

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Workshop Meeting Highlights June 5, 2018



ORDINANCE 18-01 SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY

Superintendent of Parks & Planning Hopkins reviewed that in order to eliminate surplus vehicles and equipment within the District staff is recommending selling the Park District's 1995 Wegner Showmobile "Bandshell" that will be replaced in the upcoming months. The "Bandshell" has served the District well for the past 23 years and Hopkins stated that once the District is in receipt of the new "Bandshell" that was purchased after approval at the May 15, 2018 Regular Meeting, staff will conduct a sealed bid process to ensure a competitive price is received. Following discussion, the Park Board approved Ordinance 18-01 authorizing and providing for the sale of surplus personal property of the Glen Ellyn Park District.

LAKE ELLYN PARK SOUTH SHORE PATH BID APPROVAL

Superintendent of Parks & Planning Hopkins stated that as a part of the Village of Glen Ellyn's sidewalk rehabilitation program, several areas around Lake Ellyn Park will have improved sidewalks installed. One of the areas that has been previously discussed is along the southern shoreline of Lake Ellyn. The Park District has already submitted a letter of commitment to reimburse the Village for all construction expenses related to this area (Alternate Bid B) contingent to Park Board approval.

Hopkins discussed the bid tabulations received stating that the bids came in higher than the \$35,000 budgeted amount. Hopkins reviewed the various items that possibly led to the increase in the project's cost but said that while costs are higher than originally anticipated, staff recommends that the bids received are indicative of the true project costs. Discussion ensued on the project costs and timeline of project and following the Park Board of Commissioners awarded the "Lake Ellyn South Shoreline Sidewalk, Alternate Bid B" to Schroeder & Schroeder, Inc. as the lowest responsive and responsible bid for an amount not to exceed \$57,272.

OSLAD RESOLUTION 18-02

Executive Director Harris stated that in anticipation of the Glen Ellyn Park District possibly implementing significant improvements to Ackerman Park in 2019, the Park District will be submitting an O.S.L.A.D (open space and land acquisition and development) grant application for elements within the proposed project. Harris stated that the State of Illinois has appropriated \$29 million in funding for the O.S.L.A.D program for the 2019 state budget. Harris moved for the Glen Ellyn Park District Board of Commissioners to approve the "Resolution of Authorization" to submit as a condition of the grant application affirming that the Park District has the necessary funds for the project should it be approved and that the Park District must comply with the conditions, terms and regulations of the O.S.L.A.D program should the District be fortunate to be selected as a grant recipient. Harris stated that the Ackerman Park Project has many favorable qualities of an O.S.L.A.D. grant recipient and the grant would allow the District to expand the scope of the Ackerman Park Project to possibly include trails within upper Ackerman, outdoor exercise equipment, green initiatives, permeable pavers and possibly other elements within the project. The Park Board of Commissioners briefly discussed the O.S.L.A.D. grant, the process and timeline and approved the "Resolution of Authorization" specific to the O.S.L.A.D grant application for improvements to Ackerman Park.

NATURAL AREA MANAGEMENT PLAN

Superintendent Esposito introduced one of the District's summer interns, Alex Franz, an Indiana University student who is in the Environmental Management program. He will be gaining experience in several areas of the District over the next few months and began this week working with Naturalist Frigo, assisting with the outdoor educational programs along with maintenance of natural areas.

Naturalist Frigo then presented the Natural Area Management plan. Frigo reviewed that the District owns, leases and maintains 29 parks, totaling approximately 255 acres, and ten of which have natural areas comprised of woodland, wetland, prairie and open green space comprising roughly 21% of the District's land.

Frigo shared an overall management plan of these areas providing an overview of the areas, the importance and values of these properties and how they are maintained. She also described the various methods of controlling invasive species, preserving and reintroducing native plants and the budgetary considerations that are required to do so. Frigo presented an overview of each natural area highlighting a map of each natural area along with a schedule coordinated with specific areas of maintenance.