

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting Highlights November 15, 2022



Public Hearing – 2022 Non-Referendum Bond Issue

As discussed at recent Board meetings and pursuant to the Park District’s long-range capital funding plan, the Park District will proceed with the issuance of the 2022 non-referendum bonds. President Durham opened the public hearing and there being no comments from the public, Commissioner Ward moved to close the public hearing for the issuance of the 2022 non-referendum bonds.

Truth in Taxation Hearing for the 2022 Tax Levy

As discussed at the October 4th Workshop meeting, the 2022 proposed tax levy was presented and placed on file with a proposed aggregate tax levy increase of 9.0%. The Property Tax Extension Limitation Law (PTELL) requires the Park District to comply with the Truth in Taxation law which requires a public hearing being held prior to adoption of the Tax Levy Ordinance if the increase exceeds 5.0%. As a reminder, an increase of 9% was used to capture unknown ‘new growth’ within the community, in addition to the 2021 CPI of 5.0%. Deputy Director Cinquegrani addressed the public hearing for the Truth in Taxation for the 2022 Tax Levy.

New Business

A. Place the 2023 Budget & Appropriation Ordinance on File

In correlation with the preparation of the annual operating budget for calendar year 2023, staff compiled and presented an updated long-term capital project plan. Board comments and feedback from the meeting will be used to revise the long-range plan and incorporate those adjustments within the 2023 budget document presented at the November 15th Board meeting.

B. Budget Discussion

Deputy Director Cinquegrani discussed that the Board placed a draft of the 2023 Budget & Appropriation Ordinance on file and reminded the Park Board that questions and comments can be directed to staff at any time and discussion would continue at the December Board meeting. Staff had no further questions regarding the budget and look forward to its approval following the Public Hearing at the 1-10-2023 Workshop Meeting.

C. Land Purchase

Executive Director Harris stated that in the spring of 2022 the owner of 23W273 Saint Charles Rd, Glen Ellyn approached the Glen Ellyn Park District regarding the possibility of purchasing their property which is just west of the Churchill Park parking lot and shelter. Since that time, the Park District has negotiated over the past several months and in early October agreed in principle to purchase the parcel of property in the amount of \$365,000 and contingent on property being void of any environmental issues and passing a “Phase I” study. Early in the process, the consensus of the Board was supportive of the purchase and identified parameters for which the Director was to

negotiate. The Park Board has been unanimous for years regarding preservation of open space and the value of available property contiguous to existing park property. This parcel, as it borders the northwest portion of Churchill Park, certainly fulfills those qualities.

D. 2023 Proposed Board Meeting Schedule

Executive Director Harris presented the 2023 proposed Board Meeting schedule stating that dates have been reviewed by staff and hoped that the Park Board has had a chance to review as well.

E. Approval of Designate for IAPD Credentials for Annual Meeting

Executive Director Harris stated that as a member of the Illinois Association of Park Districts, the Glen Ellyn Park District is required to formally designate a representative and an alternate to attend the association's annual Board meeting held in late January 2023. This enables the District representative to attend and participate in any action or matters of business that might be presented. Harris stated that should a Board member be interested in representing the District, the Board may vote and approve either tonight or later if interested should a Board member's schedule allow. The Park Board held a brief discussion and following, Commissioner Nephew moved, seconded by Commissioner Stortz to appoint Executive Director Harris as the delegate and Deputy Director Cinquegrani as the alternate delegate to represent the Glen Ellyn Park District at the 2023 Illinois Association of Park District's annual meeting.

Unfinished Business

A. Approve the 2022 Tax Levy Ordinance 22-01

Deputy Director Cinquegrani presented the 2022 tax levy ordinance that was placed on file at the October 4th Board Meeting.

B. 2023-2025 Project Update(s)

The Glen Ellyn Park District referendum request for \$15.9 million to repair, improve and expand facilities, upgrade four park properties throughout the district, and purchase additional land for parks was approved in June of 2022. All construction is expected to be completed within 3.5 years and staff has begun the process of implementation. Superintendent Troia provided updates during the budget discussion and mentioned this will be on going agenda item and he will continue to provide project updates as needed.