exchangers were purchased in 2016. Currently we are running everything on one unit, we were told that it could support the outdoor pools, but we feel we need to get the second unit up and running before the outdoor pools open. This heats all the indoor and outdoor pool water and the wall heat units in the indoor pool. The unit needs to be removed and sent back to the manufacturer and a new one installed. If the unit is covered under warranty the district will receive a credit.

The Board had no questions.

Oestreich thanked the Board for their verbal approval.

Resolution 22-10 awarding a contract in the amount of \$40,125.00 to Westside Mechanical of Naperville, IL for BGNR HVAC unit replacement.

Resolution 22-11 approving contract in the amount of \$148,375 to Hacienda Landscaping for the Freedom & Sunset Parks Playground Replacement 2022, including Alternates 1 and 4.

Resolution 22-12 awarding a contract in the amount of \$174,355.80 to Innovation Landscape for Bradford, Community & Winston Woods Parks playground renovations 2022, including Alternates 1, 2 and 4.

Motion to reject all bids for the Outdoor Pelican Harbor Bathhouse Flooring Replacement.

Superintendent of Projects and Planning Chris Corbett explained we went out to bid this year for the bathhouse flooring. As you recall in 2021 we did a similar bid and it was rejected due to the budget. Last year's amount came in at \$50,000 and we updated the 2022 budget back up to the \$50,000 and did some different product to try to eliminate the budget size. The project went back out to bid this year and the same contractor that bid \$50,000 last year bid \$86,000 this year for a similar product. The next lowest bid was \$96,000. We are rejecting these bids due to being over budget. Some modifications will be made and the project will be put out to bid again.

The Board had no questions.

Operational Updates

Projects Update – Superintendent of Projects and Planning - Chris Corbett:

- Sealcoating Asphalt work in 2022 includes Central Park (paths & basketball courts), Bulldog Park (pathways), Remington Lakes Sports Complex (softball fields & lighting), Winston Woods Park (paths), Prairie Trails Park (path & parking lot), Gateway Wetlands (paths & parking lots), Drafke Park (basketball court), Indian Boundary Park (basketball court), The Forest (basketball courts) and lining of pickleball courts at Ivanhoe Park. Additional alternates will be included in the bid for pricing which are Community Park (paths), Lily Cache West Campus, Lily Cache Greenway path near Bella Vista and Annerino parking lots.
- BRAC gym floor will go out to bid in February with the bid opening scheduled for February 24 (complete sand and seal of the entire gym floor and replace some flooring and stripe logo on both sides of gym).
- Indian Boundary parking lot extension. Out to bid in July with approvals in August starting construction in September.

The Board had no questions.

Access One Credit – Director of Business and Technology Debbie Chase:

- Last November we experienced the most severe outage of telecommunication services for 3 straight days. Debbie asked Access One for a refund since it was their fault. In December we received a \$7,400 refund. Chase was insistent that we needed to have \$12,000 to cover our expenses that we had lost for those 3 days. Chase was informed last week that the park district would be receiving the remaining \$4,600 from Access One.

The Board had no questions.

Community Engagement and Communications Specialist - Superintendent of Marketing and Customer Care, Kim Smith:

- Kim said her and James Rodriguez, Marketing and Communications Manager have spent the past six months reevaluating their workflow and decided they no longer need the Community Engagement and Communication Specialist full time position. The position will be restructured back to a part time position. This position will primarily focus on brochure development and photography support. This will be a 20 hour a week position and will increase during the brochure cycle.

Executive Director Ron Oestreich thanked John Chase, Superintendent of Facilities and congratulated John on his new job. Oestreich said John has accepted the position of Director of Parks and Recreation for Grand Traverse County, Michigan.

Aquatic Staff Incentives and Treadmill Delay – Superintendent of Facilities, John Chase:

- John reported he is working with the Lisle and Woodridge park districts to offer Pelican Harbor access to the Lisle and Woodridge pool staff and our staff will have access to their facilities as well. John explained it gives us a no cost benefit with great value as well as providing a training and learning opportunity for staff. Having staff attend other pools gives them a different perspective of pool operations.
- Despite the early approval to order new treadmills we have been notified that our new equipment has been delayed until as least June.

Executive Director announced some adjustments and changes to the Recreation and Facilities:

Mike Baiardo will now serve as Director of Facilities.

