

# BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

## Regular Meeting Highlights December 12, 2017



### **PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE 2018 BUDGET & APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE (17-05)**

President Nephew opened the public hearing for the 2018 budget and appropriation ordinance. There being no comments from the public, Commissioner Weber moved to close the public hearing for the 2018 budget and appropriation ordinance.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES**

President Nephew had previously requested discussion of broadening the marketing efforts and possibly collaborating with other public or non-profit agencies on educating the public regarding a variety of environmental initiatives.

Park District Naturalist Frigo and Marketing and Communications Supervisor O’Kray discussed the various educational initiatives that are currently being utilized within the District through social media, programming, marketing material and within the Park District’s own Environmental Advisory Board. Naturalist Frigo discussed her outreach with other organizations to educate the public as well as Superintendent of Parks and Planning Hopkins’ outreach to inform the public on the variety of environmental initiatives being utilized at Lake Ellyn Park. Staff presented some ideas to Park Board Commissioners that will be enacted in 2018 to further broaden and market the District’s efforts.

The Park Board of Commissioners held discussion on the various initiatives being considered and welcome ideas to be proposed to the Environmental Advisory Board for further consideration and to continue to market and educate the community.

### **VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION-GLEN ELLYN PLATFORM TENNIS CLUB-MIKE GRAHAM**

The Park Board of Commissioners and staff acknowledged Mike Graham and the Glen Ellyn Platform Tennis Club for their efforts to selflessly and generously raise and contribute funds to improve a public asset that not only benefits the club and its members but also the public and overall community. President Nephew discussed that one year ago the Board approved the 2017 annual budget which allocated \$250,000 for the expansion of the Platform Tennis facility with two (2) additional courts that was contingent based on \$100,000 contribution on behalf of the Glen Ellyn Platform Tennis Club.

Upon Board approval, under Mike Graham’s leadership along with the Glen Ellyn Platform Tennis Club, \$50,000 was raised within five months’ time and upon completion of the expansion in October of 2017 the final payment was made. Donations were contributed by hundreds of community members.

Mike Graham and his family have resided in Glen Ellyn for twelve years and have been active in the Park District. Mike began platform tennis in 2007 when the first courts were constructed at Maryknoll. After years of being a regular member Mike volunteered as an at-large board member for the Glen Ellyn Platform Tennis Club and became President during the 2016/2017 season. Mike also applied and serves on the Glen

Ellyn Park District Citizens' Finance Committee (CFC) utilizing his finance and accounting experience that serves him in his profession.

President Nephew and Staff commended Mike Graham and presented him with a token of appreciation for his commitment and guidance and his hours of serving and administering the Glen Ellyn Platform Tennis Club.

**APPROVAL OF THE 2018 BUDGET & APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 17-05**

The Park Board of Commissioners had a brief discussion of the 2018 Budget & Appropriation Ordinance. After this discussion, the Glen Ellyn Park Board of Commissioners approved the 2018 Budget & Appropriation Ordinance 17-05 as presented and published in the December 12, 2017 Board Packet.

**2018 REVISED PROPOSED MEETING SCHEDULE**

Executive Director Harris stated at the November 14, Regular Board Meeting a proposed meeting schedule for 2018 was approved. After discussion and consideration, it was recommended that a revised meeting schedule be presented to the Park Board Commissioners. Staff presented a revised meeting schedule and after brief discussion the Park Board approved the revised 2018 Meeting Schedule as presented.