

**Glen Ellyn Park District  
Board of Commissioners  
Workshop Meeting  
June 5, 2018  
185 Spring Avenue**

**I. Call to Order**

President Weber called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

**II. Roll Call of Commissioners**

Upon roll call, those answering present were Commissioners Nephew, Durham, Wilson, Ward and President Weber. Commissioner Stortz arrived at 7:10pm and Commissioner Cornell arrived at 8:33pm.

Staff members present were Executive Director Harris, Superintendent of Parks & Planning Hopkins, and Superintendent of Finance & Personnel Cinquegrani, Superintendent of Recreation Esposito, Marketing & Communications Supervisor O’Kray, and Executive Assistant Dikker.

**III. Pledge of Allegiance**

President Weber led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**IV. Changes to the Agenda**

None

**V. Public Participation**

Glen Ellyn resident Paula McGowen of 1N443 Park Blvd. commended the Parks staff and the District for their time expended in maintaining the Spalding Park area. McGowen stated that the Park looks tremendous and neighbors thoroughly enjoy the area. As a long-time resident of the area she appreciates all that is done for the upkeep of the neighborhood Park. Executive Director Harris reminded all that “Movies in the Park” will take place at Spalding Park this Wednesday and in turn thanked Ms. McGowen for her help and dedication to her community.

John Bower, the PBL (problem-based learning) Instructional Coach for Glen Ellyn School District 41 commended the Glen Ellyn Park District and wanted to recognize some amazing team members in helping with their program. Bower thanked the Park District for allowing their staff to serve as experts and help in the education of students and teaching them that their ideas have value and can make a difference in our world. Bower recognized Renae Frigo, Tammy Broderick, Peter Lazar, Lisa Mertz, Marie O’Connor and Scott Norman for sharing their expertise, working so well with kids and thanked them on behalf of the CSO staff, teachers and their students. Bower also serves on the Glen Ellyn Park District Environmental Committee and assisted in the planning and organizing of this year’s Earth Day celebration at Lake Ellyn Park. District 41 students displayed their Earth Day themed artwork at the event and it was very well received. As a token

of District 41's appreciation for Naturalist Frigo along with the Park District, Bower presented some of the artwork displayed at the event.

Erica Nelson, a Glen Ellyn School District 41 Board member and Glen Ellyn Park District resident, also thanked the Park District for their partnership. Nelson stated having participated on panels with Naturalist Frigo and Peter Lazar she commended them for bringing their passion and commitments to the students.

Dr. Paul Gordon, Superintendent of Glen Ellyn School District 41, expressed his gratefulness and appreciation to the Park Board for the District's leadership and allowing District employees to collaborate with students during the workday and making a difference in their lives while partnering with the School District. Gordon was thoroughly impressed with the Earth Day Celebration and all it encompassed.

**VI. Voucher List of Bills Totaling \$435,756.01**

Commissioner Durham moved, seconded by Commissioner Ward, to approve the Voucher List of Bills totaling \$435,756.01

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

*Motion Carried.*

**VII. Ordinance 18-01 Sale of Surplus Property**

Superintendent of Parks & Planning Hopkins stated that in order to eliminate surplus vehicles and equipment staff is recommending selling the Park District's 1995 Wegner Showmobile "Bandshell" that will be replaced in the upcoming months. The "Bandshell" has served the District well for the past 23 years and Hopkins stated that once the District is in receipt of the new "Bandshell" that was purchased after approval at the May 15, 2018 Regular Meeting, staff would like to go out to bid to ensure a competitive price is received. The Park Board had a brief discussion of the bid amount and timeline of the sale and following, Commissioner Ward motioned, seconded by Commissioner Stortz, to approve Ordinance 18-01 authorizing and providing for the sale of surplus personal property of the Glen Ellyn Park District.

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

*Motion Carried.*

**VIII. Lake Ellyn Park South Shore Path Bid Approval**

Superintendent of Parks & Planning Hopkins stated that as a part of the Village of Glen Ellyn's sidewalk rehabilitation program, several areas around Lake Ellyn Park will have sidewalks installed. One of the areas that has been previously discussed is along the southern shoreline of Lake Ellyn. The Park District has already submitted a letter of commitment to reimburse the

Village for all construction expenses related to this area (Alternate Bid B). Hopkins stated that the project was initially advertised for bid back in April of 2018, but no bids were received. The project was then re-advertised for bid in early May and three bid tabulations were opened on May 23, 2018.

Hopkins discussed the bid tabulations received stating that the bids came in higher than the \$35,000 budgeted amount. Hopkins stated the various items that possibly led to the increase in the project's cost but said that while costs are higher than originally anticipated, staff recommends that the bids received are indicative of the true project costs. Discussion ensued on the project costs, timeline of project, options involved should the Board not move forward with approval and questions regarding the overall project. Following discussion of the project and the overall bids, Commissioner Nephew motioned, seconded by Commissioner Stortz to award the "Lake Ellyn South Shoreline Sidewalk, Alternate Bid B" to Schroeder & Schroeder, Inc. as the lowest responsive and responsible bid for an amount not to exceed \$57,272.

