REALITY ILLINOIS FOR TOBACCO PREVENTION PRESENTATION

Student representatives from the DuPage Glenbard Reality Illinois organization provided a presentation to the Glen Ellyn Park Board of Commissioners urging policy change for tobacco-free parks within the Park District. Reality Illinois is a statewide anti-tobacco movement created by high school students that works to encourage healthy lifestyles, reduce secondhand smoke and protect the environment by promoting tobacco-free park policies. The students discussed their research on the effects of smoking to the environment and others. They provided a slideshow presentation with their discoveries along with a visual sampling they collected during a recent three (3) day cleanup at Lake Ellyn Park of cigarette deposits.

After the presentation the Board held a brief discussion and posed questions to the students regarding their findings. The Board discussed that this would be something they would further research and possibly look into making changes to the Glen Ellyn Park District’s current smoking Ordinance.

CITIZEN FINANCE COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

Superintendent of Finance & Personnel Cinquegrani discussed that at the July 14th Board meeting, the Park District Board of Commissioners approved the membership extension of five (5) current Citizens’ Finance Committee (CFC) members. Interviews were conducted to increase membership to a seven (7) member committee. After the interviews were conducted by the Park Board liaison to the committee, Gary Mayo, CFC Chairman, Don St. Clair and Superintendent of Finance and Personnel, Nick Cinquegrani, their recommendation was to appoint Glen Ellyn residents Allison DeMong and Michael Graham to the committee. The Park Board of Commissioners had a brief discussion and approved the recommended appointments.

UPPER NEWTON FIELD SITE PREPARATION PAYOUT REQUEST #3

Superintendent of Parks & Planning Hopkins discussed the status of the upper Newton Field site preparation and the timeline of the project. Superintendent Hopkins stated that Hoppy’s Landscaping is very close to completing their portion of the project. Hopkins also stated that additional drainage was installed into the North side of Upper Newton Field on the outside of the field to aid in drainage. Finally, the sledding hill is progressing nicely. Staff recommended placing the request for payout on the Consent Agenda for the August 18th Regular Board Meeting and the Board concurred.

Executive Director Harris added that although Turf Field installation is nearly completed, it would not be finished most likely in time for the Golden Eagles Jamboree next week. Unfortunately due to record rainfall that the Chicago area experienced in June and into early
July, the installation has not been able to make up all of the lost time. Staff has been working with Golden Eagles representatives on a contingency plan and the Jamboree will be held as planned utilizing the lower fields at Newton Park. Although finish date is not what most desired, Harris stated that once completed it would be a tremendous asset for all.

LAKE ELLYN PARK IMPROVEMENT BID RESULTS AND PROJECT UPDATE
Executive Director Harris stated that the Glen Ellyn Park District rebid the Lake Ellyn Park improvement project after initially receiving one bid during the original bidding process. The second and revised bid opening occurred on Tuesday, July 28th at 10:00 a.m. Harris reminded everyone that the process after the original bid was changed from a General Contractor managed project to a Construction Manager project led by Wight Construction. While the revised bid format was more logical and efficient and Wight was successful in generating increased interest and activity resulting in a competitive bid process, it did not generate significant financial savings from the original bid.

Harris then presented a slideshow discussion of the bids as they stand and the various elements of the project. Harris presented the scope of areas of the Lake Ellyn Project that can be deferred until final outcome of the OSLAD grant has been approved, alternative funding has been provided or the items could be funded by future budgets. The final outcome was to present two options. Option 1 was to accept the base bid as is with the exception of converting dumpster area and service drive to concrete rather than pavers while constructing the playground restroom and replacing the entire Boathouse roof rather than just repairing a portion. Option 2 was to accept the base bid as is with the exception of a concrete dumpster area and service drive and to also defer the central corridor paved path into an overall Lake Ellyn Path improvement program and include in future budget and/or seek alternative funding. This option also includes constructing the playground restroom and replacing the entire Boathouse roof rather than just repairing a portion.

The Board had a lengthy discussion on the project and the options presented. Further discussion will continue and items will be reviewed to see if further savings can be presented and the project will be brought before the Board at the September 1st Workshop Meeting for final decision in scope of project and bid approval.