



**Buffalo Grove Park District Board of Commissioners  
Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
October 22, 2018**

Commissioners Present: Tracy Bragg, Richard Drazner, Scott Jacobson, Adriane Johnson and Larry Reiner

Staff Present: Executive Director Ryan Risinger, Director of Business and Human Resources John Short, Director of Recreation and Facilities Bill Heider, Director of Parks and Planning Tim Howe, Public Relations and Marketing Manager Mike Terson and Executive Assistant Beth Wanland

Attorney Steven P. Bloomberg was present

Guest: Tom Chapman from Raymond James

**CALL TO ORDER**

**Roll Call**

President Jacobson called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 6:32 pm. The roll was called and Commissioners Bragg, Drazner, Jacobson, Johnson and Reiner answered present.

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

Recreation Supervisor Terri Ebner and Museum Curator Debbie Fandrei were introduced.

**APPROVAL OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

Vice President Johnson moved to approve the Regular Board Meeting Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Reiner and passed with a voice vote.

**APPROVAL AND PRESENTATION OF STAFF RECOGNITION RESOLUTIONS**

**Approval of Resolution 18-10-2 Commending Terri Ebner on 20 Years of Service**

President Jacobson read Resolution 18-10-2 Commending Terri Ebner on 20 years of service to the Buffalo Grove Park District:

**RESOLUTION 18-10-2  
RESOLUTION COMMENDING TERRI EBNER ON  
20 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE BUFFALO GROVE PARK DISTRICT**

**WHEREAS**, Terri Ebner was first employed by the Buffalo Grove Park District as a part-time Senior Coordinator then, hired as a full-time Senior Coordinator on September 1, 1998;

**WHEREAS**, Terri's creativity and innovative spirit has led to the introduction of unique services and programs to the Park District such as: Senior Expo, Veterans Day Celebration, Flag Day, AARP Driver Safety Program, Public Safety Breakfast Club, Life Line Screening, Secretary of State Jesse White's Mobile Driver Services, Super Senior Day, Mah Jongg tournaments and Full Day tour trips;

**WHEREAS**, Terri's involvement in community organizations has helped her better serve in her position as Recreation Supervisor. She joined SAFER; a newly organized community program coordinated with the Buffalo Grove Fire and Police Departments and Township officials for the purpose of providing safety and social services for people over 50 years old. She is a School District 214 Senior Celebration Committee member and Park District liaison for the BG Days Committee;

**WHEREAS**, Terri helped organize a program called SAGES, Senior Adults Growing and Exploring. This organization meets twice a month where retirees listen to motivational speakers and share their knowledge and experiences;

**WHEREAS**, Terri has been an example of how hard work and dedication can result in personal and professional growth. This is easily witnessed by her willingness to drop whatever she is doing to help others on special events, programming issues, and her special talent of displaying a warm and genuine "friendly" ear to all staff and residents alike;

**WHEREAS**, the success of the Park District is dependent upon employees like Terri who have taken pride in the Buffalo Grove Park District and its accomplishments.

**NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED** by the President and Board of Commissioners of the Buffalo Grove Park District, Cook and Lake Counties:

1. That TERRI EBNER is commended on behalf of the citizens of Buffalo Grove for her distinguished career at the Buffalo Grove Park District.
2. That this resolution be presented to Terri with best wishes on her future.

DATED AT BUFFALO GROVE, ILLINOIS this 22 day of October, 2018.

Commissioner Reiner moved to approve Resolution 18-10-2 Commending Terri Ebner on 20 Years of Service, seconded by Commissioner Drazner and passed with a voice vote.

Terri thanked the Board for supporting her through good times and bad. She considers the Park District her family and said that the longer she works with seniors the more she understands what they are going through.

**Approval of Resolution 18-10-3 Commending Debbie Fandrei on 20 Years of Service**

President Jacobson read Resolution 18-10-3 Commending Debbie Fandrei on 20 years of service to the Buffalo Grove Park District:

**RESOLUTION 18-10-3  
RESOLUTION COMMENDING DEBBIE FANDREI ON  
20 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE BUFFALO GROVE PARK DISTRICT**

**WHEREAS**, Debbie Fandrei was first employed by the Buffalo Grove Park District as a full-time Museum Curator in 1998;

**WHEREAS**, Debbie's passion for education has led to the museum's history programs becoming an integral part of the K-5 curriculum in seven school districts and over 20 different schools;

**WHEREAS**, Debbie's commitment to diversity has led her to serve on the local Bilingual Parent Advisory Committee, create the Buffalo Grove Park District Career Expo Day, and present at national level conference sessions on making museums accessible to ESL learners;

**WHEREAS**, Debbie's involvement in regional professional organizations led to the creation of the book **200 Objects That Made History in Lake and McHenry Counties**, selling over 400 copies and leading to a travelling exhibit, multiple speaking engagements, and increased public knowledge of local history;

**WHEREAS**, Debbie's desire to improve the museum community as a whole has led to her service as a board member of the Illinois Association of Museums;

**WHEREAS**, the success of the Park District is dependent upon employees like Debbie who have taken pride in the Buffalo Grove Park District and its accomplishments.

**NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED** by the President of the Board of Commissioners of the Buffalo Grove Park District, Cook and Lake Counties:

1. That Debbie Fandrei is commended on behalf of the citizens of Buffalo Grove for her distinguished career at the Buffalo Grove Park District.
2. That this resolution be presented to Debbie with best wishes on her future.

DATED AT BUFFALO GROVE, ILLINOIS this 22 day of October, 2018.

