

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting Highlights January 16, 2018



W.D.S.R.A. REVIEW & UPDATE / SANDY GBUR, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Western DuPage Special Recreation Association (WDSRA) is a recreation agency serving those with special needs. They provide support and assistance to people with special needs who participate in local park district programs across the area. W.D.S.R.A. Executive Director, Sandy Gbur, presented a brief overview of what encompasses the organization and some of its new programs and strategic plans that have been implemented to date. Ms. Gbur thanked the Glen Ellyn Park District and supporters of their program for their continued support and donations over the years and the Park Board thanked Ms. Gbur for the insight into such a wonderful and worthwhile organization.

RESOLUTION 18-01 – A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AN UPDATED SEXUAL HARASSMENT POLICY FOR THE GLEN ELLYN PARK DISTRICT IN ORDER TO COMPLY WITH PUBLIC ACT 100-0554

Superintendent of Finance and Personnel discussed Public Act 100-0554 that was signed by Governor Rauner and enacted back in November of 2017. The new law expands traditional protections against sexual harassment by extending the scope of the law's prohibitions and imposes new obligations on units of local government.

The new law requires each entity to adopt a resolution establishing a policy and while most units of government already have personnel policies in place, many were not formally adopted by a resolution nor have all the protections or definitions required by the new statute. The Board reviewed the Resolution and approved Resolution 18-01 – A Resolution establishing an updated sexual harassment policy for the Glen Ellyn Park District complying with Public Act 100-0554.

IMET TOLLING AGREEMENT EXTENSION

The Glen Ellyn Park District Board of Commissioners approved an extension to the Tolling Agreement regarding the ongoing situation involving the Illinois Metropolitan Investment Fund (IMET). The Tolling Agreement was previously negotiated between attorneys representing participants and IMET to preserve all potential claims that may be available to all parties, notwithstanding the passage of time, including applicable statutes of limitation and allowing the timeline to file a claim. The original Tolling Agreement was extended to January 2017 and again until January 31, 2018. The Board had a brief discussion of the ongoing case and approved an extension of the Tolling Agreement through January 31, 2019 at which time all parties should have more information on additional disbursement of assets.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR ACKERMAN PARK IMPROVEMENTS

Executive Director Harris stated that in 2013 the Glen Ellyn Park District recognized that Ackerman Park, while a tremendous resource for open space and athletics, needed improvements and renovations. Minor improvements have been completed over the years and the District determined that it was in the best interest to develop an overall master plan for the property which was completed in 2014. The outcome was the development of a working document which provides

a template and long term conceptual vision of the property. Several recommendations have already been completed.

Harris said in order to take the next steps towards implementation, and achieve a timeline to improve Ackerman Park over the next two years staff should engage the professional services of a landscape architectural firm. This would allow the District to maximize cost saving through a strategically scheduled bid process with the consultant providing the expertise, experience and leadership to specify and develop the scope of the project and eventually prepare the necessary documents for bidding and implementation.

Harris discussed the process for selection of proposals to complete the Master Plan process for Ackerman Park and stated that staff is now recommending engaging Keith Demchinski, who was previously employed by Norris Design, the firm that completed the Ackerman Park Master Plan. Since the completion of that report, Norris has closed and Keith Demchinski now works at Kimley-Horn as a principle landscape architect and project manager. Based on his previous involvement and leadership with the Ackerman Park Master Plan and with his applicable knowledge, experience and commitment to the Glen Ellyn community, it makes Mr. Demchinski a qualified candidate and is in the best interest of the District to engage his services.

The Park Board of Commissioners held discussion regarding the project timeline and the project cost. Harris stated that in order to achieve the cost savings that typically occurs with early winter bids, document preparation needs to be expedited. Harris explained that the scope of the project will be discussed within a yet to be established committee and amongst the Board in the upcoming months. The Board discussed Kimley Horn's proposal and the Park Board of Commissioners approved the professional service agreement with Kimley Horn and Keith Demchinski as the lead professional to provide landscape architectural services for the Ackerman Park improvement project in the amount of \$61,400. This would include concept development and design leading to bid documents.