

**Glen Ellyn Park District  
Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
April 11, 2017  
185 Spring Avenue**

**I. Call to Order**

Vice President Nephew called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

**II. Roll Call of Commissioners**

Upon roll call, those answering present were Commissioners Pierce, Creech, Weber, Wilson and Vice President Nephew. Commissioner Cornell and President Kinzler 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**

Vice President Nephew led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**IV. Changes to the Agenda**

None.

**V. Public Participation**

None.

**VI. Consent Agenda**

Commissioner Creech moved, seconded by Commissioner Pierce, to approve the Consent Agenda including the Voucher List of Bills totaling \$220,062.84 and the March 21, 2017 Regular Meeting minutes.

*Roll Call: Aye: Commissioners Creech, Pierce, Weber, Wilson, and Vice President Nephew  
Nay: None*

*Motion Carried.*

**VII. Unfinished Business**

**A. Glen Ellyn Park District Governing Ordinances**

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 21<sup>st</sup> Regular Meeting. Harris reviewed the Sections that were discussed at the March 21<sup>st</sup> 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 Commissioner Weber moved, seconded by Commissioner Creech to approve Ordinance 17-02, an Ordinance providing amendments and additions to the Glen Ellyn Park District Governing Ordinances.

*Roll Call: Aye: Commissioners Pierce, Creech, Cornell, Weber, Wilson and Vice President Nephew  
Nay: None*

*Motion Carried*

## **VIII. New Business**

### **A. 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 a system would be needed to improve a patron's experience and enhancing 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.

Following the Website Demonstration and regarding New Business, Commissioner Weber discussed inquiries he had received regarding the fencing that has been placed along Fairview Avenue within Newton Park. Executive Director Harris stated that as a result of the informal parking committee that was organized to provide direction and input for a parking plan related to visitors of Newton Park activities, amongst several recommendations, a temporary fence was erected along Fairview Avenue to help condition users that drop off/pick up for Newton Park athletics should not take place along Fairview Avenue and to guide them to the proper locations. The parking committee comprised of residents from the neighborhood, staff, user

group representatives and the police identified several other ideas including signage, communication and provisions for higher attended events. Harris stated the fence is not a long term solution but an attempt to redirect and change the habits of the park users. The plan is to install the temporary fence in the spring and again in the fall and hopefully discontinue after that. While the fence may not be aesthetically pleasing it was a consensus within the parking committee group as a means that may be more effective than just signage.

## **IX. Commissioner Recognitions**

Vice President Nephew stated that Staff and the Park Board of Commissioners would like to recognize Melissa Creech, Jay Kinzler and Vanessa Pierce for their service, commitment and efforts as Park District Commissioners.

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 while achieving and contributing to many significant accomplishments, Melissa, Jay and Vanessa's dedication and desire to do what was in the best interest of the District was their most lasting achievement. Nephew said each of these Commissioners were contributing citizens within their community and dedicated their time and efforts as volunteers to the District. 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 gave well wishes on their next endeavors.

## **X. Staff Reports**

### **A. Finance Reports**

### **B. Staff Reports**

Executive Director Harris discussed the Egg hunt events taking place this week both at Churchill Park and Maryknoll Park. Harris also reminded all of the Earth Day Celebration on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Harris congratulated Commissioners Weber and Nephew on their re-election to the Park Board and Alex Durham, Michael Ward and Ben Stortz on being elected. He commended Chuck Rahill in running for office and stated that in an election where so many positions go uncontested it is nice to see the involvement and interest within the Park District and its community.

## **XI. Commissioners' Reports**

Commissioner Pierce appreciated the turf at Newton Park with all of the rain that has occurred and stated the Rugby Jamboree will be taking place soon. Commissioner Creech inquired on the status of Lake Ellyn Park playground and the status of the improvements. Supervisor of Parks and Planning said that the playground is being excavated currently and playground equipment is too arrive maybe by the end of the week. Commissioner Wilson thanked everyone for the Parks especially during the spring as the Parks show their beauty and praised everyone's efforts. Commissioner Weber appreciated the I.G.A. with District 87 as the Lakers have held practice at Memorial Field. Weber inquired into the status of Prairie Path Park as he has heard others discussing the upcoming improvements. Commissioner Nephew looks forward to attending the upcoming flashlight egg hunt with her family.

**XII. Adjourn**

There being no further business, Commissioner Creech moved, seconded by Commissioner Wilson to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:32 p.m.

*Roll Call: Aye: Commissioners Creech, Wilson, Pierce, Weber and Vice President Nephew  
Nay: None*

*Motion Carried.*

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Dikker  
Board Secretary