



Minutes
Board of Commissioners Meeting
May 19, 2025, 6:30 P.M.
Johnston Recreation Center

Pledge of Allegiance

The Board and staff recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Call to Order/Roll Call

The Regular Meeting of the Bloomington Park District Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Burke at 6:32 p.m. In attendance were Commissioners Bryen Travis, Jerry Marshall, Gerace Olson, Frank Saverino, and Andre Burke, and staff members Joe Potts, Jennifer Vale, Lonna Converso, Mark Goode, Mesha Hadzic, Chris Tompkins, and Jackie Tithof Steere.

Recognition of Visitors

The Board welcomed DuPage County Circuit Court Presiding Judge Paul Fullerton who was in attendance to swear in new Commissioners as part of the agenda.

At this time, the Board moved up on the agenda Item 7A by a voice vote of 5-0.

New Business

Oath of Office – Gerace Olson, Bryen Travis

The Honorable Paul Fullerton swore in and welcomed aboard Commissioner Gerace Olson, who was re-elected to a six-year Park Board term, and Commissioner Bryen Travis, who was elected to a new six-year term on the Park Board. DuPage County's Consolidated General Election was held April 1, 2025. The Board thanked Judge Fullerton for administering the oath of office ceremonial duties.

(Judge Fullerton left the meeting at approximately 6:45 p.m. At this point, the Board resumed the normal order of the agenda.)

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Olson moved, seconded by Commissioner Saverino, to establish the Consent Agenda. On roll call vote the motion was approved 5-0.

Aye:	Olson, Saverino, Marshall, Travis, Burke
Nay:	None
Absent:	None

The following Consent Agenda items were considered by the Park District to be routine and were enacted in one motion with no separate discussion.

- A. Approval of Minutes – April 21, 2025
- B. Acceptance of Financial Reports – April 2025
- C. Approval of Directive to Pay – May 19, 2025

The Board approved the Consent Agenda of the May 19, 2025, meeting as presented. On voice vote the motion was approved 5-0.

Old Business

Approval of FY 2025/2026 Budget

Staff provided the Board with handouts required by the Western DuPage Special Recreation Association board as justification for budget amounts exceeding recommended guidelines for playground renovations or construction. There were no monetary changes involved, just explanation, and the WDSRA board is expected to approve it. Board Members were asked to include the paperwork in their budget binders. Overall budget draft details were covered at the previous Board Meeting.

Commissioner Saverino moved, seconded by Commissioner Marshall, to approve the FY 2025/2026 Budget as updated. On roll call vote the motion was approved 5-0.

Aye: Saverino, Marshall, Travis, Olson, Burke
Nay: None
Absent: None

New Business, Continued

Approval of Board Conference Expenses – 2025 IAPD Legislative Conference

Staff and Board Member Frank Saverino attended the IAPD Legislative Conference and/or Parks Day at the Capitol April 29-30, 2025, in Springfield, Illinois. A brief conversation was held on the cordial dinner with legislators during the conference.

Commissioner Marshall moved, seconded by Commissioner Travis, to approve multi-day travel expenses for the 2025 IAPD Legislative Conference for Board Member Frank Saverino. On roll call vote the motion was approved 5-0.

Aye: Marshall, Travis, Olson, Saverino, Burke
Nay: None
Absent: None

Other Items to Be Brought Before the Board

Phone Logs of Parks Department

The Board commented on the extensive list of phone calls reported by the Parks Department and were supportive of the staff who provided help to callers.

Staff Reports

A number of items from staff reports were discussed including better hiring outreach this summer; Representative Blair Sherlock's Juneteenth event for which the Park District will

provide equipment and President Burke will attend; former Commissioner Puccio's willingness to golf; the elimination of the BBSA's opening day parade for a picnic; and staff's great work on sponsorships – especially camp bags. The Board inquired about a recreation supervisor's new baby and the recent break-ins at Homola and Springfield concession stands – closing procedures for which Executive Director Potts will address with the affiliate group.

Final signs for e-bike usage, which appears to be surging, are being worked on. The Board debated the interpretation of the recent Village ordinance on e-bikes, which appears to include three distinct categories of e-bikes and considers paths to be sidewalks, and directed Executive Director Potts to seek clarification. The District will be supportive of any ordinance the Village adopts on the subject. Potential dates for ribbon cuttings at Indian Lakes and Sunnyside Parks were considered. Staff will email possible dates to the Board and coordinate with elected officials.

Summer Concerts are coming up and a fan giveaway will be distributed on the first night. Staff and the Board conferred about future fan orders and potential sponsorships and design. The next Resident Roundtable is June 5 at 6 p.m. in the Oak Room. Commissioners Burke and Marshall will attend; the room location is yet to be confirmed. Commissioners are invited to the upcoming community garden's 10th Anniversary celebration on Sunday, July 20. The Board congratulated Commissioners Olson and Travis on their recent election wins.

Executive Session

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

Aye: Marshall, Travis, Olson, Saverino, Burke
Nay: None
Absent: None

Adjournment

Commissioner Marshall moved, seconded by Commissioner Saverino, to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m. On roll call vote the motion was approved 5-0.

Aye: Marshall, Saverino, Travis, Olson, Burke
Nay: None
Absent: None

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Potts
Board Secretary