

# **Board of Commissioners**Workshop Meeting Highlights

June 6, 2017

### **RECOGNITION – GLEN ELLYN ROTARY CLUB**

Park Board Commissioners and Staff recognized the Rotary Club of Glen Ellyn for their generous \$10,000 contribution to the beautification project at Prairie Path Park. President Nephew stated that each year the Rotary Club of Glen Ellyn awards a series of grants to local organizations for community projects. The Park District partnered with the Glen Ellyn Public Library and the Village of Glen Ellyn to create a project that would bring added interest, beauty and recreation to Prairie Path Park and after review, the Rotary Club approved the project and implementation began.

A permanent Storybook Walk was installed and provided by the Glen Ellyn Library and will be periodically refreshed. A new landscape plan was developed, with services donated by Keith Demchinski, along with new plantings, a rain garden, fresh paint applied to the gazebo and a refurbished and relocated landmark sign. Recreational outdoor equipment was added which consisted of an outdoor ping pong table and two chess tables. President Nephew stated on May 5<sup>th</sup>, several Rotary Club members of Glen Ellyn including their President, Scott Park, donated their time and labor to plant flowers and spread mulch at the park. A special ribbon cutting was held on June 4<sup>th</sup> as well.

President Nephew shared background of the Glen Ellyn Rotary Club's involvement as a major funder of College and Vocational Scholarships over the years and stated that Prairie Path Park was often referred to as Rotary Park because of the generous donations that they have provided to the Park.

The Glen Ellyn Park District and the Board of Commissioners recognized the Rotary Club of Glen Ellyn and Scott Park, the Club President, longtime resident of Glen Ellyn and an advocate and volunteer of the Park District, for the Rotary Club's generous contribution toward the Prairie Path Park beatification project.

#### PARK DISTRICT FINANCE BOARD ORIENTATION

Superintendent of Finance & Personnel Cinquegrani along with Leo Lanzillo, Chairman of the Citizens' Finance Committee (CFC), provided a presentation of an overview of the Glen Ellyn Park District's financial planning approach. Lanzillo and Cinquegrani provided a detailed account of the sources and uses of funds and the financial metrics that are used in the long-range planning and budgeting process. They discussed the various sources of funds; capital reserves, operating surplus and tax levies and how each impacts the budget and the long-range financial planning process.

Following the presentation the Park Board of Commissioners held a brief discussion.

## STRATEGIC PLANNING DISCUSSION

Executive Director Harris discussed the strategic planning sessions that have been held in previous years during the summer months to discuss and prepare for the upcoming budget process. Harris stated that the meeting has helped to establish priorities within the District as well as discussion regarding maintenance of its current assets, recreational services that are provided and capital projects along with

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additional topics that could possibly impact the District if they are enacted.

The Board held a brief discussion of available dates and staff will follow up to secure a date for the strategic planning session.

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