



Buffalo Grove Park District Board of Commissioners  
Workshop Minutes  
530 Bernard Drive, Buffalo Grove, IL  
January 14, 2019

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

Staff Present: Executive Director Ryan Risinger, Director of Parks and Planning Tim Howe, Public Relations and Marketing Manager Mike Terson and Executive Assistant Beth Wanland

CALL TO ORDER

**Roll Call**

President Jacobson called the Workshop to order at 6 pm. The roll was called and Commissioners Bragg, Drazner, Jacobson, Johnson and Reiner answered present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Richard Mayer from the Journal & Topics Newspapers introduced himself. Marian Rodriguez, from the Buffalo Grove Lincolnshire Chamber of Commerce was in attendance.

APPROVAL OF WORKSHOP AGENDA

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Executive Director Ryan Risinger mentioned the eight awards The Little Mermaid won. The 2018 awards were given by Regional Broadway World Chicago. He said correspondence also included a thank you letter from Vernon Township for the donation made from President Jacobson's annual Turkey Bowl, a BG Singers article and an article on the Village president race in the Daily Herald, and an updated Calendar of Events. He asked commissioners to let us know if they would like tickets to the upcoming production of The Addams Family. He talked about the Conference Board Schedule of Events which was passed out and said we would like to know which commissioners will be attending the Staff Pizza dinner on Thursday night and The Escape Room on Friday night while at conference. The conference closing party is at the Shedd Aquarium and he said that if anyone needs an extra ticket to let Executive Director Risinger know. He said there is a nice article included in correspondence on Molly Pinta who is the advocate for Village of Buffalo Grove to host its first-ever Pride Parade. Vice President Johnson announced that we will be presenting a Life Map to honor IAPD's 90th Anniversary at the Business meeting at conference and would like our commissioners to go up on stage when it is presented. And lastly, Executive Director Risinger said that he received a letter today from IDNR for the Green Lake Park grant and we have made it to the next round. Director of

Parks and Planning Howe and Executive Director Risinger will travel to Springfield on Tuesday, January 22 to give a 3-minute presentation.

## PARK DEVELOPMENT

### FH Paschen Bid for Fitness Center Renovation

Director of Parks and Planning Howe said that FH Paschen was the contractor we used for the Community Arts Center renovation and recommended the Board award the contract to them for the Fitness Center renovation. He expressed his confidence in this company because of our previous working experience with them.

## POLICY AND LEGISLATION

### November 2019 Board Workshop Date

Commissioner Reiner said that when we discussed the 2019 Annual Meeting Date Calendar at the last meeting one commissioner was absent. The question came up as to whether to hold a Board Meeting on Veterans Day, November 11. A discussion was held with all commissioners present and it was decided to keep the November 11 date for the Board Workshop meeting.

## RECREATION

### Village Diversity Event Letter

Executive Director Risinger explained that the Village sent a letter to the Park District asking us to consider moving our diversity event to Buffalo Grove Days in order to partner with the Village. A discussion was held and the commissioners recommended we continue with our original plan to hold the diversity event following the Pride Parade on June 2 and to also partner with the Village during Buffalo Grove Days if they wish to proceed with another celebration. It was also discussed that the Park District will not participate in the Pride Parade or commit resources to it, but time permitting, staff are welcome to participate on their own.

## PUBLIC RELATIONS

Vice President Johnson reviewed upcoming events including the Staff/Board/FOP Winter Party, February 23, 2019 at the Punch Bowl Social, 1100 American Ln, Schaumburg, 6 – 9 pm. She also mentioned two Legislative Breakfast invitations for the commissioners. The Lake County Legislative Breakfast is Friday, February 8, 2019 at The Regent Center, 1200 Regent Dr., Mundelein at 8:30 am and the Buffalo Grove Park District is hosting the Cook County Legislative Breakfast on Friday, March 1, 2019 at the Community Arts Center at 9 am. Commissioner Johnson also mentioned The Addams Family which will be playing February 22 and 24 and March 1, 2 and 3 at the Community Arts Center.

## PRESIDENT AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

President Jacobson said that he may be late to the next meeting because he will be traveling back from Wisconsin. He said that the Village of Buffalo Grove Newsletter had a breakdown of tax dollars allocated to the Park District combined with the Library and County and suggested that it is misleading. He is looking forward to the winter party with the staff next month and wished all a happy new year.

Commissioner Drazner said that he is looking forward to conference. He attended the McDance fundraising night at the Wheeling McDonald's and Laughs for Mike at the Community Art Center. He said that Laughs for Mike was a night of live comedy in support of the Michael Yancovich No Joke

Foundation, promoting comedy, community and compassion. He expressed his hope that it will become an annual event in the future.

Commissioner Bragg thanked the Parks staff for efficiently removing the snow at the district parks and facilities after the recent snowfall. She also commended Public Relations and Marketing Manager Mike Terson on the Spring Brochure which was delivered last week.

Vice President Johnson introduced Marian Rodriguez, who presented a plaque to the Buffalo Grove Park District from the Buffalo Grove Lincolnshire Chamber of Commerce in recognition of our thirty year anniversary of membership in the organization. Vice President Johnson congratulated the Buffalo Grove Park District Environmental Action Team on turning 10 years old this year, the year of celebrations. She, too, attended the McDance fundraiser at McDonald's and Laughs for Mike. She invited all commissioners to consider attending the Talk to Legislators: Why and How? session at 10:15 am on Saturday, January 26 at conference. State Senator Cristina Castro, Vice President Johnson, Commissioner Reiner, former State Representative Carol Sente, and others will be on the panel at the session.

Commissioner Reiner also commended the staff on the Spring Brochure. He thanked the Board and staff for supporting IAPD events at conference. He was in Springfield attending the inauguration of the new legislators and commented on how many new faces there are in the chamber. Commissioner Reiner also commented on how difficult it is to get through the OSAD process and expressed that it is a really big deal that the Buffalo Grove Park District has been selected to move on in the process.

#### OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business discussed.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Executive Director Risinger said that District 102 has requested we install a playground at Meridian school where we have opened a new Clubhouse site. He is looking into an intergovernmental agreement to purchase one. Commissioner Reiner said that it is very important that the playground is ADA compliant if we agree to move forward. Executive Director Risinger also said IAPD is going green and has a mobile app that you can load on your phone to enhance your experience at conference.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Bragg moved to adjourn the Workshop at 7:34 pm, seconded by Vice President Johnson and passed with a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary