

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting Highlights September 17, 2019



RECOGNITION – GLEN ELLYN PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Glen Ellyn Park District Board of Commissioners recognized the Glen Ellyn Public Library, the Glen Ellyn Library Foundation and the Friends of the Library for their generous \$2,000 donation to the Glen Ellyn Park District Scholarship program.

Commissioner Durham stated that each year a summer reading program is offered at the Library to promote and advocate summer reading while also collaborating with a local philanthropic cause who embraces the volunteer spirit in the community. This past summer, the Park District's scholarship program was selected and was the fortunate recipient of the \$2,000 donation.

Commissioner Durham thanked Katie Scherer, President of the Friends of the Library (FOL) and Kelley Kalinich, President of the Glen Ellyn Library Foundation for the funds provided from these organizations which will help support the hundreds of families who receive scholarship funding in order to participate in recreation classes and athletic programs.

The Board of Commissioners also recognized Dawn Bussey, Executive Director of the Glen Ellyn Public Library and her programming staff for the excellent partnership this summer. Durham stated the two agencies were able to provide unique and creative programming in the parks and library this summer including Goat Yoga, Pete the Cat *StoryWalk*®, Summer Reading Ice Cream Social, Storytime in the Park and Community Game Night.

This was an excellent example of collaboration and use of community assets for the betterment and enjoyment of all. The Glen Ellyn Park District Board of Commissioners and staff extended a heartfelt thank you to the Glen Ellyn Public Library, the Glen Ellyn Library Foundation and the Friends of the Library for their generous contribution and outstanding partnership.

RECOGNITION - Former Commissioners, Tom Lawson, Carrie Burrows and Bill Taylor

Commissioner Stortz stated as part of the Park District 100-year Anniversary celebration, the Glen Ellyn Park District extended invitations to all previous Commissioners to attend a Board meeting as well as various other 100-year celebrations throughout the year. Stortz welcomed three (3) past Park Board Commissioners who served the community for the latter portion of the 100 years. Those in attendance were Tom Lawson who served for six (6) years from 1971 to 1977; Carrie Burrows who served for six (6) years from 1993-1999; and Bill Taylor who served for four (4) years from 2005-2009. Prior to 1997, Commissioner terms were for six (6) years.

Commissioner Stortz stated the District was honored to have these past Commissioners in attendance and provided a list of accomplishments achieved under their reign.

Former Commissioner Lawson oversaw the implementation of the recreation tax enabling the Park District to fund and provide recreation, implemented an OSLAD referendum which resulted in the acquisition of land that formed many Parks, formed the first co-operative agreement with school districts and was involved in the initial formation of the Western DuPage Special Recreation Association.

Former Commissioner Carrie Burrows was involved with the re-opening of Sunset Pool, the purchase and renovation of Spring Avenue Recreation Center, developing the Park District's first Strategic Plan, the purchase of Maryknoll property as well as the construction of Main Street Recreation Center Playground.

Lastly, Commissioner Bill Taylor achieved the District's first AA Bond rating for sound financial operations during his term, secured an OSLAD grant for Village Green Park, completed the Phase III Maryknoll Park Development project as well as the renovation of Main Street Recreation Center and the addition of Ackerman Sports and Fitness Center to name a few.

Hundreds of thousands of people have benefitted from the improved amenities and many capital projects that were completed over the past 48 years and the words passion, respect, dedication, commitment, vision, leadership, service and selflessness most accurately describe the characteristics of these three (3) Commissioners.

The Glen Ellyn Park District and the Park Board of Commissioners were honored to recognize Tom Lawson, Carrie Burrows and Bill Taylor for their years of service and commitment to the community as past Park District Commissioners and presented them with a small token of their appreciation.

ACKERMAN PARK PAYOUT REQUEST #3

Director Harris presented payout request #3 for Ackerman Park Phase IV improvement project- Construction Management Services in the amount of \$386,468.14 stating that this is a revised amount from the original Board Packet that was distributed due to an error in reporting. This is the third payout request from Wight Construction, who is overseeing construction for Ackerman Park improvements. Harris provided details of what has been completed to date and stated the third payout request includes continued grading and earthwork, irrigation, concrete and fencing.

Following a brief update of the project, the Park Board approved Wight Construction payout request #3 for the Ackerman Park Phase IV Improvements - Construction Management Services in the amount of \$386,468.14.

ACKERMAN OSLAND RELATED ELEMENTS

Director Harris discussed the OSLAD grant that was awarded in early 2019 for improvements to Ackerman Park and the elements that were to be included in that grant. As the additional Ackerman Park OSLAD items were not included within the 2019 annual budget and the outcome of the grant submittal was unknown at the time of approval of the 2019 budget, these elements will be reimbursed through the OSLAD grant.

Harris reminded the Park Board that at the August 20, 2019 Board meeting, the purchase of the outdoor fitness equipment was approved and since that date, pricing for the installation of the equipment along with other related OSLAD elements including site work, concrete and sidewalk have been presented by contractors currently doing work at the site. Harris presented the costs of these services and stated they have been reviewed by Wight Construction and Park District staff and are being recommended as a change order to the Ackerman Park Phase IV Improvement Project and following, the Park Board approved the change order in the amount of \$99,675.00 for the Ackerman Park Phase IV Improvement Project.

ACKERMAN PARK OUTDOOR FITNESS SURFACE

Executive Director Harris discussed the outdoor fitness equipment that was approved at the August 20, 2019 Board meeting. At that time, it was also mentioned that other associated costs would be brought to the Board's attention later including the "Poured in Place" surface. Staff recommended that the District purchase PIP surface and installation through Kompan and the Cooperative Purchasing Network which the District has used prior for other purchases.

Harris provided that the purchase price for the PIP surface including installation was \$29,626.44 and installation should occur in fall of 2019. The Park Board held a brief discussion and approved the purchase of the Kompan Poured in Place surface and installation for \$29,626.44 stating that this was not a 2019 budgeted item but was included in the OSLAD grant that was awarded in February 2019 and the District will be reimbursed for the purchase.

ASPHALT PROJECTS – BID RECOMMENDATIONS

Director Harris provided the Asphalt projects that were budgeted for 2019 that included Sunset Park tennis court(s), Newton Park outdoor basketball court and small east parking lot and Spring Avenue Recreation Center Safety Village. Also, as an alternate, a small area within Ackerman Park was included.

Harris reviewed that with the engagement of Wight Construction in preparing construction documents, bid and support, that the bid was publicly noticed on Thursday, August 29th and bids were received on September 12th. Harris stated that three (3) bids were received and all three (3)

exceeded the budgeted amount. Harris provided that after review staff would recommend rejecting the bids and have the Sunset Tennis Courts and the Spring Avenue Recreation Center Safety Village project rebid separately as one project due to programming at those facilities that has since been rescheduled.

The Park Board reviewed the information provided, discussed the proposed recommendation and rejected the “2019 Glen Ellyn Park District Asphalt Projects” bids at this time. The Park Board will discuss the projects further during the upcoming budget process.

GOALS & OBJECTIVES 2020 (PROPOSED) AND 2019 (UPDATE)

Executive Director Harris discussed that staff would be reviewing the status of the 2019 Goals and Objectives that were presented last year and are established each fiscal year as part of the annual budget process. A list of the proposed Goals and Objectives for 2020 was presented as well and will be discussed further at the upcoming Strategic Meeting and during the budget process.

The Park Board held an open discussion and posed questions to the Board regarding attainment of the 2019 Goals and questions regarding the proposed Goals for 2020. Executive Director Harris thanked the Park Board for their open discussion and said any further questions can be directed to staff during the Strategic Meeting.