

**Glen Ellyn Park District  
Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
June 15, 2021  
185 Spring Avenue**

**I. Call to Order**

President Durham called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

**II. Roll Call of Commissioners**

Upon roll call, those answering present were Commissioners Ward, Weber, Nephew and President Durham. Commissioner Cornell arrived at 7:35 p.m.

Staff members present were Executive Director Harris, Superintendent of Finance & Personnel Cinquegrani, Project Manager Troia and Board Secretary & Executive Assistant Dikker.

**III. Pledge of Allegiance**

President Durham led the Pledge of Allegiance

**IV. Changes to the Agenda**

None.

**V. Public Participation**

None.

**VI. Consent Agenda**

Commissioner Nephew moved, seconded by Commissioner Weber, to approve the Consent Agenda including the Voucher List of Bills totaling \$298,241.45 and the May 18, 2021 Regular Meeting minutes.

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

*Motion Carried.*

**VII. Unfinished Business**

**A. Co-Op Park Payout Request #2**

Parks Project Manager Troia presented the second and final payout request from Hacienda Landscaping Inc. who is the general contractor for the Co-Op Park replacement. The elements of the project included removal of the existing playground equipment and site furniture, removal of timbers, installation of new playground equipment surrounded by concrete curb, a widened ADA compatible sidewalk, new site furniture, additional trees and a new park sign.

The project is 100% complete with the park reopening on May 28<sup>th</sup> after the playground was inspected and found installed per the manufacturers and ASTM standards. Troia stated that a small balance which includes retainage will be added to a future voucher list of bills. Director Harris thanked Troia for his efforts on the project as the playground along with the recent Walnut Glen playground replacement are examples of a completer and more thorough park renovation. The project was also slightly under budget and on-time.

The Park Board had a brief discussion of the project and following Commissioner Ward moved, seconded by Commissioner Weber to approve Hacienda Landscaping Inc. payout request #2 (final) for the Co-Op Park Improvements in the amount of \$40,585.50.

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

*Nay: None*

*Motion Carried.*

#### **B. Coronavirus (COVID-19) District Update**

Executive Director Harris stated that last Friday the State of Illinois advanced into Phase V of the Restore Illinois plan. The most significant impact was at Sunset Pool and Maryknoll Splash Pad. On Saturday, June 12 Sunset Pool opened with full capacity, unlimited open swim hours and reservations were not required. Additionally, season passes were available for purchase beginning prior to the weekend. The Splashpad also removed the requirement for reservations and opened with full capacity. Other areas affected included the Lake Ellyn Boathouse which can now accommodate events at full capacity. Those who are fully vaccinated will no longer need to wear a mask and certain sports and outdoor activities will also no longer require a mask. Director Harris thanked pool staff, front desk attendants and marketing for their ability addressing the adjustments and quickly implementing the changes. Harris also commended Chad Shingler and his pool staff on receiving an “Exceeds Standard” in their recent Ellis audit of the Sunset Pool lifeguards. This is an unannounced review conducted by an independent aquatic oversight and accreditation organization who evaluates pool safety practices. Only 25% of pool facilities receive this achievement. There will be at least 2-3 more unannounced audits this summer.

Financial information was shared relaying that \$26,000 in general admission for Sunset Pool has been generated while \$103,000 in pool passes have been sold since last Thursday. Splash pad attendance has increased with the elimination of reservations and with 483 admissions this past Sunday. The Park Board had a brief discussion on Sunset Pool and the Splashpad and all were very pleased that the District was continuing to advance to pre-pandemic conditions.

#### **C. Newton Park Update**

Project Manager Troia discussed the proposed playground renovation at Newton Park. As a reminder, this along with other Newton Park improvement elements are part of an OSLAD grant that the District was awarded this past year. Visual concepts of the proposed playground which include a sensory garden, picnic area with a shade sail were provided, while Troia also provided a verbal description of many of the features. Throughout the planning process a priority is for the playground to provide inclusivity for all ages within its elements. Samples of the proposed

playground surfaces which include artificial turf grass, poured in place matting and a rubber wood chipped area were provided.

The Park Board had a long discussion on the various elements of the playground including the play features, walkways, surface material, amenities within the park and safety/security components.

While some additional answers were provided, further information would be shared at the Thursday, June 17<sup>th</sup> Open House at the Newton Park Shelter from 5:30-7:00p.m. All Commissioners were invited to attend the public meeting and notices were sent to neighbors last week.

## **VIII. New Business**

### **A. Johnson Center Update**

Project Manager Troia stated that during the budget process funds were allocated to engage an outside consultant for assessment of the Johnson Center. Troia revisited the various areas of the Johnson Center that likely need to be addressed including the parking lot, building area and back storage area. After engaging a consultant, the next step would be for the selected firm to provide concepts that could be phased in when funds become available.

## **IX. Staff Reports**

### **A. Finance Report (For Information Only)**

Superintendent of Finance & Personnel Cinquegrani provided a brief overview of the May 2021 Finance report which details cash balances of approximately \$8.1 million compared to approximately \$6.8 million at the same time in 2020. Overall revenue is also up nearly \$2.2 million over the previous year. Cinquegrani provided that a further financial update will be provided to the Board at an upcoming Board meeting.

### **B. Staff Reports**

Harris gave credit to staff for being resilient, resourceful, and creative throughout the pandemic. While transitioning to some normalcy, the District will remain vigilant, ambitious, and responsible. He provided that the softball organization staged a tournament this past weekend at Ackerman Park. All went well despite the heavy rain on Saturday afternoon. Volunteers and staff did an outstanding job adjusting and minimizing the cancellations of games. Concluding on Sunday evening, the tournament only loss ten games out of 150. Many compliments were relayed regarding the facility and the fields held up well during the weather.

Executive Assistant Dikker stated that Fall Fete will be taking place on November 6<sup>th</sup> this year to benefit the Scholarship Program for the District. Dikker relayed that again this year Eileen Mullins-Gasteier will be planning the event in collaboration with Park District staff. Additionally, other small fundraising events through the course of the year will be organized and staged. One of those events, the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Pier Raffle, has already exceeded \$1500 in proceeds while the private concert to be held at Two Hound Red on June 30<sup>th</sup> has sold 50 tickets.

## **XI. Commissioners' Reports**

Commissioner Cornell commended staff on all they have accomplished this past year. Commissioner Weber credited staff for their creativity in providing programs to the community. Weber also gave a shoutout to the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Boys Bulldog Lacrosse team on their recent championship win over Lake Forest. He credited the volunteer coaches - Chris Clark, Aaron Bare and Pat Glascott for coaching and mentoring this group over the past several years. Commissioner Nephew has enjoyed her time at Sunset pool and stated her family has been very active in many Parks District programs. Commissioner Ward thanked staff for staging the 2<sup>nd</sup> dose vaccination clinic at Ackerman Sports & Fitness Center. President Durham echoed the sentiments thanking staff and was very appreciative of their efforts.

## **XII. Adjourn**

There being no further business, Commissioner Ward moved, seconded by Commissioner Weber to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:05 p.m.

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

*Nay: None*

*Motion Carried.*

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Dikker  
Board Secretary