

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Highlights June 21, 2022



Lake Ellyn Shoreline Improvement Project payout request #4

The Lake Ellyn Shoreline project connects the Boathouse to the existing floating pier with a wide permeable paver walkway which provides 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.

This payout is from Integral Construction Inc., which is the general contractor for this project. It also includes a change order to add GeoGrid to reinforce and stabilize the unsuitable soils that were discovered during construction.

This payout represents the work completed for the month of May. Progress was made during that time with all excavation and removal of unsuitable materials. On top of the GeoGrid, large base aggregate was installed – necessary for the permeable pavers but also provided a clean and stable work site for large equipment. To date, the project is approximately 40% complete.

The total contract sum to date is \$383,531. Previous payments total \$58,680. The balance to finish, including retainage, is \$274,487. As a reminder, this project is completely funded by an anonymous donation.

During the second week of June, much progress was made on the retaining wall. Now that the project is above ground and out of the water level, progress will accelerate. Although unlikely to be complete by the Fourth of July, the construction site will be isolated and will not interfere with activities. The Fireworks from the Fishing Pier raffle will be unaffected.

Skate Park Co-op Purchase

The skate park equipment at Newton Park is original and has issues with a rotting wood understructure. Staff has been working closely with a professional skate park designer to come up with a concept replacement plan that aligns with current skate park trends, provides a destination for all ages and abilities, and remains challenging enough for experienced users.

A concept plan was presented at a very engaged open house. After receiving feedback, the design team came up with a revised concept which addressed comments primarily related to the flow and specific skating events.

Sunset Pool Heater

The two existing pool heaters are past their useful life and require replacement. Staff engaged an aquatic engineer to design new pool heater equipment and obtain IDPH Permit Process. The project was bid in February and awarded to Helm Mechanical.

This payout is from Helm Mechanical which is the general contractor for this project.

The pool heater was installed and operable before the opening of the pool and Helm provided operating and maintenance training to staff. This project was under the budgeted amount of \$125,000.

Ackerman Sports & Fitness Center Rock Wall Demolition Bid

The rock wall demolition project was publicly noticed invitations for bid, requesting contractors to provide proposals for demolition of the freestanding rock wall and the rock wall adjacent to the door at Ackerman Sports and Fitness Center (ASFC).

The bid opening was conducted on June 1. Despite five plan holders, only (1) sealed bid was received, opened, and read aloud. Overall, the bid was greater than the preliminary cost estimates from last fall.

At the time of gathering preliminary cost estimates no construction drawings were available. However, the bid staff was able to locate complete detailed construction drawings including the metal support system. These were part of the bid documents.

Following the bid, staff debriefed and discussed the project with the bidder to understand the higher costs. Part due to general increase of construction costs, but also the provided information on the structures showed a clear challenge and required more labor and equipment. Also, there is a fair amount of plastic sheeting hung from floor to ceiling to keep dust out the facility during construction. Most larger demolition companies are union labor and hanging the plastic would be all done at union rate, adding to the costs.

As far as the low number of bidders, it was determined this was due in part to the complexity, but also it was discovered that there is currently a significant amount of public-school demolition work.

To obtain additional and more competitive bids, staff is evaluating re-bidding the project in fall and modifying the scope to have in-house labor hang the protective plastic.

Referendum

An update on the continued efforts to educate and inform Glen Ellyn Park District constituents regarding the referendum was presented. There is an open house regarding the referendum this Saturday, June 25 from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. at Sunset Pool. Commissioner Stortz encouraged Commissioners to engage and remind their contacts that election day is June 28.