

**Glen Ellyn Park District
Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
April 20, 2021
185 Spring Avenue**

I. Call to Order

Board Secretary, Kimberly Dikker, announced that the Park Board of Commissioners were participating in the April 20, 2021 Regular meeting remotely via Zoom. All verified that they were able to hear the discussion clearly. President Ward then called the Zoom meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

II. Roll Call of Commissioners

Upon roll call, those answering present were Commissioners Cornell, Stortz, Nephew, Durham, Weber, Bischoff, and President Ward. Commissioner Weber left the meeting at 8:35 p.m. and Commissioner Cornell departed at 9:17 p.m.

Staff members attending via Zoom but located at the Spring Avenue Recreation Center were Executive Director Harris, Superintendent of Finance & Personnel Cinquegrani, and Parks Project Manager Troia. Executive Assistant and Board Secretary Dikker participated remotely.

Guests in attendance included Don St. Clair of the Citizens' Finance Committee and Gail Bernstein of the League of Women's voters.

III. Changes to the Agenda

None.

IV. Public Participation

None.

V. Consent Agenda

Commissioner Nephew moved, seconded by Commissioner Cornell, to approve the Consent Agenda including the Voucher List of Bills totaling \$354,035.24, the minutes from the February 16, 2021 Regular Meeting and the March 2, 2021 Workshop Meeting minutes

Roll Call: Aye: Commissioners Nephew, Cornell, Stortz, Durham, Weber, Bischoff and President Ward

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

VI. Unfinished Business

A. Coronavirus (COVID-19) District Update

Executive Director Harris provided an update on the Coronavirus as the District remains in Phase IV mitigations. The District hosted a vaccination clinic in collaboration with the Library, Village, and Police, staging the 2nd dose clinic just this past Thursday at Ackerman Sports and Fitness Center. Nearly 1200 vaccinations were provided to community seniors and those in category 1B. The District also continues to hold food and blood drives for the community monthly.

As the Park District had three long-term employees accept early retirement offers, a realignment plan was established to distribute duties and responsibilities amongst the remaining employees. Staff has been receptive to the added duties and welcomes their expanded professional opportunities. Mary Defiglia, Assistant Superintendent will be the final employee to retire under this plan and her last day is April 30.

Capital projects are proceeding as planned and budgeted. Work has begun at Co-op Park with the existing playground being removed this week.

Recreational programming has been strong with nearly all programs at or near capacity. The 2021-22 Preschool program is near capacity as well. Summer Camp programs are also full with some wait lists. Tennis Camps remain strong with demand exceeding supply and the Platform Tennis program continues to experience strong participation despite moving into its “off season”. Ackerman memberships are down but seems to have stabilized for the time being. However, facility rentals have been in great demand. Holes and Knolls opened this past weekend with 300+ rounds played between Friday evening and Sunday night. The facility is in great condition thanks to Assistant Superintendent Defiglia, Recreation Supervisor Hartnett and the Park maintenance crew. The Splash Pad will open Memorial Day weekend. Harris commended Defiglia on her leadership and oversight as this will be her last time opening this facility. She has been present for every opening of the Maryknoll facilities since their construction.

The Boathouse has been limited due to restricted guidelines of 50 people or less and staff is working with PDRMA and the Health Department on guidance for use of the outdoor deck. Status regarding the Cardboard Boat Regatta, Picnic in the Park and the Freedom Four will be forthcoming shortly. Family Fun Night has been modified and will be staged as satellite Family Fun event throughout the District on a smaller scale. Movies in the Park will continue and will remain free but pre-registration will be required. Thirsty Thursdays will return and Jazz concerts in July and August could be a possibility. Fall events will be determined later.

The Athletic programs are currently running at 90% of pre-COVID numbers with all programs being very active. Staff is working with Glenbard South and West High Schools on their summer camp program. This summer the camps will only be available to current and incoming High School students as weekly COVID testing is required by the School District.

President Ward inquired on the regulations for spectators at athletic events and was apprised that those are based on guidelines established by the State. Commissioner Cornell inquired on the status of nature camps which Harris responded have been very popular as are the nature

walks and volunteer days. Commissioner Stortz was happy to hear that summer camps were being offered and was pleased that summer employment within the District was going well.

Harris then reviewed information on Sunset Pool that was distributed to the community last Friday in an eblast and has been posted on the website. Harris highlighted the guidelines set forth for the pool based on current and anticipated restrictions. The Park Board of Commissioners posed questions and were appreciative that the pool will be opened albeit with some modifications and limitations in 2021.

Superintendent of Finance and Personnel Cinquegrani provided an overview of first quarter financials of the District. Cinquegrani reviewed key budgeted surplus and deficits while highlighting the District's primary revenue sources. He then reviewed the District's operating activity along with employment expenses. Next Cinquegrani reviewed fund centers including Ackerman Facility, Sunset Pool, Athletic Programs, and General Recreation programs. Overall, most areas are on track to perform or exceed forecasted budget.

VII. New Business

A. Glen Ellyn School Dist. 41 and Glenbard School Dist. 87 – Park Dist. facility/field usage discussion

Executive Director Harris discussed the impact COVID-19 has had in relation to our Intergovernmental Agreements (IGAs) with Glen Ellyn School District 41 and Glenbard School District 87. Due to the more severe restrictions and limited or no access to the school's facilities, the Park District has been impacted disproportionately. We have been unable to use their facilities per the corresponding IGAs while at the same time, the Park District continues to provide services and in-kind services as required within the two IGA's. Additionally, the Park District paid in full nearly \$800,000 in the late 90's for improvements to District 41 elementary gyms – Churchill and Ben Franklin.

Assistant Superintendent of Athletics Babicz provided a summary regarding Glenbard School District 87 and Glen Ellyn School District 41 Facility/Field usage over the past year. Throughout the past year, the Park District provided facility space for District 87 athletic programming and has continued to mow all District 41 schools' properties per the IGAs. In return, the Park District had no access to D41 until just this spring when Lincoln and Forest Glen School's green space became available. D87 has also recently allowed some use of their fields at GBW and GBS. D87 also allowed use of GBW tennis courts in 2020 and it is anticipated those courts will be available this summer as well.

Executive Director Harris stated that our relationship with Glenbard West and Glenbard South is productive and mutually respectful and has been beneficial despite the disparity of access this past year. The challenges and diminished usage will be presented in future discussion with Glenbard District 87. Staff remains hopeful that D41 will be agreeable to an extension of the existing IGA to compensate for lack of access to their facilities but will be prepared to adjust if needed.

The Park Board discussed the presented information and hopes talks will continue with District 41 as it appears to be a simple accommodation for the disparity that has incurred.

B. Glen Ellyn School District 89 – IGA Agreement Addendum

Assistant Superintendent of Athletics Babicz stated that the Glen Ellyn Park District and Community Consolidated School District 89 have had a longstanding Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) which enables the Park District to utilize athletic fields and some limited access to facilities at D89 Schools for Park District athletics and programming. Additionally, the Park District administrates summer athletic camps which will be offered again after being shut down in 2020 due to COVID-19. Community Consolidated School District 89 is requesting an addendum to be added to the current IGA confirming the Glen Ellyn Park District’s acceptance to abide by all current and most recent Illinois Department of Health COVID-19 safety guidelines, regulations, and mitigation efforts.

Following a brief discussion Commissioner Stortz motioned, seconded by Commissioner Bischoff, to approve the presented addendum to the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement between the Glen Ellyn Park District and Community Consolidated School District 89.

*Roll Call: Aye: Commissioners Stortz, Bischoff, Cornell, Nephew, Durham, and President Ward
Nay: None*

Motion Carried.

C. Discussion of in person meetings

Executive Director Harris discussed that as mentioned previously, staff is recommending the Board consider staging in-person Board meetings beginning on May 4, 2021. Harris stated that all necessary COVID-19 precautions and guidelines will be followed and that remote Zoom meetings will still be offered for those not comfortable attending in-person.

After a brief discussion, all Board Members present agreed to attend in-person meetings starting May 4, 2021.

VIII. Staff Reports

A. Finance Report – February and March 2021 (for information only)

B. Staff Reports

Director Harris stated that the District in collaboration with the Village of Glen Ellyn, Glen Ellyn Public Library, and Glen Ellyn Police and Fire Department hosted the 2nd dosage vaccination clinic at the Ackerman Sports and Fitness Center on April 15th. Harris thanked all that volunteered stating it was a wonderful event and hopes to host another event as eligibility increases to those age 16 and over.

Project Manager Troia stated it was a pleasure to work at the vaccination clinic with the District.

IX. Commissioners' Reports

Commissioner Stortz thanked staff and stated that Glen Ellyn families were appreciative of the District's efforts. Commissioner Cornell was impressed and encouraged regarding the financial status of the District and commended the District's efforts with the vaccination clinic. Commissioner Bischoff remains hopeful regarding getting back to "normal" and thought it was remarkable on how the District has provided valuable and critical services throughout the pandemic. He also thanked Superintendent of Finance and Personnel Cinquegrani on a successful first quarter. Commissioner Nephew was happy with the opening of the pool and was impressed with the success of the first vaccination clinic. Commissioner Durham echoed the sentiments stated and said he has been busy with sports every night. Lastly President Ward attended the vaccine clinic and stated the attending were very complimentary of how organized and efficient the clinic was.

X. Adjourn

There being no further business, Commissioner Bischoff moved, seconded by Commissioner Durham to adjourn the Regular meeting at 9:21 p.m.

Roll Call: Aye: Commissioner Bischoff, Commissioner Durham, Stortz, Nephew, and President Ward

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Dikker
Board Secretary