Facilities Department	
Director of Facilities	Mike Baiardo
Fitness and BRAC Manager (Adult Trips)	Chris Piasecki
Athletics and ACC Manager (BAC)	Ryan Kertson
Aquatic Manager (BHS Swim Team)	Sarah Sielisch
Assistant Fitness and Aquatic Manager	Gwen Fuesz

Kai Wahlgren joins our Administration Team and will now serve as Director of Recreation.

Recreation Department	
Director of Recreation	Kai Wahlgren
Manager of Dance, Teens, Theatre	Lindsey Pollina
Manager of Early Childhood and Events	Christy Sorenson
Manager of Gymnastics, Ninja, Cheer	Vacant (interviewing now)
Manager of REACH, Camps, VVSD Programming	Vacant (will be posted by 2/22)

Oestreich reported last Thursday the district closed on the sale of Hidden Oaks and Hidden Lakes. The Forest Preserve District of Will County took over operations beginning Friday morning.

Oestreich reminded the board of three upcoming events:

- o Cricket Dinner – Saturday, February 19 - 7:30pm [Golf Club]
- o State of the Village – Thursday, February 24 - 11:30am [Golf Club]
- o VVSD Dinner – Friday, March 11 – 6:00pm [Golf Club] – Casual attire

Communication from the Public

None

New Business

None

Closed Session

None

Adjournment

Commissioner Vastalo made a motion to adjourn from the Work Shop Meeting at 6:50pm. Second Commissioner Hix. All in Favor, “Ayes”

Minutes Verification Signature



**Bolingbrook Park District Board Secretary
Jake McVey**

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President Vastalo began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion Commissioner Vastalo, second Commissioner McVey to approve the agenda. Roll call: Ayes: Andrews, McKay, Hix, McVey, President Vastalo. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion passed 5/0.

Motion Commissioner Vastalo, second Commissioner Andrews to approve the following meetings:

- Monthly Board Work Shop Meeting Minutes of January 20, 2022
- Monthly Board Meeting Minutes of January 20, 2022

Roll Call: Ayes: Andrews, McKay, Hix, McVey, President Vastalo. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion passed 5/0.

CORRESPONDENCE TO THE BOARD FROM PUBLIC

None

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC AT MEETING

None

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney John O'Driscoll commented on how fantastic the speakers were at the IAPD/IPRA Conference.

O'Driscoll also commented on all the chaos that is going on in the Governor's office. The Appellate Court is supposed to decide on the Temporary Restraining Order for mask wearing in schools. O'Driscoll said he received 500 motions to join the Tom Devore Class Action Law Suit in Springfield and the day before he received another 500.

LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORT

Executive Director Ron Oestreich turned the floor over to Ryan Kertson, Facility/Athletic Manager. Ryan introduced Sam Warren the new full time Custodian at BRAC. Ryan said Sam has been with the District for a long time in a part time position. Ryan welcomed Sam Warren.

Mike Baiardo, Director of Facilities introduced intern Brett Graves. Brett is from Illinois State University and has an Under Graduates Degree in Recreation Management and a Minor in Environmental Studies. He will be completing his senior internship with the park district. Brett has experience in Day Camp programming for those with special needs, two years' experience in camp and sports programming, six years' experience working with people with special needs, ten years volunteering with forest preserves, park districts, Fermilab natural areas and Herrick Lake Forest Preserve. He lives in Naperville and enjoys watching movies, scuba diving with sharks and learning about nature.

Brett Graves said he is very excited to part of the team.

Commissioner Hix welcomed Sam Warren and promised him a challenge.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Commissioner Andrews made a motion for the approval of payment of bills including travel reimbursement in the \$305,347.34 subject to audit. Second Commissioner McVey. Roll call: Ayes: Andrews, McKay, Hix, McVey, President Vastalo. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion passed 5/0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration and Personnel – Commissioner Vastalo reported:

- The Hidden Oaks and Hidden Lakes sale has been finalized.
- All internal audits balanced.

Finance and Technology – Commissioner Hix reported:

- Commissioner Hix made a motion to approve Ordinance 22-01 authorizing a supplemental property tax levy to pay the principal of and interest on the outstanding General Obligation Limited Park Bonds, Series, 2019C, of the District. Second Commissioner McKay. Roll call: Ayes: Andrews, McKay, Hix, McVey, President Vastalo. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion passed 5/0.

