

# BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

## Regular Meeting Highlights May 5, 2020



### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Per discussion at the April 7, 2020, Workshop meeting, the Park Board of Commissioners discussed the Election of Officers and Appointment of Chair/Liaison positions to the advisory committees. It was decided that due to the extenuating circumstances and challenges currently within our environment that current positions would remain as they are. Per the direction of counsel, all elected and appointed positions can be approved in one motion as presented and do not need to be individually nominated or appointed. The current positions that will remain through May 2021 are as follows:

#### Board positions:

- President (Michael Ward)
- Vice-President (Alex Durham)
- Treasurer (Julia Nephew)
- Executive Director (Dave Harris)
- Board Secretary (Kimberly Dikker)
- WDSRA (Dave Harris)
- Legal Firm (Ancel Glink)

#### Advisory positions:

- Glen Ellyn Park District Citizens' Finance Committee Liaison (1-2) / (Durham/Nephew)
- Ackerman Sports & Fitness Center Advisory Committee Co-Chair (1-2) / (Stortz/Weber)
- Glen Ellyn Park District Citizens' Environmental Advisory Committee Co-Chair (1-2) / (Cornell/Nephew)
- Friends of Glen Ellyn Parks Foundation Liaison (1-2) / (Cornell/Bischoff)
- Youth Sports Advisory Committee Liaison (1-3) / (Stortz/Weber/Bischoff)

Harris presented the details to the Park Board of Commissioners and the Park Board approved the positions as presented.

### AUDIT PRESENTATION

Jennifer Martinson of Lauterbach & Amen presented the 2019 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and the Management letter. Ms. Martinson then reviewed the report in detail and the Board had a brief discussion of the Audit Report.

## **CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) DISTRICT UPDATE**

Executive Director Harris reminded the Park Board of the status of the Park District including the closures of facilities, suspension of programs, and cancellation of events and activities. Harris briefly highlighted the District's ongoing effort regarding communication/marketing, programs, athletics, community outreach, and compliance efforts.

Harris then discussed recommendations to reopen some outdoor facilities that have been closed since the stay-at-home order was first initiated. This past weekend, Naperville Park District had opened their outdoor tennis and pickleball courts and Hinsdale Parks and Recreation Department opened their tennis, pickleball and platform tennis courts. Wheaton Park District tennis and pickleball courts have remained open throughout. After research and discussion with legal counsel, staff created a reopening plan for outdoor tennis, pickleball and platform tennis. It included the requirement to wear masks when playing doubles, social distancing when waiting for courts, opening limited courts to minimize attendance and distribute play, restricting hours, and posting rules, expectations, and assumption of risk. The District would not staff the site(s) but monitor periodically with staff and compliance ambassadors. Depending on usage and compliance, hours of operation could be expanded. The reopening will occur on Saturday, May 9th with an announcement likely on Thursday, May 7th.

## **SUNSET POOL DISCUSSION**

Following the Board action to tentatively delay the pool opening to at least June 13th at the previous Board meeting, the pool opening topic was to be discussed further at the May 5th meeting with the thought there could be additional information from the State and/or elsewhere providing more guidance and direction. Unfortunately, there has not been any further direction provided by the State. More Park Districts have decided to not open their aquatic centers for the 2020 season. They include Barrington, Hoffman Estates, Carol Stream, Wood Dale, Rockford, and Moline. The West Suburban Swim Conference, in which the Glen Ellyn Gators are a member, has also canceled their season.

Commissioners again expressed their concern with the complications involved from an operational standpoint of the pool, the safety of the public and employees, and adhering and implementing the many potential guidelines that have yet to be established. While all Commissioners were in agreement that Sunset Pool could not open and operate safely and practically based on the available information as well as what the guidelines could potentially be in the coming months as presented in the "Restore Illinois" plan released by the Governor the afternoon of May 5th, some wanted to defer the decision until the next meeting on May 19th. The Board agreed to giving Executive Director Harris authority to determine the status of the pool between May 5th and May 19th should more information become available.