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

*Motion Carried.*

#### **IX. OSLAD Resolution 18-02**

Executive Director Harris stated that in anticipation of the Glen Ellyn Park District possibly implementing significant improvements to Ackerman Park in 2019, the Park District will be submitting an O.S.L.A.D (open space and land acquisition and development) grant application for elements within the proposed project. Harris stated that the State of Illinois has re-appropriated \$29 million in funding for the O.S.L.A.D program for the 2019 state budget. Harris moved for the Glen Ellyn Park District Board of Commissioners to approve the "Resolution of Authorization" to submit as a condition of the grant application affirming that the Park District has the necessary funds for the project should it be approved and that the Park District must comply with the conditions, terms and regulations of the O.S.L.A.D program should the District be fortunate to be selected as a grant recipient. Harris stated that the Park District would most likely apply for the maximum \$800K, of which \$400K is matched by O.S.L.A.D and said the Ackerman Park Project has many favorable qualities of an O.S.L.A.D. grant recipient. Harris stated that the grant would allow the District to expand the scope of the Ackerman Park Project to possibly include trails within upper Ackerman, outdoor exercise equipment, green initiatives, permeable pavers and possibly other elements within the project. Harris remarked that this does not obligate the Park District to commit to the project but shows that the District has the ability to source the funding.

The Park Board of Commissioners briefly discussed the O.S.L.A.D. grant, the process and timeline then Commissioner Stortz moved, seconded by Commissioner Durham, to approve the attached "Resolution of Authorization" specific to the O.S.L.A.D grant application for improvements to Ackerman Park.

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

*Motion Carried.*

#### **X. Natural Area Management Plan**

Superintendent Esposito introduced one of the District's summer interns, Alex Franz, an Indiana University student who is in the Environmental Management program. He will be gaining experience in several areas of the District over the next few months and began this week working with Naturalist Frigo, assisting with the outdoor educational programs along with maintenance of natural areas.

Naturalist Frigo followed by beginning her presentation regarding the Natural Area Management plan. She stated that the District owns, leases and maintains 29 parks totaling approximately 255 acres. Ten of the parks have natural areas comprised of woodland, wetland, prairie and open green space comprising roughly 21% of the District's land. Frigo discussed that the while these areas require maintenance, this maintenance is from an ecological perspective.

Frigo shared an overall management plan of these areas providing an overview of the areas, the importance and values of these properties and how they are maintained. She also described the various methods of controlling invasive species, preserving and reintroducing native plants and the budgetary considerations that are required to do so. Frigo presented an overview of each natural area highlighting a map of each natural area along with a schedule coordinated with specific areas of maintenance.

Following the presentation, the Park Board of Commissioners thanked her for her efforts and awareness as well as her time and providing an education to the community.

#### **XI. Staff Reports**

Executive Director Harris reminded all of the June 14<sup>th</sup> Commissioner Meet & Greet that will take place at Lake Foxcroft Park from 5:30-7:30pm. Harris hoped a few of the Commissioners would be able to attend. Harris also discussed the Public Meeting that was held the previous evening regarding the Ackerman Park Improvement project and stated that over 10 residents were in attendance to hear details of the proposed project and that all were favorable of the project and look forward to further details. The Citizens' Finance Committee will meet one more time to review the project and its financial implication. He also commended Chad Shingler and the pool staff for a successful opening weekend during the peak conditions over the Memorial holiday weekend.

#### **XII. Commissioners' Reports**

Commissioner Stortz said the Ackerman Park Improvement project meeting went well and was well received. He also thanked the Parks staff for their efforts during the challenging weather. Stortz also thanked Naturalist Frigo for the nature camps as his son thoroughly enjoys the program. Commissioner Wilson is looking forward to the arrival of her grandchildren as they will

be very active enjoying the Parks. Commissioner Ward enjoyed opening day at Sunset Pool and commented that all enjoyed the Boathouse at an end of school event last Friday. Commissioner Cornell said her neighborhood is looking forward to the Regatta and Fourth of July events at Lake Ellyn. Commissioner Nephew said her children are also looking forward to the nature camps within the District. Commissioner Durham thoroughly enjoyed the pool over Memorial Day weekend and recommended walking through Churchill Park. Lastly, President Weber was pleased with the new volleyball net at Ackerman Park.

**XIII. Adjourn to Executive Session**

At 8:38 p.m. Commissioner Cornell moved, seconded by Commissioner Ward, to convene into executive session under Section 2 (c) 21 of the Open Meetings Act for the purpose of discussion of the minutes of prior executive session meetings, for the purpose of review, approval or release of such minutes and under Section 2 (c) 5 for the discussion of the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the District including discussion of whether a particular parcel should be acquired.

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

*Nay: None.*

*Motion Carried.*

**XIV. Reconvene to Open Session**

The Workshop Meeting reconvened at 9:45 p.m.

**XV. Adjourn**

There being no further business, Commissioner Wilson moved, seconded by Commissioner Ward to adjourn the Workshop Meeting at 9:46 p.m.

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

*Nay: None.*

*Motion Carried.*

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Dikker  
Board Secretary