

**Glen Ellyn Park District
Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
January 10, 2017
185 Spring Avenue**

I. Call to Order

President Kinzler called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

II. Roll Call of Commissioners

Upon roll call, those answering present were Commissioners Pierce, Nephew, Weber, Wilson and President Kinzler. Commissioners Cornell and Creech were 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 Kinzler led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Changes to the Agenda

None.

V. Employee(s) Recognition- Glen Ellyn Park District Gymnastics Staff

The Glen Ellyn Park Board of Commissioners and staff recognized Nicki Tazelaar, Beth Rosch, Nick Maruyama, Donna Murphy, Maggie Wilhite, Lauren Rayer, and Sarah DeStefano for their hard work, commitment and dedication to the Park District Gymnastics program.

Superintendent of Recreation Esposito stated that the Gymnastics Program runs approximately 25 classes each session for children ages 18 months to 14 years old and the program has grown in popularity over the last few years, due in large part to the coaching staff. Several classes, in all age ranges, have been added to help accommodate demand; along with the addition of the Glen Ellyn Grasshoppers Tumbling Team. The team is now in their second season, and is one of the largest in the Illinois Park District Gymnastics Conference with 37 tumblers competing. The team hosted their first meet at Ackerman Sports & Fitness Center this past December. Many of the aforementioned coaches have been with the park district for five or more years and can be credited for much of the growth of the program.

Superintendent Esposito said the Glen Ellyn Park District is fortunate to have these truly extraordinary and devoted coaches and on behalf of the Glen Ellyn Park District and the Board of Commissioners presented a small token of appreciation to Nicki Tazelaar, Beth Rosch, Nick Maruyama, Donna Murphy, Maggie Wilhite, Lauren Rayer, and Sarah DeStefano for their

commitment and dedication to providing a positive experience for the participants in the Glen Ellyn Park District Gymnastics Program.

VI. Public Participation

None.

VII. Consent Agenda

Commissioner Pierce moved, seconded by Commissioner Weber, to approve the Consent Agenda including the Voucher List of Bills totaling \$277,932.42 and the December 13, 2016 Regular Meeting minutes.

*Roll Call: Aye: Commissioners Pierce, Weber, Nephew, Wilson, and President Kinzler
Nay: None.*

Motion Carried.

VIII. New Business

A. WDSRA Review & Update / Sandy Gbur, Executive Director

Executive Director Harris welcomed the Western Dupage Special Recreation (WDSRA) Executive Director Sandy Gbur and stated that W.D.S.R.A. is a recreation agency serving those with special needs. They provide support and assistance to people with special needs who reside in nine park districts including Glen Ellyn and services well over 4500 children and adults. W.D.S.R.A. Executive Director, Sandy Gbur, gave a brief overview and update regarding the organization. Ms. Gbur described the five strategic plan visions that will be put into place over the next few years including culture, service excellence, talent management, partnerships and sustainability. A new collaborative adaptive sports program that has been implemented and its significance to those involved were highlighted. Ms. Gbur emphasized the importance of the program and the benefits of working with other S.R.A. organizations to be able to fund this program. The Rec and Roll Adult program that occurs at five sites including the Ackerman Sports and Fitness Center is at near full enrollment. This program services high school through adulthood and takes place 50 weeks out of the year. Lastly, Ms. Gbur reviewed the Lekotek Family Play program that provides families guidance and support in therapeutic play. Ms. Gbur thanked the Glen Ellyn Park District for the facilities and space that they provide the organization and for their help with the inclusion process in various programs.

Ms. Gbur thanked her staff for dedication in navigating the financial changes that occur and for all of the external help that is provided throughout the year from their Foundations, trustees and individuals. Ms. Gbur thanked all of those that supported W.D.S.R.A. over the years and then answered questions from the Board. The Park Board of Commissioners thanked Executive Director Gbur for her insight into such a well deserving and well run program.

B. IMET Tolling Agreement Extension

Superintendent of Finance & Personnel stated that back in October 2014, the Illinois Metropolitan Investment Fund (IMET) informed participants of defaults on certain investments within the IMET Convenience Fund (CF). On behalf of several member participants affected by

this possible fraudulent activity, a Tolling Agreement was negotiated between attorneys representing participants and IMET. The primary purpose of the agreement was to preserve all potential claims that may be available to all parties, notwithstanding the passage of time, including applicable statutes of limitation. Thus, on February 17, 2015 the Glen Ellyn Park District Board approved a tolling agreement extending the timeline to file a claim to June 30, 2016 and further extended the agreement until January 31, 2017 at the June 7, 2016 Workshop meeting.

Cinquegrani stated that the District has recovered \$14,372.81 to date and while additional dollars have been recovered through the legal process they have yet to be disbursed to any IMET participants. Negotiations continue as the case ensues and Counsel's recommendation at the present time is to extend the tolling agreement with IMET through January 31, 2018 at which time all parties should have more information on additional disbursement of assets.

