

**Glen Ellyn Park District
Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
November 14, 2017
185 Spring Avenue**

I. Call to Order

President Nephew called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

II. Roll Call of Commissioners

Upon roll call, those answering present were Commissioners Ward, Wilson, Weber, Stortz, Durham and President Nephew. Commissioner Cornell was absent.

Staff members present were Executive Director Harris, Superintendent of Recreation Esposito, Superintendent of Finance & Personnel Cinquegrani, Superintendent of Parks & Planning Hopkins, Marketing & Communications Supervisor O’Kray and Executive Assistant Dikker.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

President Nephew led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Changes to the Agenda

None.

V. Recognition – Adventure Time Director (Debra Shakin)

The Park Board of Commissioners recognized Debra Shakin for her hard work and dedication with the Adventure Time Before and After School Program. Mrs. Shakin has been the site director for the Adventure Time Program since its inception in 1999 and was influential in the creation and development of the program and its success over the past 18 years.

President Nephew stated that the Adventure Time Program is a well-established, highly regarded and valued before and after school care program within the community. The program began in 1999 at the Forest Glen Elementary School with 35 total students enrolled in the AM and PM programs and by 2010 it had expanded to two schools, adding the program at Churchill Elementary School. Today, both schools have allotted program space which has enabled the program to expand and flourish. The continued success of the Adventure Time Program can be largely attributed to Mrs. Shakin and a group of hardworking staff assistants.

President Nephew discussed the many special event days and creative daily activities that Mrs. Shakin works diligently to plan and orchestrate each year. She takes great pride in how far the program has come throughout the years and does an excellent job instilling that same pride and care in selecting and training her staff assistants. President Nephew read several personal notes of gratitude that have been sent to the Park District over the years.

President Nephew and the Park Board commended Mrs. Shakin for providing an exceptional and dependable before and after school experience that children can participate in and families could depend on and presented her with a small token of appreciation.

VI. Public Participation

None.

VII. Consent Agenda

Commissioner Wilson moved, seconded by Commissioner Ward, to approve the Consent Agenda including the Voucher List of Bills totaling \$592,480.85 and the October 17, 2017 Regular Meeting minutes.

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

Motion Carried.

VIII. Unfinished Business

A. Approve 2017 Tax Levy Ordinance 17-04

Commissioner Weber moved, seconded by Commissioner Stortz, to approve the 2017 Tax Levy (Ordinance 17-04).

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

Motion Carried

B. 2018 Budget Discussion continued

Executive Director Harris stated that the 2018 proposed annual budget for the Glen Ellyn Park District was presented and discussed at the October 17 Regular Board meeting at which time the Board directed staff to gather additional information on several items. Those items to be discussed in greater detail were the Ackerman Sports and Fitness Center (ASFC) Parking lot, the Ackerman Park Improvement Project Schedule and the addition of a full time Park's employee.

Harris presented information regarding the various options for replacing the Ackerman Sports and Fitness Center parking lot. A few grant opportunities applicable to converting the lot to permeable pavers could be available through the County and State. There is certainly no guarantee that the District would receive a grant, and one grant has not been fully established at this date and would extend the project even later should the District wait. The Board had a lengthy discussion regarding the direction and while all supported the initial effort to install permeable pavers with the assistance of the IGIG grant, several Commissioners favored moving forward with an asphalt lot in 2018 rather than defer the project even later in hopes of applying and attaining alternative funds. As the District has tentatively identified implementing additional improvements within Ackerman Park beginning in 2019 and continuing until at least 2022, permeable pavers can be included within areas such as the softball hub and/or the

parking lot(s). Staff will gather additional information regarding the bidding of the ASFC asphalt parking lot and include other best practices such as rain gardens and bioswales. Additionally, alternates will be presented which might include permeable pavers and concrete.

Harris then briefly discussed the proposed Ackerman Park Improvement with the goal of initiating the planning of the project beginning early 2018 with construction starting in 2019

Lastly, the Park Board had a brief discussion of the additional full time Park's employee and posed several questions to staff.

The 2018 budget will be on the next meeting agenda for final approval. Any questions or comments can be presented prior to the meeting and staff will respond accordingly.

VIII. New Business

A. 2018 Proposed Meeting Schedule

Executive Director Harris presented the 2018 Proposed Meeting Schedule and Commissioner Ward moved, seconded by Commissioner Wilson to approve the 2018 Meeting Schedule as presented.

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

Motion Carried

IX. Staff Reports

A. Finance Reports

Superintendent of Finance and Personnel presented the Finance Report.

B. Staff Reports

Executive Director Harris stated that the Turkey Trot will take place on Thanksgiving morning starting at the Lake Ellyn Boathouse and there is no sign up needed. Harris also stated that Ackerman Sports & Fitness Center will be holding their Turkey Burn with a variety of fitness classes being offered that morning. It was reported that one youth football team has made it to the Super Bowl for Golden Eagles and twelve runners will be attending the nationals for the Lightning running club. Harris also thanked Superintendent of Parks Hopkins for his efforts and attendance at Village of Glen Ellyn Planning Commission meeting regarding the sign variance for Lake Ellyn Park. Harris stated that the variance passed with an 8-0 vote and will be advanced to the next Village Trustee meeting for formal approval.

X. Commissioners' Reports

Commissioner Weber looks forward to participating in the upcoming Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving Day. Commissioner Durham commended the improvement in landscaping at the paddle huts. President Nephew enjoyed the new Winter brochure and truly liked the large pictures included in this latest issue. President Nephew also discussed the need to revisit the newly adopted Board

Meeting schedule for 2018 as she received a message from Commissioner Cornell that many of the dates conflict with her schedule. President Nephew, Board and staff discussed some alternative dates and will include that within the agenda for the December Regular Meeting.

XI. Adjourn

There being no further business, Commissioner Weber moved, seconded by Commissioner Ward to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:02 p.m.

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

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Dikker
Board Secretary