

**Glen Ellyn Park District  
Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
July 17, 2018  
185 Spring Avenue**

**I. Call to Order**

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

**II. Roll Call of Commissioners**

Upon roll call, those answering present were Commissioners Nephew, Durham, Wilson, Stortz, and President Weber. Commissioner Cornell arrived at 7:10 p.m. and Commissioner Ward was absent.

Staff members present were Executive Director Harris, Superintendent of Recreation Esposito, Superintendent of Finance & Personnel Cinquegrani, Superintendent of Parks & Planning Hopkins, Marketing & Communications Supervisor O’Kray and Executive Assistant Dikker.

**III. Pledge of Allegiance**

President Weber led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**IV. Changes to the Agenda**

None

**V. Recognition – Ackerman Sports & Fitness Center Employees and members**

The Park Board of Commissioners recognized the following individuals who assisted in a lifesaving event at the Ackerman Sports and Fitness Center including staff members: Myron Yocum, Stacey Lim, and Pete Heinrich, as well as Bola Akinlawon and Maurice Velasco who were part of the soccer group where the incident occurred.

President Weber discussed that during open soccer, a 48-year old male had just taken a shot on goal and as he turned to run back up the field, he collapsed almost immediately, losing momentary consciousness and having difficulty breathing. The front desk attendant was notified and called 911 while two other staff members went to the field equipped with an AED. Just prior, two soccer players with some medical training, administered chest compressions. Upon arriving to the scene, Stacey Lim, an ASFC employee, quickly assessed the situation, activated the AED, shocking a rhythm back to the person’s heart. Paramedics then arrived, took over emergency procedures and transported the person to Glen Oak Hospital where the player was evaluated and treated. Through the quick and selfless actions of staff and participants, the victim’s life was saved.

President Weber, the Park Board and the District commended the staff who acted immediately with competence, calmness and decisiveness and acknowledged their heroic actions. These employees exemplify the type of quality individuals who work daily for the Park District and when called upon to react and assist in an extenuating and precarious situation, performed magnificently and flawlessly.

President Weber also discussed that two players, Bola Akinlawon and Maurice Velasco, who were on the turf playing soccer at the time were also integral to the rescue assistance. Bola and Maurice are regular participants who play twice a week in the morning from 5:30 to 7:00 a.m. Bola is a chiropractor and Maurice is a pharmacist. The Park District is very grateful for their quick response and readiness to assist the fallen player.

The Park District and Board of Commissioners presented a small token of appreciation to Stacey Lim, Myron Yocum, Pete Heinrich, Bola Akinlawon and Maurice Velasco for their selfless actions and willingness to help a patron experiencing a medical emergency and thus saving that person's life.

## **VI. Public Participation**

None.

## **VII. Consent Agenda**

Commissioner Durham moved, seconded by Wilson, to approve the Consent Agenda including the Voucher List of Bills totaling \$531,420.24 and the June 19, 2018 Regular Meeting minutes.

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

*Nay: None.*

*Motion Carried.*

## **VIII. Unfinished Business**

### **A. Ackerman Park Improvement Project Priorities Discussion**

Executive Director Harris discussed the preliminary steps that were taken to begin the process of improving Ackerman Park and beginning Phase IV of the master plan with the goal to achieve construction initiating in mid-summer 2019. To date, several steps have taken place including engaging a landscape architectural firm to provide the expertise, experience, and leadership to specify and develop the scope of the project and to prepare the necessary documents for bidding and implementation. A planning committee has also been created and have since identified preliminary priorities which have been discussed and presented.

Harris reminded the Board of the various improvements that have already been put into place and reviewed aspects of the master plan that have yet to be implemented. Harris presented the priorities that were compiled, presented and discussed previously before the Park Board and at a public meeting where surrounding residents and the community were invited to attend. The CFC has also reviewed the proposed project at their past two meetings.