After a brief discussion of the status of the case Commissioner Nephew moved, seconded by Commissioner Pierce to approve the extension of the Tolling Agreement between the Illinois Metropolitan Investment Fund and the Glen Ellyn Park District through January 31, 2018.

*Roll Call: Aye: Commissioners Nephew, Pierce, Weber, Wilson and President Kinzler.
Nay: None*

Motion Carried

C. Sunset Pool Filter

Superintendent of Parks & Planning Hopkins discussed as part of the approved 2017 Capital Improvement Plan, funds were budgeted to continue implementing some of the identified recommendations from the 2014 Sunset Pool Assessment Study. One of the top priorities was to address the replacement of the three vertical sand filters for the zero depth pool. The filters, integral to the pool operation, are in very poor condition, beyond their useful life and their ability to function properly and efficiently throughout the 2017 season is highly questionable. USAquatics, who performed the pool assessment in 2014, strongly recommends the three existing and original sand filters be replaced with one large regenerative media filter that is more efficient, has a much smaller footprint, and is green friendly using 1/50th of the water used by traditional sand filters. Hopkins discussed the improved efficiencies of the regenerative media filter and some of the benefits that have been experienced of the filter replacement at the Sunset lap pool this past year.

Staff concurs with the recommendation of the 2014 Sunset Pool Assessment Study that the regenerative filter system would provide improved water quality would be more environmentally friendly and reduces expenses. Hopkins stated that the Neptune Benson is the exclusive manufacturer and provider of regenerative media filtration systems specific to an aquatic facility and while there are a several companies that make regenerative media filtration systems, Neptune Benson is currently the only company the makes them specifically for aquatics facilities. The other producers of regenerative media filtration systems are designed for industrial applications (mine water clarification, fish hatcheries, power plants, etc.).

Staff sought the advice of Park District counsel regarding the purchase of the unit. Counsel's recommendation is that since the item can be purchased directly from the manufacturer and is not available from other competitive sources, that it is not adapted to competitive bidding. Based on the recommendation by counsel, staff has been in contact with Neptune Benson and the Park District is able to purchase the unit directly, eliminating any additional charges from intermediary vendors, for a cost of \$129,637.

Hopkins said additional expenses will be incurred for installation and other related equipment, which is estimated at \$123,900. There is \$230,000 set aside in the 2017 Budget for the filter replacement, but due to unforeseen circumstances during the Illinois Department of Health's (IDPH) review of the filter replacement plans, the cost has risen to beyond the budgeted amount. Park District staff recommends, based on the recommendation of the 2014 Sunset Pool Assessment Study, proceeding with the purchase and installation of a single regenerative media filter, specifically the Neptune Benson – Defender filter, for the replacement of the declining sand filters at Sunset Park's Zero Depth Pool at a cost not to exceed of \$253,537.

The Board asked questions of staff in regards to the additional costs involved and the efficiencies moving forward and wherein Commissioner Pierce moved seconded by Commissioner Nephew to authorize the purchase of the Neptune Benson regenerative media filter for the Sunset Park's Zero Depth Pool for the amount not to exceed \$253,537 and on the basis of the facts presented that by its nature, is not adapted to competitive bidding.

*Roll Call: Aye: Commissioners Pierce, Nephew, Weber, Wilson and President Kinzler.
Nay: None*

Motion Carried

IX. Staff Reports

A. Finance Reports

Superintendent of Finance and Personnel presented the December Finance Report and stated that the District closed on the Non-Referendum bonds and the proceeds were received.

B. Staff Reports

Executive Director Harris complimented staff for their efforts in regards to conditioning the outdoor ice areas over the Holiday and past week. Harris said the holiday events were all well attended and Ackerman was a hub of activity with the fitness center being quite crowded the day after New Years. Harris also thanked Supervisor of Marketing and Communications O'Kray on the 3rd Annual Report which will be completed and available in early February.

X. Commissioners' Reports

Commissioner Nephew discussed a recent Director's report regarding the Newton Park athletic lights project and discussed possibly delaying the initiation of the project until April when the new Board is elected. The Board discussed the ramifications and rather than expend the time of staff and the Village of Glen Ellyn, it would be in the best interest of the Park District to delay

the project. The related parking improvements will continue to be discussed. Commissioner Wilson was happy to see skating take place at Lake Ellyn.

XI. Adjourn to Executive Session

At 8:40 p.m. Commissioner Pierce moved, seconded by Commissioner Wilson to convene into executive session under Section 2 (c) 21 of the Open Meetings Act for the discussion of prior executive session meetings, for the purpose of review, approval or release of such minutes.

*Roll Call: Aye: Commissioners Pierce, Wilson, Nephew, Weber, and President Kinzler.
Nay: None.*

Motion Carried.

XII. Reconvene to Open Session

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 8:48 p.m.

XIII. Adjourn

There being no further business, Commissioner Weber moved, seconded by Commissioner Wilson to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:49 p.m.

*Roll Call: Aye: Commissioners Weber, Wilson, Pierce, Nephew, and President Kinzler.
Nay: None.*

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Dikker
Board Secretary