

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Highlights June 7th, 2022



Resolution promoting sustainable outdoor lighting practices

Information was presented regarding dark skies initiatives. Recently, International Dark Sky Association (IDA) has been promoting and working with surrounding agencies on the mission of sustainable lighting practices.

These practices include the principles of reducing energy consumption, reducing the impact on wildlife, and increasing quality of life. All principals that align with the Park District's mission. Staff has been working on LED upgrades the past few years to reduce energy consumption.

The resolution determines that the Park District shall adhere to dark sky principles, where possible and practical. Athletic playability, recreation, and safety are still of priority. With foresight and planning, simple changes can be made to achieve all goals. For example, having light only directed where needed, no brighter than necessary, and only used when it is useful. The resolution is a promotion of best practices, and the District retains the ability and discretion to design and install lighting in the best interest of the Park District.

Lake Ellyn Shoreline – Payout Request #3

The improvements connect the Boathouse to the existing floating pier with a wide permeable paver walkway, while providing access and additional seating opportunities directly adjacent to the lake edge. The existing stacked limestone retaining wall is being replaced with a stable engineered wall that retains the natural aesthetic.

Payout request #3 for the Lake Ellyn Shoreline Improvements in the amount of \$9,900 was from Integral Construction Inc., which is the general contractor for this project. The payout included removal of existing materials and some excavation. It also included a change order to reroute electrical lines and add handholds.

The total contract amount to date is \$378,613. Previous payments total \$58,680. The balance to finish, including retainage, is \$310,033. This project is completely funded by an anonymous donation.

This payout represents the work completed for the month of April. Most of that time, challenged by weather and rain. To date, the project is approximately 25% complete, with the start of excavation, and delivery of retaining wall materials.

Currently, all materials are available for the completion of the project, and the project will continue as weather allows with tentative completion by mid-July.

Citizen's Finance Committee Membership

The CFC bylaws allow for the committee to consist of a minimum of five (5) members and a maximum of nine (9) members. This past year, the committee had been constructed of seven (7) members with staggered two-year terms. At a recent CFC meeting, all current members expressed interest in remaining on the committee.

In recent months, an additional resident, Tom Moore, expressed interest in becoming a committee member. An interview was conducted by CFC Chairman John Vitalis, CFC committee member Don St. Clair, and Superintendent Cinquegrani. Tom brings with him a significant financial background spanning more than 35 years, is highly active within the park district, and has been a resident of Glen Ellyn for many years.

After discussing internally amongst staff and current members of the CFC, the recommendation is to renew the seven (7) current member's terms while also adding Mr. Moore for a total of eight (8) members.

Below were the recommended terms being presented.

1-Year Terms (concluding June 2023)

Michael Graham
Mike Hoban
Leo Lanzillo
Don St. Clair

2-Year Terms (concluding June 2024)

John Vitalis (Chairman)
Tom Lettenberger
Tom Moore (newly appointed)
Charlie Prisco

Newton Park Improvements Update

An update on the Newton Park OSLAD Improvements was provided. Focus was primarily on the progress of the skate park design along with the location of the lacrosse practice wall. A concept rendering of the lacrosse wall was shown to give an idea of the scale in relation to the site.

The next and final bid package for this project will include concrete sidewalks and the lacrosse wall. Skate park asphalt improvements are under contract, with the equipment anticipated to be installed through cooperative purchase.

XI. Referendum

An update regarding items related to the referendum was presented. The District attended many events and programs to further educate, inform, and engage community members. On Wednesday, June 8 the District will host its second Open House regarding the referendum.