

**Glen Ellyn Park District
Board of Commissioners
Workshop Meeting Minutes
September 5, 2023
185 Spring Avenue**

I. Call to Order

President Stortz called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

II. Roll Call of Commissioners

Upon roll call, those answering present were Commissioners Crickmore, Weber, Nephew, Ward and President Stortz. Commissioner Durham participated via Zoom and Commissioner Cornell arrived at 7:10pm.

Commissioner Ward moved, seconded by Commissioner Weber, and voted unanimously by the Park Board Commissioners who were physically present at the Spring Avenue location, to allow Commissioner Durham to vote via Zoom for tonight's meeting.

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

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

Staff members present were Executive Director Dave Thommes, Executive Deputy Director Cinquegrani, Director of Planning and Natural Resources Troia, Director of Recreation & Facilities Lim and Board Secretary and Directors' Assistant Dikker.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

President Stortz led the pledge of allegiance.

IV. Changes to the Agenda

None.

V. Public Participation

None.

VI. Voucher List of Bills Totaling \$353,092.93

Commissioner Nephew moved, seconded by Commissioner Crickmore, to approve the Voucher List of Bills totaling \$353,092.93.

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

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

VII. Wight Ackerman Pay Application #1

Director Troia stated that as part of the approved 2022 referendum, Ackerman Sports & Fitness Centers planned expansion and improvements include: new 6,000 square foot gymnastics center, new first and second floor exercise and multipurpose studio, and improved customer service center, covered entry and expanded parking. Troia shared payment application #1 for Wight Construction, who is the Construction Manager for this project, in the amount of \$108,725.72.

Troia said this payout includes the fabrication of the pre-engineered building for the gymnastics expansion, which was a part of Bid Group 1, that was approved by the Board in April of 2023. As services identified within the payout request have been performed, staff recommended Board approval.

The Park Board held a brief discussion on the project, including total payout, project timeline and customer updates and following their discussion Commissioner Ward moved, seconded by Commissioner Crickmore to approve Wight Construction payout request #1 for the Ackerman addition and renovation in the amount of \$108,725.72.

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

Motion Carried.

VIII. Panfish Playground Equipment Purchase

Director Troia shared that Panfish Park Playground was built in 1996 and for Budget Year 2023 is slated to be replaced per our Playground Replacement Plan. Troia shared that the district received a grant of up to \$40,000 in matching funds from GameTime for promoting physical activity, addressing physical and social inclusion, and integrating nature into everyday spaces of childhood. The remainder of the playground will be paid for through fund balances budgeted for 2023 and through the qualified OMNIA Cooperative Purchasing Program.

Troia discussed the playground in detail, sharing renderings and stated it was well received at the neighborhood open house the past week. He said the open house was well attended and neighbors shared their suggestions for the area. The Park Board had a brief discussion of the configuration of the playground, materials used and total cost of the project. Troia said the cost would be approximately \$206,000 and is aligned with what is budgeted for neighborhood playground replacements. Troia said in the coming weeks staff will develop refined plans and will work towards bid documents for the project.

Following the discussion, Commissioner Crickmore moved, seconded by Commissioner Nephew, to authorize the purchase of the Panfish Playground Equipment from GameTime c/o Cunningham Recreation through Cooperative Purchase for the price of \$51,689.57.

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

Motion Carried.

IX. 2023-2026 Project Update(s)

Director Troia apprised the Board of the current project updates. Troia stated that the Frank Johnson Center project is moving along nicely with the sewer and water connection all completed and foundation walls being worked on currently. The final permit has been received and all is currently on track for April 2024 completion. Staff discussed some changes that might occur to final landscaping, but more information will be available as we near completion.

Director Troia then stated that construction on the interior of Ackerman will be starting soon with hopes for the new fitness rooms, offices, and front desk to be completed by the end of year. Permits are pending with the Village and outside construction will take place after the Tournament.

Sunset Pool project is ongoing. The application for permitting has been resubmitted to IDPH with hopes of hearing a response in the upcoming weeks. A Pre-construction meeting was held with the Village of Glen Ellyn and staff is waiting on final permitting fees.

The Downtown Park Project was discussed and Troia stated that over 600 responses were received from the survey that was shared with residents. Staff will review the feedback and redesign after input from focus groups and Village advisory boards following the special meeting that is to take place on September 21, 2023.

Director Troia shared that the Village Green OSLAD application has been put on hold and possibly shelved until the next year due to the requirement restraints requested per our IGA with the Village of Glen Ellyn. Staff will review the IGA and assess that the lease expiration year is current.

Lastly, Director Troia shared that we hoped to start the new Ackerman Pickleball courts this fall but the Village of Glen Ellyn is requesting a Special Use Permit which might delay the project until Spring of 2024. Staff is currently out to bid for this project now along with also bidding the Lake Foxcroft dredging project. Bids results will be shared in the weeks ahead.

X. Staff Reports

Director of Planning and Natural Resources Troia shared that Ackerman Softball Fields have been officially Dark Sky approved and this is the first Softball area in all of Illinois to receive this recognition. Director of Recreation and Facilities Lim shared that over 700 are currently in the soccer program and all is going well with the tournament coming up in the next several weeks.

XI. Commissioners' Reports

Commissioner Crickmore stated she enjoyed taking photos in Ackerman Woods and Churchill Park this past week and looks forward to submitting them in a photo contest. President Stortz

enjoyed his evening last weekend at the Sounds of the Street in Glen Ellyn and envisions this is what could possibly take place in the future new downtown area near Prairie Path Park.

XII. Adjourn to Executive Session

At 7:45 p.m., Commissioner Nephew moved, seconded by Commissioner Ward, to convene into Executive Session 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 Nephew, Ward, Crickmore, Cornell, Weber, Durham and President Stortz
Nay: None*

Motion Carried.

XIII. Reconvene to Open Session

The regular meeting reconvened at 7:57 p.m.

XIV. Adjourn

There being no further business, Commissioner Nephew moved, seconded by Commissioner Cornell, to adjourn the Meeting at 7:58 p.m.

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

Motion Carried.