



Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Highlights

April 11, 2017

ORDINANCE 17-02 – GLEN ELLYN PARK DISTRICT GOVERNING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

Executive Director Harris said it was stated at the March 21, 2017 Regular Meeting that the Glen Ellyn Park District is duly organized and exists under the laws of the State of Illinois, it is given the authority to pass all necessary Ordinances, rules and regulations for the proper management and conduct of the business of the Park Board and District.

Staff presented several revisions and additions to the Governing Ordinances based on extensive staff review which included internal discussion, comparison to other Park Districts, changes in state law and general counsel direction at the March 21st Regular Meeting. Harris reviewed the Sections that were discussed at the March 21st Regular Meeting and stated that those Sections involving Model Boats, Commercial Use of Park Property and Permitting of large group gatherings have all been addressed based on input and recommendations from both the Park Board of Commissioners and Counsel. Staff has incorporated the changes into Ordinance 17-02, Governing Ordinance Amendments and recommended passing Ordinance 17-02, Governing Ordinance Amendments as presented. The Park Board had a brief discussion and approved Ordinance 17-02, an Ordinance providing amendments and additions to the Glen Ellyn Park District Governing Ordinances.

WEBSITE DEMONSTRATION

Executive Director Harris stated that the Glen Ellyn Park District website was initiated in 2006 and has had limited improvements and updates within the last 10 years. The creation and implementation of a new Park District website was identified as a goal of the District and an integral component of the customer service program. With the technological advancements and the increased use in mobile devices, an updated system would be needed to improve a patron's experience and to enhance marketing opportunities for the District.

Marketing and Communications Supervisor O'Kray discussed the developmental process, comparison between the old site and new site and provided a virtual tour of the new site. O'Kray discussed the improvements of the website for the user as well as the benefits to the Park District in order to better serve its patrons. O'Kray pointed out the various tabs of navigating information, ability to easily access information and directions, and the ability to update the site while retaining the annual information for following years. The Park Board praised the efforts of Marketing and Communications Supervisor O'Kray and inquired about the various aspects of the site.

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COMMISSIONER RECOGNITIONS

Vice President Nephew, Staff and the Park Board of Commissioners recognized Melissa Creech, Jay Kinzler and Vanessa Pierce for their service, commitment and efforts as Park District Commissioners as they were completing their terms of office.

Commissioner Nephew stated that both Melissa and Jay were first elected in the spring of 2009 and reelected in 2013 while Vanessa was elected in 2013. During their time, they were instrumental in many successful and positive outcomes regarding the financials of the Park District including the creation and participation with the Citizens Finance Committee, achieving an operating budget that generates greater revenue than expenses and the refinancing of existing bonds at a lower rate saving taxpayers money along with many other accomplishments. Nephew discussed some of the many achievements including the creations of advisory committees, preserving and restoring Ackerman Woods, improved athletic fields, attaining a revised and combined I.G. A. with District 87 that mutually benefits the Glen Ellyn community, along with a host of other items that have improved the experience and lives of the Community.

Nephew stated that Melissa, Jay and Vanessa's dedication and desire to do what was in the best interest of the District was their most lasting achievement and each of these Commissioners were contributing citizens and volunteers within their community. Vice President Nephew and staff acknowledged Melissa Creech, Jay Kinzler and Vanessa Pierce with a small token of appreciation of their time served and then shared stories of their accomplishments and wished them well on their next endeavors.

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