Commissioner Hix attended a finance committee with staff. Hix reported the cash position remains solid and the finance committee did a good job of projecting and beating the projections for the collection rates with the county. Hix is looking forward to the districts forecast for next year and it looks excellent.

Eric Anderson the district's bond advisor has built a very impressive model of our financial condition in our bond structuring and tax revenues actually creating dashboard that allows the district to look at numerous "what if" scenario's. Hix said it is very impressive.

Hix reported Ashbury's had some financial abnormalities this month and the Finance Team is working with KemperSports staff to understand the cause.

Buildings, Grounds and Natural Resources – Commissioner Andrews reported:

- The 2022 budget included funds to replace three RTU units; and a split unit including a furnace, air handler and evaporator at the Buildings & Grounds Facility. All units are original to the facility when opened in 2003.

On February 1, 2022 seven contractors submitted bids. The lowest, most responsible bid of \$40,125 was provided by Westside Mechanical. Westside has completed multiple projects for the District with outstanding results. The work is scheduled to commence in early to mid-Summer when units are available due to unexpected long lead times.

Bid Summary

Westside Mechanical	\$40,125.00
Quality Mechanical	\$49,995.00
Jensen's Plumbing & Heating	\$55,765.00
Hartwig Mechanical	\$55,859.00
RJ O'Neill Inc.	\$58,410.11
Comprehensive Construction Solutions	\$63,300.00
Zone Comfort	\$64,875.00

Commissioner Andrews made a motion to approve Resolution 22-10 awarding a contract in the amount of \$40,125.00 to Westside Mechanical of Naperville, Illinois for BGNR HVAC Unit Replacement 2022. Second Commissioner Hix. Roll call: Ayes: Andrews, McKay, Hix, McVey, President Vastalo. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion passed 5/0.

- Bids went out on Tuesday, January 4 for replacement of Freedom and Sunset playgrounds. Both playgrounds replacement is anticipated to begin in April with completion by the end of June.

On February 2, 2022, six contractors submitted bids. The lowest, most responsible bid of \$130,818.00 was provided by Hacienda Landscaping. Hacienda Landscaping has performed similar jobs for the Park District in the past with quality results. The project budget by Upland Design for install was \$150,987.90.

The recommended bid price includes accepting alternates #1 and #4. Both alternates are for Engineered Wood Surfacing at each park.

Bid Summary (Base Bid & Alternates)

Hacienda Landscaping	\$148,375.00	Clauss Brothers, Inc.	\$251,584.59
Innovation Landscape, Inc.	\$149,179.30	Landworks Limited	\$290,644.37
D&J Landscape	\$165,066.65	Misfits Construction	\$326,015.00

Commissioner Andrews made a motion to approve Resolution 22-11 approving contract in the amount of \$148,375 to Hacienda Landscaping for the Freedom & Sunset Parks Playground Replacement 2022, including Alternates 1 and 4 (Minooka, Illinois). Second Commissioner McVey. Roll call: Ayes: Andrews, McKay, Hix, McVey, President Vastalo. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion passed 5/0.

- Bids went out on Tuesday, January 4 for replacement of Bradford, Community and Winston Woods playgrounds. All three playgrounds replacement are anticipated to begin in April with completion by the end of June.

On February 2, 2022, five contractors submitted bids. The lowest, most responsible bid of \$118,773.50 was provided by Innovation Landscape. Innovation Landscape has successfully completed projects for the Park District with quality results. The project budget by Upland Design for install was \$212,311.25.

The recommended bid price includes accepting Alternates #1, #2 and #4. All three alternates are for Engineered Wood Surfacing at each park.

Bid Summary (Base Bid & Alternates)

Innovation Landscape, Inc.	\$174,355.80
Hacienda Landscaping	\$198,249.50
D&J Landscape	\$236,542.19
Landworks Limited	\$379,364.11
Misfits Construction	\$417,803.00

Commissioner Andrews made a motion to approve Resolution 22-12 awarding a contract in the amount of \$174,355.80 to Innovation Landscape for Bradford, Community & Winston Woods Parks playground renovations, including alternates 1, 2 and 4. (Oswego, Illinois). Second Commissioner McKay. Roll call: Ayes: Andrews, McKay, Hix, McVey, President Vastalo. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion passed 5/0.

- The 2022 budget included funds to replace the nine-year old 'Sundeck' flooring in the Outdoor Pelican Harbor Bathhouse and family changing rooms.

