



# Board of Commissioners Workshop Meeting Highlights

May 2, 2017

## **RECOGNITION – GLENBARD WEST BASS FISHING CLUB**

The Park Board of Commissioners and staff recognized the Glenbard West Bass Fishing Club for their recent efforts in contributing to replenish the fish population at Lake Ellyn. President Kinzler stated that the Glenbard West Bass Fishing Team, led by club President Riley Piszcek, recently contacted the Glen Ellyn Park District advocating for the increase in population of the Largemouth Bass. The club is comprised of nine students and their advisor, Neil Eckman. The Park District had budgeted significant funds to restock Lake Ellyn with fish and after further discussion with the Bass Fishing Club it was mutually agreed upon to include Bass within the fish order. The Glenbard West Bass Fishing Club agreed to contribute \$500 towards the order and volunteered to assist in the fish release.

As a result of the Club's efforts and initiative the Largemouth Bass population will increase creating a better practice site for the team and improving the overall fishing experience for the community. The Park Board of Commissioners and Staff praised the team's efforts and generous donation in improving a community asset and presented them with a small token of their appreciation.

## **COMMISSIONER RECOGNITION**

Commissioner Nephew stated that at the last Board Meeting on April 11<sup>th</sup> Commissioners Creech and Pierce were recognized for their efforts yet President Kinzler was unable to attend due to a work commitment. Commissioner Nephew, the Park Board and staff then recognized President Kinzler for his service over the past eight years along with his dedication to the Glen Ellyn Community. Nephew stated that President Kinzler was elected in 2009 and re-elected in 2013. He was 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, Jay's dedication and desire to do what was in the best interest of the District was his most lasting achievement.

## **OATH OF OFFICE**

The newly elected Commissioners, Ben Stortz, Alex Durham, and Michael Ward and re-elected Commissioners Julia Nephew and Robert Weber were given their Oath of Office and began their new terms on the Glen Ellyn Park Board of Commissioners.

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## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The Glen Ellyn Park Board of Commissioners held their election of officers. Commissioner Nephew was elected as the new Park Board President, Commissioner Weber as Vice President and Commissioner Wilson as Treasurer. Other appointments included Dave Harris as Executive Director and the WDSRA (Western DuPage Special Recreation Association) representative, Executive Assistant Kimberly Dikker as Board Secretary and Ancel Glink as Legal Counsel.

## **DISCUSSION OF ADVISORY POSITIONS**

Executive Director Harris provided a brief overview of the Advisory Committees that comprise the Glen Ellyn Park District; Citizens' Finance Committee (CFC), Environmental Advisory Committee, Ackerman Sports and Fitness Center Advisory Committee and the Friends of Glen Ellyn Parks Foundation. Harris stated that each year the President appoints Commissioners to the various Committees and asked that discussion take place as to the various Commissioners' interests.

The Park Board of Commissioners then had a brief discussion of the various advisory positions and their levels of interest. President Nephew stated that their interests will be taken under advisement and appointment of these positions will take place in the near future.

## **GLEN ELLYN PLATFORM TENNIS COURT BID RESULTS**

Superintendent of Recreation Esposito discussed the Platform Tennis Courts Bid Results as well as led a visual overview of the proposed project which includes the construction of two additional platform tennis courts. The project was included in the 2017 Budget which was approved at the December 13, 2016 Regular Meeting. Superintendent Esposito stated that staff publically noticed invitations for bids on April 7, 2017 seeking contractors to construct two (2) new Platform Tennis Courts adjacent to the existing four (4) courts that currently exist at Maryknoll Park. The Base bid work was to include: court fencing, surfacing, striping, gates, court lighting, court heating, railings, skirting, stairs and foundations. Three (3) alternates were also included in the bid packet separate from the base bid and those included re-lighting existing courts with LED lights, constructing an additional deck expansion and creating an outdoor viewing area. Of the eleven (11) bid packets mailed out, two (2) sealed bids were received which was anticipated. The two bidders have constructed most of the courts throughout the Chicagoland area and in the United States. Of the bids received, Reilly Green Mountain was the low bid, \$230,020.00 base bid and also had previously constructed the courts that are currently in use within the District. Esposito stated that the low bid was higher than anticipated and projected both in the budget and in the 10-year business model developed collaboratively with the Glen Ellyn Platform Tennis Club (GEPTC) and reviewed by the Citizens' Finance Committee (CFC).

Superintendent Esposito, along with Glen Ellyn Platform Tennis Club (GEPTC) President, Mike Graham, provided and discussed the revised 10-year business model using the received base bid price of \$230,020.00 with a contingency of \$10,000.00 along with a revised funding schedule from the GEPTC for

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the increase in construction costs.

The Park Board had a very lengthy discussion on the project, the funding of the increased cost amount of the proposed project; the demographics of the current participants within the sport, the funding proposal of the GEPTC, and other potential expenditures related to the court expansion and will formally consider the revised proposal at the May 16, 2017 Regular Meeting.

## **PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENTS DISCUSSION**

Superintendent of Parks and Planning Hopkins discussed the bid opening for the Spring Avenue Recreation Center & Newton Park Parking Lot/Asphalt Improvements which was conducted on Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. The proposed work would consist of providing the necessary materials, labor and equipment to remove and replace existing parking lot areas, reconstruct curb and sidewalk and replace the existing wood chip path leading to the Dog Park all at Spring Avenue Recreation Center. The work also included constructing an asphalt path and turnaround at Newton Park along with an alternate bid to resurface the Village Green tennis courts.

Hopkins stated that the bid opening consisted of five (5) contractor proposals, four (4) of which came in with very competitive ranges. Chicagoland Paving Contractors, Inc. provided the low bid for Spring Avenue Recreation Center and the Newton Park portions of the project with a base bid of \$249,996.26 which was below the budgeted amount of \$250,000. Chicagoland also had the low bid alternate for the Village Green tennis court resurfacing in the amount of \$49,900 which was below the \$55,000 budgeted amount. Hopkins stated that staff would continue to research the proposals and will make a formal recommendation to the Board at the May 16<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting.

The Park Board had a brief discussion of the project and will await staff's recommendation at the upcoming Regular Meeting on May 16, 2017.

## **NEWTON PARK LIGHTS DISCUSSION**

Executive Director Harris provided a brief overview of the Newton Park Lights project from fruition up to the current date, discussing the current user groups and agreements, the creation and current status of the neighborhood parking plan committee and elements implemented, as well as the decision of the past Board to put the project on hold until the newly elected Board has taken office. Harris stated that with the newly elected Board in place, discussion should ensue to provide staff with direction for the Newton Park Lights project. Harris discussed the various possible options to consider for the Newton Park Athletic Light project which was approved within the 2017 annual budget; defer a decision until the parking plan and procedures have been fully implemented and can be further evaluated or formally remove the Newton Park athletic lights from the Glen Ellyn Park District 2017 annual budget.

The Park Board discussed the various options and will formally address the project at the May 16<sup>th</sup> Regular Board Meeting.

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