

Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Highlights

January 10, 2017

EMPLOYEE(S) RECOGNITION-GLEN ELLYN PARK DISTRICT GYMNASTICS STAFF

The Glen Ellyn Park Board of Commissioners and staff recognized Nicki Tazelaar, Beth Rosch, Nick Maruyama, Donna Murphy, Maggie Wilhite, Lauren Rayer, and Sarah DeStefano for their hard work, commitment and dedication to the Park District Gymnastics program.

Superintendent of Recreation Esposito stated that the Gymnastics Program runs approximately 25 classes each session for children ages 18 months to 14 years old and the program has grown in popularity over the last few years, due in large part to the coaching staff. Several classes, in all age ranges, have been added to help accommodate demand; along with the addition of the Glen Ellyn Grasshoppers Tumbling Team. The team is now in their second season, and is one of the largest in the Illinois Park District Gymnastics Conference with 37 tumblers competing. The team hosted their first meet at Ackerman Sports & Fitness Center this past December. Many of the aforementioned coaches have been with the park district for five or more years and can be credited for much of the growth of the program.

The Glen Ellyn Park District is fortunate to have these truly extraordinary and devoted coaches and on behalf of the Glen Ellyn Park District and the Board of Commissioners presented a small token of appreciation to Nicki Tazalaar, Beth Rosch, Nick Maruyama, Donna Murphy, Maggie Wilhite, Lauren Rayer, and Sarah DeStefano for their commitment and dedication to providing a positive experience for the participants in the Glen Ellyn Park District Gymnastics Program.

W.D.S.R.A. REVIEW & UPDATE / SANDY GBUR, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Western Dupage Special Recreation Association (WDSRA) is a recreation agency serving those with special needs. They provide support and assistance to people with special needs who participate in local park district programs across the area. W.D.S.R.A. Executive Director, Sandy Gbur, presented a brief overview of what encompasses the organization and some of its new programs and strategic plans that have been implemented to date. Ms. Gbur thanked the Glen Ellyn Park District and supporters of their program for their continued support and donations over the years and the Park Board thanked Ms. Gbur for the insight into such a wonderful and worthwhile organization.

IMET TOLLING AGREEMENT EXTENSION

The Glen Ellyn Park District Board of Commissioners approved an extension to the Tolling Agreement in light of the ongoing situation involving the Illinois Metropolitan Investment Fund (IMET). The Tolling Agreement was negotiated between attorneys representing participants and IMET to preserve all potential claims that may be available to all parties, notwithstanding the passage of time, including applicable statutes of limitation and allowing the timeline to file a claim. The original Tolling Agreement was extended to January of 2017 and is now being extended to January 31, 2018 at which time all parties should have more information on additional disbursement of assets. The Board had a brief discussion of the ongoing case and approved an extension of the Tolling Agreement through January 31, 2018.

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SUNSET POOL FILTER

Superintendent of Parks & Planning Hopkins discussed as part of the approved 2017 Capital Improvement Plan, funds were budgeted to continue implementing some of the identified recommendations from the 2014 Sunset Pool Assessment Study. One of the top priorities was to address the replacement of the three vertical sand filters for the zero depth pool. The filters, integral to the pool operation, are in very poor condition, beyond their useful life and their ability to function properly and efficiently throughout the 2017 season is unsure. Staff recommends the three existing and original sand filters be replaced with one large regenerative media filter that is more efficient, has a much smaller footprint, and is green friendly using 1/50th of the water used by traditional sand filters. Hopkins discussed the improved efficiencies of the regenerative media filter and some of the benefits that have been experienced of the filter replacement at the Sunset lap pool this past year.

Hopkins stated that the Neptune Benson is the exclusive manufacturer and provider of regenerative media filtration systems specific to an aquatic facility and while there are a several companies that make regenerative media filtration systems, Neptune Benson is currently the only company the makes them specifically for aquatics facilities. Staff sought the advice of Park District counsel regarding the purchase of the unit and based on recommendations from counsel, staff has been in contact with Neptune Benson and the Park District is able to purchase the unit directly, eliminating any additional charges from intermediary vendors. Due to unforeseen circumstances during the Illinois Department of Health's (IDPH) review of the filter replacement plans, the cost has risen to beyond the budgeted amount. Park District staff recommends, based on the recommendation of the 2014 Sunset Pool Assessment Study, proceeding with the purchase and installation of a single regenerative media filter, specifically the Neptune Benson – Defender filter, for the replacement of the declining sand filters at Sunset Park's Zero Depth Pool at a cost not to exceed of \$253,537.

The Board had a brief discussion and approved staff's recommendation of purchasing the Neptune Benson regenerative media filter for the Sunset Park's Zero Depth Pool for the amount not to exceed \$253,537 and on the basis of the facts presented that by its nature, is not adapted to competitive bidding.

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