



Buffalo Grove Park District Board of Commissioners  
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES  
530 Bernard Drive, Buffalo Grove, IL  
December 16, 2019

Commissioners Present: Tracy Bragg, Scott Jacobson and Adriane Johnson

Commissioner Absent: Larry Reiner, Steve Cummins

Staff Present: Executive Director Ryan Risinger, Director of Recreation and Facilities Bill Heider, Director of Business Services and Human Resources John Short, Director of Parks and Planning Tim Howe and Executive Assistant Beth Wanland

Attorney David Bloomberg was present

CALL TO ORDER

**Roll Call**

President Johnson called the Public Hearing to order at 6 pm. The roll was called and Commissioners Bragg, Jacobson and Johnson answered present. Commissioner Cummins arrived at 6:02.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

There were no guests in attendance.

TRUTH IN TAXATION NOTICE

Executive Director Risinger read the public hearing notice that was published in the Daily Herald newspaper on December 3, 2019:

**NOTICE FOR PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX INCREASE  
FOR BUFFALO GROVE PARK DISTRICT**

1. A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax levy increase for Buffalo Grove Park District for 2019 will be held on December 16, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at 530 Bernard Drive, Buffalo Grove, Illinois.

Any person desiring to appear at the Public Hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Ryan Risinger, Secretary, 530 Bernard Drive, Buffalo Grove, Illinois at (847) 850-2122.

II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for 2018 were \$6,929,419.

The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2019 are \$7,758,871. This represents an 11.97% increase over the previous year.

III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 2018 were \$1,743,317.

The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2019 are \$1,739,074. This represents a .02% decrease over the previous year.

IV. The total property taxes extended or abated for 2018 were \$8,672,735.

The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2019 are \$ 9,497,945. This represents a 9.51% increase over the previous year.

Ryan Risinger  
Secretary  
Buffalo Grove Park District  
Board of Commissioners

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

There were no public comments or questions.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Bragg moved to close the public hearing at 6:03 pm, seconded by Commissioner Jacobson and passed with a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Secretary



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REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
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Commissioner Absent: Larry Reiner

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Attorney David Bloomberg was present

CALL TO ORDER

**Roll Call**

President Johnson called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 6:20 pm. The roll was called and Commissioners Bragg, Cummins, Jacobson and Johnson answered present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

There were no guests present.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Commissioner Cummins moved to approve the Regular Board Meeting Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Jacobson and passed with a voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Approval of the November 11, 2019 Workshop Minutes**

Commissioner Cummins moved to approve the November 11, 2019 Workshop Minutes, seconded by Commissioner Bragg and passed with a voice vote. Commissioner Cummins abstained.

**Approval of the November 25, 2019 Workshop Minutes**

Commissioner Cummins moved to approve the November 25, 2019 Workshop Minutes, seconded by Commissioner Jacobson and passed with a voice vote.

**Approval of the November 25, 2019 Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

Commissioner Cummins moved to approve the November 25, 2019 Regular Board Meeting Minutes, seconded by Commissioner Jacobson and passed with a voice vote.

TOPICS FROM THE FLOOR

There were no Topics from the Floor.

CORRESPONDENCE

Executive Director Risinger reviewed the correspondence, including an IAPD Business Meeting Agenda for conference. He said that he wrote a letter to Bill's Football regarding concerns that were brought to the Park District's attention through an anonymous letter. Interviews were conducted, games were observed, conversations were held with former Bill's board members, and a meeting was held with the current Bill's board. He said the ultimate goal is to keep the Bill's football and cheerleading programs in Buffalo Grove. Executive Director Risinger explained that the Bill's board was very receptive and they feel like they are operating under the cloud of an old regime. He said we want to make the program better and will move forward and review the agreement the Park District has with them to insure that they are following their own bylaws. President Johnson thanked staff for their thorough review of the situation and suggested that Bill's coaches and leadership team commit to some sort of training addressing child sensitivity. Commissioner Bragg said that the Bill's practice behind her home and she has witnessed some of the allegations addressed in the letter and has called the Township about what she has heard. Executive Director Risinger said that the Bill's understand the message that people are watching and they need to change the culture of the program. Superintendent of Recreation Greg Ney will be attending some of the Bill's board meetings in the future.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Bloomberg had no report.

COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS

Finance

**Approval of the December Warrant 2019**

Commissioner Bragg moved to approve the December Warrant 2019 in the amount of \$1,919,341.05, seconded by Commissioner Cummins and passed with a roll call vote.

- AYES: Bragg, Cummins, Jacobson and Johnson
- NAYS: 0
- ABSENT: Reiner

**Approval of the November Financial Statement and the November Year to Date Statement**

Commissioner Bragg moved to approve the November Financial Statement and the November Year to Date Statement, seconded by Commissioner Jacobson and passed with a roll call vote.

- AYES: Bragg, Cummins, Jacobson and Johnson
- NAYS: 0
- ABSENT: Reiner

**Approval of Tax Levy Ordinance 19-12-1**

Commissioner Bragg moved to approve Tax Levy Ordinance 19-12-1, seconded by Commissioner Jacobson and passed with a roll call vote.

- AYES: Bragg, Cummins, Jacobson and Johnson
- NAYS: 0
- ABSENT: Reiner

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Jacobson moved to approve the Consent Agenda as proposed, seconded by Commissioner Bragg and passed with a voice vote.

- 2020 Board Meeting Calendar
- Full-Time Personnel Policy Manual

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND DEPARTMENT OPERATIONAL REPORTS

Executive Director Risinger reminded the board to reply to Executive Assistant Wanland if they want to attend the Seniors Holiday Party on Thursday, December 19. He thanked the parks department staff for cleaning up graffiti at Mike Rylko Park and Martha Weiss Park over the weekend. The parks staff was able to remove it easily.

Director Howe said that the ice rink at Willow Stream Park should be up and running next week, weather permitting.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business discussed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session was held.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Bragg moved to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting at 6:42 pm, seconded by Commissioner Cummins and passed with a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Secretary