COMMISSIONER RECOGNITION – GARY MAYO

The Glen Ellyn Park District Board of Commissioners recognized Gary Mayo for his service as a Park District Commissioner for the past five years along with his efforts and overall dedication to the Glen Ellyn community over the last several years.

President Nephew stated that Commissioner Mayo has served since 2011 and since that time he has been instrumental in many successful and positive outcomes including achieving an operating budget that generates greater revenue than expenses; establishing and meeting the requirements of a sensible fund balance policy; the creation of an Ackerman Sports and Fitness Center business plan; the elevation of the District’s bond rating to AA+; the creation and participation with the Citizens Finance Committee; the refinancing of existing bonds resulting in a taxpayer savings and identifying long-term capital replacement needs along with a funding plan. Commissioner Mayo has been an advocate of youth athletics and has served terms of President, Vice-President and Treasurer during his five years on the Board.

The Park Board of Commissioners thanked Commissioner Gary Mayo for his dedication and desire to do what was always in the best interest of the District and for contributing to the community of Glen Ellyn through his service on various Community Boards. President Nephew and staff then presented Commissioner Mayo with a small token of appreciation.

ASFC LICENSE AGREEMENT

Executive Director Harris stated that as discussed at both the January 12, 2016 Regular Meeting and the February 16, 2016 Regular Meeting the Bulls/Sox (B/S) License Agreement with the Park District for use of the baseball facility located at Ackerman Sports and Fitness Center expires April 30, 2016. Since then, Hard Gainers Athletics (HGA) and the B/S have agreed to partner in shared use of the room formally used exclusively by the B/S. HGA and the District have met several times and recently came to an agreement on terms and conditions of lease to enable HGA to be the lessee of the room previously used by the B/S. The outcome would provide HGA with an opportunity to expand their sports performance training while still maintaining indoor opportunities for baseball and softball training for the District. Harris stated that the Agreement has been approved by HGA, the Park District legal counsel and the Park District Risk Management Agency (PDRMA). Staff recommended approving the Agreement for Ackerman Sports and Fitness Center baseball facilities between the Glen Ellyn Park District and Hard Gainers Athletics, Ltd., commencing May 1, 2016 and continuing through April 30, 2019 and the Board concurred.
ACKERMAN SPORTS & FITNESS CENTER ROOF UPDATE

After years of pursuing legal remedies to obtain compensation for the repair of the Ackerman Sports and Fitness Center’s roof, a settlement agreement has been agreed by all parties involved. The outcome will provide a benefit of $450,000 for the Glen Ellyn Park District including a $250,000 payment to the District and relieving a counter lawsuit for $190,000 that the Park District had withheld previously immediately upon becoming aware of the water penetrations in January, 2010.

Harris exclaimed that while the District is pleased that it was able to recoup after years of investigation and litigation a portion of the expenses incurred to repair and resolve the leaks, it is disappointing that the District will not be compensated for all of the costs to fix the significant water penetrations that the facility experienced even before it opened. However, the settlement provides a reasonable resolution, avoids additional legal fees, several more years of litigation and an unpredictable outcome that would most likely result in a smaller verdict.

Harris provided a brief summary of the Ackerman Sports and Fitness Center roof litigation from onset through the present. Harris then stated that staff recommends approval of the settlement as identified in the Release and Settlement Agreement and the Board approved the Settlement Agreement with a vote of five to one.

LAKE ELLYN SEDIMENT REMOVAL BID

Lake Ellyn has two (2) inlet control structures where water enters into the lake. In close proximity to both inlet controls are catch basins within the lake underneath the water that serve as a filter and trap to capture sediment prior to being dispersed elsewhere within the Lake. This feature decreases the possibility of the need to dredge the lake which is a very costly project. To ensure that the two sediment traps are performing efficiently these basins need to have the collected materials removed every 5-15 years and the Park District is approaching its 11th year. In order to perform the work in a cost efficient and organized manner, the Park District collaborated with the Village of Glen Ellyn in possibly coordinating this project along with other storm water improvements at Lake Ellyn. As the outlet control improvement project requires dewatering of the lake and mobilization of equipment and labor, the cost to coordinate the sediment removal is decreased. Harris stated that the sediment removal process was included within the Village bid to expand the weir at the outlet control as agreed by the two agencies in November, 2013.

On Tuesday, March 15, 2016 the Village of Glen Ellyn held the bid opening for the Lake Ellyn
Outlet Control Structure Replacement including an alternate for soft sediment removal. Harris said as this project is specialized and unique, only one bid was received. Earthwerks Land Improvement and Development Corporation of Batavia, IL submitted a bid and both the Village and Park District have met at length with representatives and have spoken with previous references.

Harris stated that the Trustees of the Village of Glen Ellyn have approved the contract from Earthwerks Land and Improvement and Development Corporation at their Monday, March 21st Board Meeting and staff recommends approval of the alternate bid offered by Earthwerks Land Improvement and Development Corporation for the removal of the soft sediment from Lake Ellyn for an amount not to exceed $100,000 and after discussion of the process the Board approved the alternate bid to remove soft sediment from Lake Ellyn not to exceed $100,000; the authorization of the Village of Glen Ellyn to include this alternate as a component within the Village’s contract for the broader project at Lake Ellyn; and to authorize and direct District staff to process payments for this work to the Village of Glen Ellyn.

VILLAGE GREEN SHADE STRUCTURES
Superintendent of Parks Hopkins stated that as part of the approved 2016 Capital Improvement Plan, funds were budgeted for the purchase and installation of four (4) shade structures for Village Green Park. Hopkins said the structures would be installed over the existing bleachers at fields 1-4 and would provide relief from the sun and protection from errant foul balls. The Park District has budgeted $28,000 for the purchase and installation and through research staff recommended a two post T-Cantilever style by Shade Systems Inc. The Shade Systems Inc. structures would be custom fit to the existing concrete pads thus it does not lend itself to the formal bidding process.

Park District Staff recommended proceeding with the purchase of four (4) shade structures, specifically the two post T-Cantilever style by Shade Systems Inc., for Village Green Park at a cost of $22,213 and the Board concurred and approved the recommendation.