

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting Highlights October 17, 2017



VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION-BRENDAN CAVANAGH

The Glen Ellyn Park District Board of Commissioners recognized Brendan Cavanagh for his efforts in collaborating with the Park District on offering a new community event for 2017 in coordination with his foundation, *Charlie's Corner*, benefiting Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago. Brendan Cavanagh approached the Park District in 2016 with an idea to host a community event that would provide families an opportunity to celebrate the lives of children and family members who were lost too soon. The Cavanaugh's experienced the loss of their son Charlie a few weeks into his young life. Brenden proposed a social gathering including a memorial walk as a fundraiser for the foundation along with entertainment and activities for all to enjoy.

After much research the Park District decided the *Glow in the Park Lantern Walk* would be an ideal event for Lake Ellyn Park and seemed like perfect fit for what Brendan was hoping to accomplish as well.

As the event was planned and developed, Brendan was active in securing sponsorships for the event, setting up paper lantern decorating classes with Bottle & Bottega and distributing information about the event throughout Glen Ellyn. He also worked with the "Lurie Children's Circle of Friends" program to set up a donation website through Charlie's Corner. To date, the event and donation page have raised over \$4,500 for the hospital, with hopefully more to come.

Through the efforts of the Park District and Charlie's Corner Foundation, *Glow in the Park* was hugely successful with an estimated 2,000 people in attendance and approximately 500 lanterns sold. Families and friends enjoyed making paper lanterns at the event, entertainment and attractions, before concluding the evening by walking collectively as a group around the perimeter of Lake Ellyn with all the lit and decorated lanterns.

Brenden Cavanaugh, family and friends certainly provided for others as they contributed to a tremendous community gathering while creating lifetime memories and most importantly bringing attention, awareness and support for Charlies Corner and the Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago. The Park Board of Commissioners along with Staff proudly recognized Brendan Cavanagh for his commitment and collaboration with the Glen Ellyn Park District to provide such a memorable and impactful event for the community of Glen Ellyn.

PLACE THE 2017 BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE ON FILE

Superintendent of Finance and Personnel Cinquegrani presented the 2018 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance 17-05 to the Board to be placed on file for public inspection. The Board approved placing Ordinance 17-05, A Combined Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Purposes of the Glen Ellyn Park District for the year beginning January 1, 2018 and ending December 31, 2018, on file.

2018 BUDGET DISCUSSION

Superintendent of Finance and Personnel Cinquegrani presented the first draft of the proposed 2018 budget. A PowerPoint presentation was provided with Cinquegrani giving an overview of the financial and

operation aspects of the budget. Superintendent of Parks and Planning Hopkins discussed the Parks department and operations while Superintendent of Recreation Esposito discussed the Recreation, programming and facilities areas of the budget. Lastly, Hopkins discussed the proposed Capital projects that were previously highlighted at the September 2017 Strategic meeting. The Board had a lengthy discussion of the proposed budget with dialogue on several specific capital projects. Staff will research further to provide more information for the Board's questions to various aspects of the 2018 Budget at the next Regular meeting on November 14 with the goal of approval at the December 12 Board meeting.