

Friends of Glen Ellyn Parks Foundation Meeting

September 7, 2022

185 Spring Avenue

6:30 p.m.

Minutes

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m.

II. Foundation Roll Call

Executive Director Harris called the Foundation meeting to order and those present responded: Foundation President Jonathan Huard, Foundation members Tom Melms, Kim Thomas, Jackie Reeves, Tim Clark, and Glen Ellyn Park District Executive Director Dave Harris.

II. Approval of Minutes

Member Melms moved, seconded by Member Clark to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2022, Friends of Glen Ellyn Parks Foundation meeting as presented.

*Roll Call: Aye: Members Melms, Clark, Thomas, Reeves, Huard
Nay: None*

Motion Carried.

V. Old Business

A. Fête Update

The annual Fete event is to take place in the Fall, 2023. Members suggested meeting with Eileen to offer suggestions and assistance based on their previous experience.

B. Park District Scholarship Statistics (2022 y.t.d.)

To date the District has provided financial assistance to 98 recipients and \$\$29,339.34 awarded for the year thus far. This is an increase of 26 recipients from 2021

C. 2022-2023 Fete Events

Several Fete events are in the planning stage including Holiday Lights Trolley tours, platform tennis tournament, customized dog houses and a poker night at the Boathouse

D. Glen Ellyn Park District Referendum

Harris thanks the members for their support and effort to educate the community. He thanked Member Melms for his generous effort in producing yard signs and distributing the signs to strategically located properties. Harris stated that the timeline for implementation of the referendum projects is ambitious, and efforts have already begun securing the construction and design teams for the many projects.

E. Glen Ellyn Park District update

The District is collaborating with the Village to purchase and develop the old U.S. Bank site into a downtown plaza. Additionally, the District will take over the care and maintenance of Panfish Park as it will be leased to the District. In turn, the Village will compensate the District for annual maintenance expenses while also contributing capital funds for the park improvement. Finally, the District will be renovating the Johnson Center Maintenance Facility

VI. New Business

A. Marketing and Education of GEPD Scholarship Opportunities

The members discussed several ideas on getting the “word” out about available Park District financial assistance. Ideas ranged from D41, D89 and D87 information distribution efforts; Kiwanis weekend snack bags that get distributed to students on free lunch program within the local elementary school districts. Huard has engaged D41 and D89 to include GEPD financial assistance information within their regular newsletter. The information was provided in Spanish as well. Upon review of the material, Reeves raised a great point as the patrons were directed to call for more information. However, the staff member answering the call was likely not going to be bilingual

V. Other Matters

The next Foundation meeting date is to be determined.

VII. Adjourn

The Foundation meeting adjourned at approximately 7:35p.m.