Commissioner Drazner moved to approve Resolution 18-10-3 Commending Debbie Fandrei on 20 Years of Service, seconded by Commissioner Reiner and passed with a voice vote.

Debbie said the reason she is still with the Buffalo Grove Park District after 20 years of service is that the Board and administration make anything you can think of possible, and she is thankful for that.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#### **Approval of the September 17, 2018 Workshop Minutes**

Commissioner Reiner moved to approve the September 17, 2018 Workshop Minutes, seconded by Commissioner Bragg and passed with a voice vote. Commissioner Bragg abstained.

#### **Approval of the September 17, 2018 Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

Vice President Johnson moved to approve the September 17, 2018 Regular Board Meeting Minutes, seconded by Commissioner Drazner and passed with a voice vote. Commissioner Bragg abstained.

### TOPICS FROM THE FLOOR

There were no Topics from the Floor.

### CORRESPONDENCE

Executive Director Risinger reviewed the correspondence which included a thank you letter from IAPD for the resolution the Buffalo Grove Park District presented the organization commemorating their 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. He mentioned a letter he received from IAPD stating that in 2014 the Park District had a small grant frozen which will be freed up in July, 2019. The upcoming Calendar of Events was also highlighted.

### ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Steven Bloomberg said that as an attorney he has sat on the board of many districts over the years. He said he takes pleasure and joy in saying that the Buffalo Grove Park District is probably the best Board he has ever been part of. This Board is collegial, respectful and stands for the qualities every administrative body should stand for.

### COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS

#### Finance

#### **Approval of the October Warrant 2018**

Commissioner Drazner moved to approve the October Warrant 2018 in the amount of \$1,848,968.02, seconded by Vice President Johnson and passed with a roll call vote.

AYES: Bragg, Drazner, Johnson, Reiner and Jacobson

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

#### **Approval of the September Financial Statement and the September Year to Date Statement**

Commissioner Drazner moved to approve the September Financial Statement and the September Year to Date Statement, seconded by Commissioner Reiner and passed with a roll call vote.

AYES: Bragg, Drazner, Johnson, Reiner and Jacobson

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

**Approval of Resolution 18-10-1 2018 Tax Levy**

Commissioner Drazner moved to approve Resolution 18-10-1 2018 Tax Levy, seconded by Vice President Johnson and passed with a roll call vote.

AYES: Bragg, Drazner, Johnson, Reiner and Jacobson

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

**Approval of Ordinance 18-10-1 General Obligation Tax Bonds**

Commissioner Drazner moved to approve Ordinance 18-10-1 providing for the issue of approximately \$1,775,000 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2018, for park purposes, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the execution of a Bond Purchase Agreement with Raymond James & Associates, Inc. in connection with the sale of said bonds, seconded by Commissioner Reiner and passed with a roll call vote.

AYES: Bragg, Drazner, Johnson, Reiner and Jacobson

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

**Approval of Ordinance 18-10-2 Tax Abatement**

Commissioner Drazner moved to approve Ordinance 18-10-2 Tax Abatement, seconded by Commissioner Reiner and passed with a roll call vote.

AYES: Bragg, Drazner, Johnson, Reiner and Jacobson

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

**Approval of Ordinance 18-10-3 Tax Abatement**

Commissioner Drazner moved to approve Ordinance 18-10-3 Tax Abatement, seconded by Vice President Johnson and passed with a roll call vote.

AYES: Bragg, Drazner, Johnson, Reiner and Jacobson

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Vice President Johnson moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, seconded Commissioner Drazner and passed with a voice vote:

- IAPD Credentials
- 2019 Preschool Fees
- Resident Grandparent Fee Policy for Grandchildren

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND DEPARTMENT OPERATIONAL REPORTS**

Executive Director Risinger told the Board that the pier project at Green Lake Park is finished and beautification has been completed. He has talked to Rotary about having a joint dedication in the spring and they are in favor. Commissioner Bragg and Executive Director Risinger will be meeting on Thursday to go over New Commissioner Orientation. She will also be meeting with department heads in the near future. The Fitness Center project is moving forward. A scope review with staff and the

architect was held and we are asking F.H. Paschen who performed work at the CAC to look at the project and provide us a quote on the work. Executive Director Risinger said he will be at Worth Park District working on their accreditation review on Thursday. The Pinta Family held a fundraiser for the Pride Parade at the CAC last weekend and many local political figures were in attendance. Park District representatives met with the family and expressed that our recommendation is that we hold a diversity event at Rylko Park following the parade next June and the family loved the idea. He also mentioned the NWSRA Celebrate Ability Gala which is on Friday, November 2 at Chevy Chase and invited Commissioner Bragg and her husband, Dane, to attend.

Director Heider thanked the Board for allowing his staff to attend the NRPA Convention and said that many staff mentioned in their reports the seminars they attended and what they learned. He said we held our third meeting for planning the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration and have sent out a Survey Monkey for staff and the Board to complete. Some ideas for the anniversary of the Park District include a Time Capsule, Scavenger Hunt, Historical Timeline and several celebrations.

Director Howe said that Parks Specialist Mike Pfeiffer attended the NRPA Convention for the first time and enjoyed it immensely.

Public Relations and Marketing Manager Mike Terson has scheduled a photographer to take head shot pictures of the Board on Monday, November 12 from 5 – 6 pm.

#### OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

#### NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Vice President Johnson moved to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting at 7:33 pm, seconded by Commissioner Bragg and passed with a voice vote. President Jacobson announced the group will be having cake to celebrate Vice President Johnson's birthday.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary