

**Glen Ellyn Park District
Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
October 18, 2016
185 Spring Avenue**

I. Call to Order

President Kinzler called the meeting to order at 7:13 p.m.

II. Roll Call of Commissioners

Upon roll call, those answering present were Commissioners Pierce, Nephew, Weber, Wilson and President Kinzler. Commissioner Creech arrived at 7:15 p.m. and Commissioner Cornell at 7:16 p.m.

Staff members present were Executive Director Harris, Superintendent of Recreation Esposito, Superintendent of Finance & Personnel Cinquegrani, 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. Volunteer Recognition – Youth Soccer Volunteer, Dan Minkus

The Park Board of Commissioners recognized Dan Minkus for his outstanding contributions to the Glen Ellyn Park District soccer program and for his commitment to supporting opportunities for all children in the Glen Ellyn community to have the chance to play.

Superintendent of Recreation Esposito stated that Dan has been an integral part of the Glen Ellyn soccer community as a parent-coach in the House League program, a volunteer coordinator on the House League soccer committee, and as a volunteer for numerous soccer clinics and instructional programs for many years. Dan has committed countless hours and time to ensure all players have a positive experience regardless of their level of play.

Dan has been an active volunteer with the Glen Ellyn Children’s Resource Center as a coach, advocating for the continued development of those players who access services through the Resource Center. He has selflessly spent countless hours encouraging youth to play the game of soccer in an effort to help reach their full potential.

The Park Board said the Glen Ellyn Park District and Community are truly fortunate to have someone like Dan who freely gives of his time, energy and dedication to the programs and presented him with a token of their appreciation.

VI. Public Participation

Chuck Rahill, 760 Fairview Ave. in Glen Ellyn wanted to address the proposal of athletic lights at Newton Park. He did not understand why it was needed for a Community Park. He coaches a variety of Park District sports and did not understand the need for late practices and questioned the timing of practices until 9:30 p.m. at night. He believes Newton Park is not an athletic park but one that offers a playground, tennis, hockey, basketball and Skate Park. He believes there are other options.

Alex Durham, 151 Carlton Ave. in Glen Ellyn has worked with concerned parents in the area and voiced their concerns of lights at Newton Park. He looks forward to the November 2nd meeting and hopes Commissioners can attend. He wanted the Board to think about the children who live near the Park and consider the concerns of the parents. He reminded the Board of the 2012 Community Interest survey which referenced the need for more green space and community parks and would like to enhance Newton's usability as a Community Park.

Jodi Norgaard, 249 Merton Ave. in Glen Ellyn spoke regarding paddle tennis. She stated she "caught the bug" before the women's league began. The women's league has increased to four teams in the league. She stated that both her and her husband work and cannot play it together or as a family in the evenings during the week. She exclaimed how paddle tennis has become a family holiday tradition and feels strongly about the needed expansion because it encourages a healthy lifestyle and believes it will be well used.

Carrie Morris, 873 Colcord Place in Glen Ellyn echoed Jodi's sentiment in regards to adding additional paddle courts. Morris stated she is a realtor in town and recognizes that Glen Ellyn offers a lot to our community and many people come to Glen Ellyn for all the activities that we offer. She stated that paddle tennis is a growing sport and an asset to our community and hopes for the Board's support.

Camey Walker, 796 Highview in Glen Ellyn stated that her kids enjoy paddle and her daughter hopes to start a Glenbard West paddle club as it promotes good health for kids. She would like to continue to enhance the availability to others, both women and men for offering more times to play the sport.

Steve Morris, 873 Colcord Pl. in Glen Ellyn stated that House Leagues opened the other night and it was a pleasure to see so many people getting to know others in town. It was a wonderful atmosphere.

VII. Consent Agenda

Commissioner Creech moved, seconded by Commissioner Pierce, to approve the Consent Agenda including the Voucher List of Bills totaling \$302,185.36, the September 20, 2016 Regular Meeting minutes and the October 4, 2016 Workshop Meeting minutes.

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

Motion Carried.

VIII. Public hearing concerning the intent of the Board to sell not to exceed \$1,950,000 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds of the District

At 7:45 p.m. the President announced the next agenda item for the Board of Park Commissioners was a public hearing (the "Hearing") to receive public comments on the proposal to sell \$1,950,000 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds (the "Bonds"), for the payment of condemned or purchased for parks, for the building, maintaining, improving and protecting of the same and the existing land and facilities of the District and for the payment of the expenses incident thereto, and explained that all persons desiring to be heard would have an opportunity to present written or oral testimony with respect thereto.

Commissioner Weber opened the public hearing for the 2016 issuance of non-referendum bonds. Whereupon the President asked for additional comments from the Park Commissioners. Additional comments were made by the following: None.

Written testimony concerning the proposed issuance of the Bonds was read into the record by the Secretary and is attached here to Exhibit I. None

Whereupon the President asked for oral testimony or any public comments concerning the proposed issuance of the Bonds. Statements were made by the following: None.

The President then announced that all persons desiring to be heard had been given an opportunity to present oral and written testimony with respect to the proposed issuance of the Bonds.

Park Commissioner Creech moved and Park Commissioner Pierce seconded the motion that the Hearing be finally adjourned.

After a full discussion thereof, the President directed that the roll be called for a vote upon the motion.

Upon the roll call being called, the following Park Commissioners voted AYE: Creech, Pierce, Cornell, Nephew, Weber, Wilson and President Kinzler

The following Park Commissioners voted NAY: None

Whereupon the President declared the motion carried and the Hearing was finally adjourned.

IX. Unfinished Business

A. Lake Ellyn Park Improvements Construction Management Payout Request #12

Executive Director briefly discussed the final payout request #12 for Lake Ellyn Park Improvements – Construction Management Services. Harris stated that the Boathouse has been completed and the final punch list items have been addressed. Harris also stated that the Boathouse has been in use and rentals have been scheduled well into 2017.

Harris said that staff recommends placing the payout request #12 in the amount of \$118,515.77 on the consent agenda for the Regular Board meeting on November 15, 2016 and after a brief discussion the Board concurred.

B. Place 2017 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance on File

Superintendent of Finance and Personnel Cinquegrani presented the 2017 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance 16-03 to the Board to be placed on file for public inspection.

Commissioner Creech moved, seconded by Commissioner Pierce, to place on file a tentative draft of the 2017 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance (B&A Ordinance 16-03), a Combined Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Purposes of the Glen Ellyn Park District for the year beginning January 1, 2017 and ending December 31, 2017.

Roll Call: Aye: Commissioners Creech, Pierce, Cornell, Nephew, Weber, Wilson and President Kinzler.

Nay: None

Motion Carried

C. 2017 Budget Discussion

Executive Director Harris discussed that the first draft of the proposed 2017 budget would be presented this evening and continue into the November 15th meeting as well and will tentatively be approved and adopted at the December 13, 2016 Regular Meeting. Superintendent of Finance and Personnel Cinquegrani presented the financials and operations of the proposed 2017 budget. In the absence of Superintendent Hopkins, Executive Director Harris discussed the components of the Parks & Maintenance area while Superintendent of Recreation Esposito discussed the recreation, programming and facilities areas of the budget. Harris then continued with discussion of several of the proposed Capital Projects. The Board had a brief discussion of the proposed budget and posed several questions to staff. The Board discussed the proposed addition of two additional Paddle Courts and asked staff and members of the Glen Ellyn Platform Tennis Club (GEPTC) questions for clarification. After the discussion, the Board halted discussion due to time and will discuss in more detail and present any additional questions to staff over the next few weeks and again at the November 15th Regular Meeting.

X. Staff Reports

Executive Director Harris reminded the Board that this weekend marks a new event on Sunday Evening, the Pumpkin Flotilla Fest. Harris welcomed the Board to attend and view the new event. Harris thanked staff for a successful Boo Bash that recently took place at Maryknoll with a sold out attendance.

XI. Commissioners' Reports

Commissioner Wilson commended Assistant Superintendent Robinson for her help a few weekends ago with her 50th High School Reunion that was held at the Boathouse. Wilson stated that many of her classmates said the Boathouse was their favorite High School memory and thoroughly enjoyed their evening on the Boathouse deck. Commissioner Nephew enjoyed her time at Boo Bash and discussed her experience with wildlife at Ackerman Park.

XII. Adjourn

There being no further business, Commissioner Creech moved, seconded by Commissioner Cornell to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 10:05 p.m.

Roll Call: Aye: Commissioners Creech, Cornell, Pierce, Nephew, Weber, Wilson, and President Kinzler.

Nay: None.

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Dikker
Board Secretary