

**Glen Ellyn Park District
Board of Commissioners
Workshop Meeting
October 4, 2016
185 Spring Avenue**

I. Call to Order

President Kinzler called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

II. Roll Call of Commissioners

Upon roll call, those answering present were Commissioners Pierce, Nephew, Weber, and President Kinzler. Commissioner Cornell arrived at 7:17 p.m. and Commissioners Wilson and Creech were absent.

Staff members present were Executive Director Harris, Superintendent of Finance & Personnel Cinquegrani, Superintendent of Recreation Esposito, Marketing & Communications Supervisor O’Kray, and Executive Assistant Dikker.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

President Kinzler led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Changes to the Agenda

None

V. Public Participation

John Farrell, 157 Nicoll Ave. in Glen Ellyn reemphasized his opposition to the lights at Newton Park. He is concerned with traffic on the cul de sacs as his cul de sac has many children under the age of eleven. He believes the lights will change the character of the neighborhood and would appreciate the Commissioners willingness to look at the situation.

Ben Stortz, 150 Exmoor in Glen Ellyn reiterated the concerns brought forth by John Farrell. Ben also stated he lives on a cul de sac and would like the Park District to analyze the field usage and the future strategic plan of Newton Park.

Michael Ward, 164 N. Milton Glen Ellyn stated he lives on a cul de sac and again reiterated those who spoke previously. He is concerned about the traffic in relation to the neighborhood park.

Tom Campbell, 116 Nicoll Ave. in Glen Ellyn, stated his opposition to the Newton Park Athletic lights and wanted the Board to understand that adding a parking lot will not help the congestion due to parking.

Katie Rahill, 760 Fairview Ave. in Glen Ellyn objects to the lighting of the athletic field at Newton Park. She does not see the need and worries of the impact on the community. Rahill stated that it is a community park and not an athletic park and she is concerned with the increased noise and traffic as a result.

John Kenwood, 120 Exmoor Ave. in Glen Ellyn, wanted to know if the District looked at the efficiency of other fields and the need to consider the entire project with adding the parking lot as well. He would like more time to consider the project and engage the neighborhood in discussions.

Mary Jane Chapman, 143 Carlton in Glen Ellyn, stated Newton is a nice community park and worries it is becoming commercialized. She is worried of overutilization of the Park and that lights will over burden the community.

Ned Flanagan, 157 N. Milton in Glen Ellyn, doesn't understand the information from the Golden Eagles as he had heard the numbers were going down and worries of overburdening the area. He does not understand why the teams cannot continue to practice at Village Green and would like to look at the long-term need.

VI. Voucher List of Bills Totaling \$961,415.49

Commissioner Pierce moved, seconded by Commissioner Weber, to approve the Voucher List of Bills totaling \$961,415.49.

*Roll Call: Aye: Commissioners Pierce, Weber, Nephew, and President Kinzler.
Nay: None.*

Motion Carried.

VII. Speer Financial Presentation

Superintendent of Finance & Personnel Cinquegrani discussed details regarding the issuance of non-referendum debt pursuant to the Park District's long range capital funding plan. Dave Phillips of Speer Financial discussed that the non-referendum issuance will encompass both a refunding of 2009 non-referendum bonds, as well as, the issuance of the 2016 non-referendum bonds. The Board had a brief discussion of the sale and issuance of the bonds. President Kinzler applauded staff for saving money for the District through the bond refinancing but stated that he was not in favor of issuing non-referendum bonds. All other Board members were supportive recognizing this process as a means to maintain existing assets. Cinquegrani notified the Board that a Public Hearing will take place at the October 18th Regular Board Meeting.

VIII. Ackerman Field Lights Payout Request #2

Executive Director Harris discussed the status of the Ackerman Field Lights project. Harris said that upon completion of the application and certification, staff recommends placing payout request #2 in the amount of \$124,678.75 for Musco Sports Lighting on the consent agenda for

the Regular Board meeting on October 18, 2016 and after a brief discussion the Board concurred.

IX. Place 2016 Tax Levy on File

Superintendent of Finance & Personnel stated that consistent with previous years, staff is recommending approving a tax levy ordinance for 2016 that encompasses the amount of tax dollars allowed under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law (PTELL). Staff recommended levying an increase of 4.9% and after a brief Board discussion Commissioner Weber moved, seconded by Commissioner Pierce, to approve Resolution 16-02 “Truth in Taxation Law”.

*Roll Call: Aye: Commissioners Weber, Pierce, Cornell, and Nephew
Nay: President Kinzler*

Motion Carried

Commissioner Nephew moved, seconded by Commissioner Cornell, to place the 2016 Tax Levy on file.

*Roll Call: Aye: Commissioners Nephew, Cornell, Pierce, Weber, and President Kinzler
Nay: None*

Motion Carried

X. Staff Reports

Executive Director Harris commended staff and volunteers for a successful Lakers tournament in which approximately 400 games were played despite the difficult weather and related challenges. Harris also stated that Poochapalooza was well attended on September 24th with approximately 500 in attendance. Members of the Citizens’ Finance Committee were acknowledged at the Board Meeting and thanked for their continuing efforts to assist with the budget process.

XI. Commissioners’ Reports

Commissioner Weber commended staff and volunteers on the Lakers event and stated that despite the weather it seemed as if the kids all enjoyed themselves. Weber congratulated the U10 Green boys’ team and knows that staff will be busy in the months to come repairing the fields at Ackerman. Commissioner Pierce commended the quality of the turf at Newton as compared to the turf fields where she played previously in Elmhurst. Commissioner Pierce would like to communicate with the sports groups to be sure they are directed to not park in the cul de sacs near Newton Park when attending an event but to utilize the open parking lots. Commissioner Cornell discussed a 2nd letter of support for preserving the McKee House that was sent previously sent to the Forest Preserve District. She discussed a petition that is being presented and stated that a Citizens’ Group is still working on the preservation of the McKee House.

XII. Adjourn

There being no further business, Commissioner Pierce moved, seconded by Commissioner Weber to adjourn the Workshop Meeting at 8:34 p.m.

*Roll Call: Aye: Commissioners Pierce, Weber, Pierce, Cornell, Nephew and
President Kinzler*

Nay: None.

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Dikker
Board Secretary