On January 4, staff released bid documents for replacement with an epoxy surface similar to the product installed during the BRAC Renovation. Three contractors submitted sealed bids prior to the bid opening on February 1. The lowest bid of \$42,030 was deemed unresponsive due to failure to provide proper documents and signatures. At this time, staff is not comfortable with the 2nd lowest and responsive bid. Staff are planning on putting the project out to bid again next month. Staff recommends a motion to reject all bids for this project.

Bid Summary

TSR Concrete Coatings	\$42,030.00
Tiles in Style, LLC	\$86,615.00
Capital Industrial Coatings, LLC	\$97,223.00

Commissioner Andrews made a motion to reject all bids for the Outdoor Pelican Harbor Bathhouse Flooring Replacement. Second Commissioner McKay. Roll call: Ayes: Andrews, McKay, Hix, McVey, President Vastalo. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion passed 5/0.

- The District encountered an emergency purchase situation regarding the heat exchangers for Pelican Harbor pools. It was an emergency because staff encountered mechanical issues with the heat exchanger on the Lochinvar Boiler #2. Specifically, the heat exchanger is cracked and leaking, thus it needs replacement. The system is set up as two units that provide the heated water for the indoor and outdoor pools as well as the wall units the indoor pool area. At this time, we are only able to use one of the two boiler units and timing is critical to ensure we have both units back up and running for the summer pool season. Total price for removal and equipment and installation is \$60,000. The law allows that emergency expenditures do not need to go through the regular competitive process if ¾ of the Board members vote to approve. Each board member was polled for verbal approval. As a result, we are recommending formal approval of Resolution 22-13 ratifying the emergency purchase.

On a potentially positive note, the existing unit will be returned to the Lochinvar factory for warranty review. If the warranty is granted, a credit of a to be determined dollar amount will be deducted from the \$60,000.

Commissioner Andrews made a motion to approve Resolution 22-13 approving an emergency purchase from West Side Mechanical in the amount of \$60,000 to replace a Lochinvar hot water boiler for Pelican Harbor pools (Naperville, Illinois). Second Commissioner Hix. Roll call: Ayes: Andrews, McKay, Hix, McVey, President Vastalo. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion passed 5/0.

Commissioner Hix asked what the approximate age of the boiler. Chris Martner, Director of BGNR said 16 years.

Electronic Recycling

- In May, 2020 the Board approved an Intergovernmental Agreement between Bolingbrook Park District and Will County to become a drop off site for electronics recycling. In 2021, the amount of electronics recycled at the Park District drop off site was 95,670 pounds, "the second highest turn-key program site" in Will County serving 1,249 vehicles over the course of the year. These totals average out to be 77 pounds per vehicle and averaged 3,967 pounds per event. Thank you, Will County and Bolingbrook residents, to keep these items out of the landfill. The drop off is held on the first and third Tuesdays of the month from 5pm to 7pm in the Annerino Community Center Parking Lot south of the tennis courts. Please check out the website.

General Park Maintenance

- The winter season finally caught up to us in the form of snow. Staff tackled the 10" of snow that fell on February 2 and 3 like champions. They rose to the challenge head on and kept all facilities accessible during the storm. It was an entire team effort to get to our positive outcome. Great job team!

Natural Resources/Horticulture/Turf

- The NRHT staff has been working hard to keep facilities, parking lots, and trails open and clear of snow. When not working on snow removal, the Horticulture and Turf crews have focused on trimming and removing trees in all parks East of Schmidt Rd. The Natural Resources crew has been focusing on mowing or cutting invasive and weedy trees from the Lily Cache Greenway West of Orchard Dr.

ACC Multipurpose Room

- With the space repurposed from the Fitness Center to a Multipurpose Meeting Room the large mirrors are no longer needed. Because the mirrors were glued to the wall it caused extensive damage to the drywall. Building Maintenance Technician Eric Szendel has done a great job repairing and finishing the walls for paint. Job well done!
- BRAC Gymnasium Surface Refinishing went out to bid on Monday, February 7. Bid opening will take place on Thursday, February 24. Recommendations for acceptance of contracts will be brought to the Board at the March meeting.
- Sealcoating Asphalt Pavement 2022 bids went out to bid on Monday, February 7. Bid opening is set for Thursday, February 24. Work in 2022 includes Central Park, Bulldog Park, Remington Lakes Sports Complex, Winston Woods Park, Prairie Trails Park, Gateway Wetlands, Drafke Park, Indian Boundary Park, The Forest and lining of pickleball courts at Ivanhoe Park. Additional alternates will be included in the bid for pricing.
- Staff are finalizing details with Kids Around the World on playground 2022 removals. Recommendation for approval to enter into contract with Kids Around the World will come at the March Board Meeting.
- ACC Sensory Room Construction is nearly completion. Anticipation is for NWCSRA to have equipment arrive as early as April 2022.

Recreation & Facilities – Commissioner McKay reported:

Recreation

- January 2021 saw an increase in preschool enrollment. January 2022 saw some families pulling their children out of preschool (5 families) due to the surge in the Omicron Covid variant and a few families chose to enroll their children in preschool (3 families). Currently there are 161 children enrolled in preschool.
- Registration for 2022-2023 Preschool Program begins on March 9. Families can enroll on-line or in person.
- Early Childhood programs are running great with good numbers. Currently there are 54 children enrolled for classes that will end in mid-February and next session begins a week later.
- Staff are working with Marketing to create a BPD Dance Academy logo and update the DanceForce logo. This will help with creating a brand for our dance department.
- Staff's plan to do so in the following:
 - Our first step will take place this summer with a performance-based dance class that students ages 6-12 will be able to register.
- The Gymnastics winter session is underway and has 32 classes with 224 participants.
- The Illusions Gymnastics Team participated in their first meet at Riverside/Brookfield High School on January 15 and 16 with great results.

- Level 2 Illusions Gymnastic Team finished 3rd in their large team division. Jaanvi led the way with a first place All Around in her age group.
- Level 3 Illusions Gymnastic Team finished 2nd in their small team division. Makaela led the way with a first place All Around in her age group.
- Level 4 Illusions Gymnastic Team finish 3rd in their small team division. Kylie led the way with a third place All Around in her age group.
- The Gymnastics Exhibition is back and scheduled for Saturday, June 25.
- The Ninja program offered the Bolingbrook's Ninja Warrior competition held on January 22. The event was a huge success with 55 Ninja's competed for the fastest time to complete an obstacle course.
- The Ninja program will be hosting the first Ninja Mission of the year Saturday, February 26. The Ninja Mission is an advancement ceremony where ninja demonstrate the skills needed in order to advance to the next level.
- The spring musical this year is Willy Wonka Kids. Rehearsal's began with auditions on January 13. All roles have been assigned and read throughs and blocking have begun.
- Staff is still looking for an alternative option for performance venue.
- Volleyball & Basketball Adult Leagues have started. This is the first time getting an adult basketball league back going prior to 2019.
 - Volleyball League has 26 teams in four divisions
 - Basketball League has 6 teams in one division
 - Racquetball League interest is low. Pushed the start date back one week in hopes of getting enough players to run the league.

Fitness

- January recorded 64 new memberships during the month, right on pace with 2018 and 2019 historical trends, which is a positive sign based on continued recovery.
- Member visits to Lifestyles Fitness recorded over 5,000 for the month of January which is the highest number since reopening in January 2021. Lifestyles averaged 8,000 visits per month in 2019 which shows that the business has regained 65% of membership visit volume.

Aquatics

- Letters have been sent to eligible 2021 seasonal Pelican Harbor staff to return for the 2022 season. Initial response is strong and staff is looking forward to a great summer season. The positions are open online for new and returning summer seasonal staff to start applying.
- Gwen Fuesz has been hired as the Assistant Fitness and Aquatic Manager. Gwen comes to us from Mundelein Park District where she held a similar position. Gwen's experience is vast and she is excited about the opportunities at Bolingbrook Park District. She begins her career with us on February 21.
- Pelican Harbor continues to support Bolingbrook High School Swim Team by offering weekday afternoon space (2:30-4:00 pm).
- Aquatics is experiencing a large number of inquiries for pool parties and rentals for spring and summer, which is a great sign of continued recovery.
- The Pelicans Swim team is hosting 3 home meets in February.
- The Pelicans Swim Team currently has 83 athletes enrolled.
- The team's final Conference Meet will be held on March 20 in McHenry.
- The next special event for Pelican Harbor will be Swim Like a Mermaid on March 13. Registration is available online and in facility.

Adults

- Travelers interested in learning more about the March 2023 trip to Iceland can join the information meeting scheduled for February 28 at 7:00 pm. Registration is available online and in the facility.

Valley View 21st Century Community Learning Program

- The 2022 round of this program began January 24, expanding from 5 to 10 schools. Staff is visiting all 10 schools each week to deliver programs on nature, science, crafting, sports, and dance.
- February will bring Family Teambuilding Night on Friday, February 18. Ten activity stations will be set up through the ACC gym where families will challenge each other to work together as a team to accomplish a task.

Marketing – Commissioner McVey reported:

- The Marketing team is finalizing a rebrand for the dance department. All dance programs will fall under the Bolingbrook Park District Dance Academy. BPD Danceforce will still serve as the performing division of the Dance Academy. The rebrand will go live with the release of the summer program guide. At that time, all social media accounts will change to the BPD Dance Academy. This will provide the dance manager more flexibility in social post content and be able to highlight all aspects of dance within the Bolingbrook Park District. The Dance Program Manager will also continue to highlight BPD Danceforce on those sites when the competitive division starts back up.
- Our inbound message sentiment on all our social media channels remained at 98% positive or neutral for the month. All content marketing emails saw our open rate jump to 39%, which was 11% increase over 27.60% in December. That means our residents want to hear from us.

Golf Course & Ashbury's – Commissioner McVey reported:

- McVey said it is hard to believe a year ago we still had limitations in restaurants. The numbers compared to last year look good.

NWCSRA - Commissioner McVey reported:

- NWCSRA/ Bolingbrook Park District/Bolingbrook Arts Council Event “Celebration of Special Recreation” (Where All Abilities Matter) from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm on October 8. This event will feature amazing opportunities for individuals of all abilities from throughout the NWCSRA service area and beyond to explore a variety of art projects, wheelchair sports (basketball, goalball, sit volleyball and bocce), and interact with groups that provide resources or services to individuals with disabilities throughout the NWCSRA service area.
- The contract with Flaghouse has been signed and equipment officially ordered for the Bolingbrook Sensory Room space at Annerino. There are some anticipated delays with shipment and installation of equipment due to supply shortages. The revised goal will be to have the sensory room ready for use by the “Celebration of Special Recreation” event in early October.
- Congratulations to Jill Mukushina, Director of Recreation & Facility Operations, for being honored at the IAPD/IPRA Annual Conference on January 27 in Chicago. Jill received the Therapeutic Recreation Section Distinguished Member of the Year Award. Each IPRA section presented this award to a distinguished recreation professional who exemplifies the qualities of a leader, collaborator and advocate. Congratulations Jill!!

Commissioner Hix made note that Jill Mukushina developed here at the Bolingbrook Park District before NWCSRA.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Rana Saeed a resident of Bolingbrook and a representative of the Bolingbrook Cricket Club said they waited a year to get an opportunity (first come, first serve) for cricket grounds. Rana said they already submitted an application to get the permits and hope they would be treated equal. Rana said Mike Baiardo gave them a very good talk and confirmation. Rana said we are expecting a new cricket ground which we already requested and said they hope the park district will treat them equally to get grounds at Indian Boundary. Rana said we are not competitors but we want some equalization to play Tape Ball Cricket. Rana said all six of us that are here tonight expect to get Indian Boundary ground for night time, so please take care of us.

Executive Director Ron Oestreich said he understands that Rana met with Mike Baiardo and asked Mike to speak with Rana.

Director of Recreation and Facilities Mike Baiardo said he wants the board and everyone from the public that are present at tonight's meeting to understand what their conversation was between Rana and himself.

Baiardo said the park district provided permits for Monday through Thursday evenings at Balstrode and Balstrode on Sundays to the Bolingbrook Cricket Club from 2-9pm. There are no lights at Balstrode and the limitations would be depending on the month of the year because the permits are from April through October. Baiardo said he agreed to consider and talk with Executive Director Ron Oestreich, the buildings, and projects and planning crew over at BGNR and is reconsidering Volunteer Park with the mat, not concrete, in a smaller field.

Baiardo said Rana asked him based on our permits that we have from other organizations if there is one weekend, this year, that the district can give them a Saturday and Sunday completely and that is just one Saturday and Sunday. Baiardo said we have not given that to Rana and his group but are considering those two things. Baiardo said Volunteer Park is a smaller field and he has obtained new dimensions verses the actual size of a regulation field. These are things that might not occur it is just going to be a consideration. If it does not occur we will continue to put it on our list.

Baiardo reiterated to everyone that we do have groups in every organization when it comes to every type of sport. They come to the district asking for fields. Baiardo said he told Rana yesterday that he knows the Bolingbrook Cricket Club has schedules, has leagues and plans, but at this time he has not seen them play yet. There are certain rules within certain groupings. Baiardo also said that BPD will work with Bolingbrook Cricket Club and the more teams for leagues the more ability we will be able to service any additional space.

Baiardo asked Rana if he thinks this is where they are at? Rana said yes, and thanked Baiardo for his explanation. Rana said they can't plan any kind of tournament at Balstrode, Rana said it would a big favor to the Bolingbrook Cricket Club if the park district can assign or make a separate ground with a black top on it. That would make it easy for them to manage all the schedules they have.

Rana said last year he requested one weekend which was a Saturday and he proved that he had 13 teams that played for two days. Mayor Mary Basta was in attendance on one of tournament days.

Rana said we have spent \$15,000 on equipment and things. Rana said we are giving very big prizes to the teams and already have plans. Rana said if you want we can resubmit all the required papers, but please consider us as a team and it would be a very good favor for us if you assign an independent park with a black top on it and we can do Volunteer Park.

Rana then said they have a list of kids and we are going to train them softball not hardball. We will use a tennis ball which is more secure and we are hiring a person to train them. Rana said they can submit all the paperwork even if you need a petition we can provide signatures from community members to prove to the district that we need a separate ground. We are just requesting to give us a place to play separately and nicely.

Rana thanked everyone.

Mohammad Imran Sharif residing at 238 Falcon Circle said they want to play night cricket because some of the people like him can't come on the weekend. We have families that can go at night and watch our games. Mr. Sharif also said that they want to do a tape ball event over the 4th of July weekend as well as Labor Day. In Tape Ball cricket they have 48 balls. Each team has 2 days to play. He said let us enjoy the lights at Indian Boundary. We are residents of Bolingbrook and we expect to be treated equally and have equal opportunity.

Mr. Sharif stated when Mir Ali started he was a nothing. There are the finer people sitting over here who the party favors. Thank you very much for Mayor Roger who helped us a lot. We also want that from the park district. Mr. Sharif said let us grow we are going to bring some activities for the new generation, not only the community we belong to, but bring activity for all the kids. We will train all the kids equally. Thank you.

Commissioner Hix asked Mike Baiardo if he talked about the park district prioritization process for field use. Baiardo said yes. Baiardo said this is preempted as he told Rana the submission of our permits are January through February. Communication to what you received is March. At this time Mike said we only have two groups and the gentleman sitting in front of you is one of those groups. Baiardo explained to him that he works with the other group to figure out these times and days that we are offering now.

Baiardo said not that they are ungrateful or anything they are very appreciative but they are still pushing for more and my continued message is please let's get these leagues off the ground. Baiardo said to Rana he knows they had a weekend with a full tournament, but that was a free tournament and it is easier to get teams to a tournament that is free. Baiardo said we are going to work with you and will still consider the two things he talked about, but as Commissioner Hix said we are doing what is in our policies and procedures. Baiardo wants everyone to understand that.

Commissioner Hix said the whole process came about because there was more demand for field use than fields available. This process has been in place for 35 years. The district has worked with this before with multiple leagues. There are 8 groups that belong to the Bolingbrook Athletic Council. There is a process to qualify for membership in the BAC and we will follow that. Hix said he is not saying you will, but the district will.

Sohail Rehmani said he gave Mr. Mike the paperwork 2 months ago and it is first come, first serve. Hix said it is not first come, first serve. Sohail said after two months Baiardo came out yesterday and said we have a 3:00pm-9:00pm on Sunday only.

Rana said our humble request is to just assign a separate ground like we already talked about. Rana said we need 2 or 3 days at Indian Boundary as well.

NEW BUSINESS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Hix congratulated John Chase and his family. Hix said John has done an excellent job for all the years he has been with the park district and he wishes him the very best!

Commissioner Hix said at conference he encountered more than one vendor who complimented Chris Corbett, Superintendent of Projects and Planning for his management of the park district's projects and his communication with the various organizations, staying on top of activities and making sure vendors were meeting their schedules. Congratulations Chris!

CLOSED SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion Commissioner Vastalo, second Commissioner Andrews to adjourn from the regular board meeting at 7:55pm. All in Favor "Ayes".

Minutes Verification Signature

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jake McVey", written over a horizontal line.

**Bolingbrook Park District Board Secretary
Jake McVey**