

**Glen Ellyn Park District
Board of Commissioners
Workshop Meeting
May 5, 2020
185 Spring Avenue**

I. Call to Order

President Ward called the remote Zoom meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. President Ward stated that Commissioners and staff were participating remotely via Zoom.

II. Roll Call of Commissioners

Upon roll call, those answering present were Commissioners Stortz, Nephew, Durham, Weber, Bischoff and President Ward. Commissioner Cornell connected via Zoom at 7:25 p.m.

Staff members attending via Zoom were Executive Director Harris, Superintendent of Finance & Personnel Cinquegrani, Parks Project Manager Troia and Superintendent of Recreation Esposito.

Guests in attendance were CFC Member St. Clair and League of Women Voter representative Gail Bernstein.

III. Changes to the Agenda

None.

IV. Public Participation

None.

V. Consent Agenda

Commissioner Nephew moved, seconded by Commissioner Weber, to approve the Consent Agenda including the Voucher List of Bills totaling \$59, 414.67.

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

Motion Carried.

VI. 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 of 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)

The Advisory positions:

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

Commissioner Stortz moves, seconded by Commissioner Durham to approve the Board positions and Advisory positions as presented

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

Motion Carried.

VII. 2019 Annual Audit Presentation

Jennifer Martinson of Lauterbach & Amen presented the 2019 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). Ms. Martinson explained the report in detail and provided general information to the Board of the yearly audit process. Ms. Martinson stated the audit received an unmodified opinion, or a clean audit, and the District received the Certification of Achievement for Excellence Award for the previous fiscal year. The Park Board had a brief discussion of the report, posed general questions to Ms. Martinson and thanked Superintendent Cinquegrani and staff for their time working on the Audit and success in achieving the Certification of Achievement Award for 2018. Ms. Martinson stated the 2019 fiscal year audit will be submitted again for the Certificate of Achievement Award for 2019, which is typically awarded during the following fiscal year.

VIII. Coronavirus (COVID-19) District Update

Executive Director Harris reminded the Park Board of the current 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 pickle ball courts, additionally Hinsdale Parks and Recreation Department opened their tennis, pickle ball and platform tennis courts while Wheaton Park District tennis and pickle ball courts have remained open throughout. After research and discussion with legal counsel, the staff created a reopening plan for outdoor tennis, pickle ball 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, restrict hours, post rules and expectations as well as assumption of risk. 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.

IX. Sunset Pool Discussion

Following the Board action to tentatively delay the pool opening to at least June 13 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 additional 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, Moline. Additionally, the West Suburban Swim Conference in which the Glen Ellyn Gators are a member of, has 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 guidelines that have yet to be established. While all Commissioners were not confident that Sunset Pool could 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 additional information become available.

Commissioner Nephew moved, seconded by Commissioner Weber to approveGiven the unlikely event that the pool will open this season, the Board gives the Executive Director, Dave Harris, authority to close the pool for the 2020 season before May 19th if he feels the decision is appropriate."

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

Motion Carried.

X. Staff Reports

No staff reports

IX. Commissioners' Reports

All the Commissioners expressed their appreciation for the continued efforts by the District and staff to provide creative programming, outstanding communication and community outreach.

X. Adjourn

There being no further business, Commissioner Weber moved, seconded by Commissioner Bischoff to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:35 p.m.

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

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Harris
Acting Board Secretary