

**Glen Ellyn Park District
Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
October 17, 2017
185 Spring Avenue**

I. Call to Order

President Nephew called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

II. Roll Call of Commissioners

Upon roll call, those answering present were Commissioners Ward, Wilson, Weber, Stortz, Durham, and President Nephew. Commissioner Cornell arrived at 7:43 p.m.

Staff members present were Executive Director Harris, Superintendent of Recreation Esposito, Superintendent of Finance & Personnel Cinquegrani, Superintendent of Parks & Planning Hopkins, and Executive Assistant Dikker.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

President Nephew led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Changes to the Agenda

None.

V. 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. President Nephew stated that 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.

President Nephew described the research involved into finding the perfect event and 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. On behalf of the Glen Ellyn Park District and the Board of Commissioners, we proudly recognize 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.

VI. Public Participation

None.

VII. Consent Agenda

Commissioner Wilson moved, seconded by Commissioner Ward, to approve the Consent Agenda including the Voucher List of Bills totaling \$217,913.11, the September 19, 2017 Regular Meeting minutes and the October 3, 2017 Workshop Meeting minutes.

*Roll Call: Aye: Commissioners Wilson, Ward, Weber, Stortz, Durham and President Nephew
Nay: None*

Motion Carried.

VIII. Unfinished Business

A. Place 2018 Budget & 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.

Commissioner Stortz moved, seconded by Commissioner Durham, to place on file a tentative draft of the 2018 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance (B&A 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.

*Roll Call: Aye: Commissioners Stortz, Durham, Ward, Wilson, Weber and President Nephew.
Nay: None*

Motion Carried

B. 2018 Budget Discussion

Executive Director Harris stated the first draft of the proposed 2018 budget would be presented this evening and continue into the November 14th meeting as well and with the intention that it is approved and adopted at the December 12, 2017 Regular Meeting.

Superintendent of Finance and Personnel Cinquegrani presented the financials and operations of the proposed 2018 budget. Superintendent of Parks & Planning Hopkins discussed the components of the Parks & Maintenance area, highlighting the increased demands on Parks crew as a result of expanding responsibilities and expectations including in Special Events programming. The Park Board of Commissioners and staff discussed in detail the various programs and events that required Parks crew and the time expended. Staff provided information and will gather additional data to provide the Park Board regarding the change in number of programs and special events as well as the change in total number of hours required over the last few years. Superintendent of Recreation Esposito reviewed the recreation, programming and facilities areas of the budget. Esposito highlighted various programs, special events and details of the Ackerman Sports & Fitness Center as well as the Lake Ellyn Boathouse rentals.

Superintendent of Parks and Planning Hopkins then reviewed the Capital Projects that were previously discussed at the September 2017 Strategic Meeting. Harris then continued with discussion of several of the proposed Capital Projects. Harris specifically discussed the Ackerman parking lot project and provided information on possible grants should the Park Board wish to pursue permeable pavers versus an asphalt surface. The Board held a brief discussion and Director Harris stated staff would seek out more details of the grant and consult with Conservation Design Forum (CDF) for further information. Staff will provide the Park Board with updates as many of the Commissioners would prefer to further study the possibility of implementing permeable pavers within the Ackerman parking lot. Harris, per the direction from the 2017 Strategic meeting, also provided the Park Board information regarding the possibility of pursuing an Attitude and Interest Survey. Harris stated that staff recommended waiting to pursue this project in 2019 when current Park Board Commissioners have been in place for a longer period of time and the 2019 Commissioner election has been completed. The Park Board had a brief discussion and agreed to review this topic during the 2019 budget discussion.

IX. Staff Reports

A. Finance Report

B. Staff Reports

Superintendent of Recreation Esposito reminded the Park Board of Commissioners that the Pumpkin Flotilla will take place on Sunday, October 22 at Lake Ellyn and hoped they could attend.

X. Commissioners' Reports

Commissioner Cornell thanked staff for the updates regarding the Saturday/Sunday rain event. Commissioner Wilson inquired on the use of sandbags at the Lake Ellyn Boathouse and Park

during rain events and Executive Director Harris described their strategic use in securing the Boathouse and diverting the runoff water into the Park. Commissioner Stortz thanked staff for all their hard work in the budget planning process and commended staff on the lighting improvements that have been implemented at Ackerman Sports and Fitness Center.

XI. Adjourn

There being no further business, Commissioner Durham moved, seconded by Commissioner Wilson to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 10:12 p.m.

Roll Call: Aye: Commissioners Weber, Cornell, Ward, Wilson, Stortz, Durham and President Nephew

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Dikker
Board Secretary