The Park Board of Commissioners further discussed the various priorities and posed questions to staff. Commissioner Cornell inquired on costs of the various priorities and yearly maintenance paying particular attention to the proposed synthetic turf field. While in favor of the overall project Cornell is concerned of the environmental issues potentially related to the synthetic turf field. Commissioner Wilson strongly opposes installation of a synthetic turf field. Commissioner Durham discussed struggles with playability of fields as he witnessed the challenges firsthand this

spring and understands there are concerns but is in favor of a turf field for the community and users of Ackerman Park. Commissioner Nephew also understands the difficulties of field playability and supports the committee's priorities that are presented. President Weber discussed the lack of availability of fields and the inclement weather challenges that our geographical climate faces and is in favor of the priorities presented. Harris reminded the Park Board that the presented priorities would be brought forth during the bidding process for formal approval as well as during budget discussions. Following the discussion Commissioner Stortz moved, seconded by Commissioner Durham, to approve the Ackerman Park improvement project phase IV priorities as presented.

*Roll Call: Aye: Commissioners Stortz, Durham, Nephew, and President Weber.  
Nay: Commissioners Cornell and Wilson  
Motion Carried.*

**IX. New Business**

**A. Citizen Finance Committee Appointment Recommendations**

Superintendent of Finance & Personnel Cinquegrani discussed that pursuant to the Citizens' Finance Committee (CFC) bylaws, the Park Board of Commissioners shall approve annually, by a majority vote, the members of the Citizens' Finance Committee. Currently four (4) members have expiring terms but have expressed interest in remaining on the committee. Staff is recommending renewing the expiring terms for new two (2) year-terms while also attempting to recruit new members as the Committee allows up to nine (9) members. Cinquegrani presented the following slate for approval and after Commissioner Nephew motioned, seconded by Commissioner Wilson to approve membership in the Citizens' Finance Committee as presented.

**1-Year Terms (concluding June 2019)**

Leo Lanzillo (Chairman)  
Michael Graham  
Tony Saguto

**2-Year Terms (concluding June 2020)**

Fred Bachman  
Tom Lettenberger  
Charlie Prisco  
Don St. Clair

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

*Motion Carried.*

**X. Staff Reports**

**A. Finance Reports- (For information only)**

**B. Staff Reports**

Executive Director Harris stated that the Glen Ellyn Park District and the Gators swim team will host the "A" conference meet next Sunday at the Fox Valley Park District while the "B" conference was hosted by Western Springs at their facilities this past Sunday. Harris also reminded all that the Commissioner Meet & Greet will take place on July 26 from 5:30-7pm at Sunset Park while

on the same evening the Conservation Foundation along with Conservation Design Forum will hold a networking event at the Lake Ellyn Boathouse. Superintendent of Recreation Esposito said Wednesday night is Family Fun Night at Lake Ellyn Park and welcomed everyone. Superintendent of Parks and Planning Hopkins stated that contractors are nearly finished with the sidewalks at Lake Ellyn however the project has been temporarily halted due to an unforeseen condition at the Glenbard West parking lot. Once reengineered, the project will resume.

#### **XI. Commissioners' Reports**

Commissioner Cornell thoroughly enjoyed the Fourth of July festivities in Glen Ellyn and heard wonderful comments from patrons. She commended all of the volunteers. Commissioner Nephew had a wonderful Fourth of July and enjoyed participating in the parade. She stated her children are enjoying the nature camp. Commissioner Durham congratulated staff on a successful Cardboard Boat Regatta and Freedom Four race. Durham stated he and his son enjoyed running in the Freedom Four. Commissioner Stortz received many compliments from neighbors and patrons regarding the Fourth of July events and stated his family enjoyed the Movie in the Park at Lake Foxcroft Park. Commissioner Wilson discussed the many Park District activities that her grandchildren participated in during their stay in Glen Ellyn this summer and congratulated the Park District and all who volunteered on the wonderful Fourth of July festivities. President Weber stated that this was the first time that a member of his family participated in the Cardboard Boat Regatta and had a great time. Weber also commended staff for their hard work on that day during the extreme heat.

#### **XII. Adjourn**

There being no further business, Commissioner Wilson moved, seconded by Commissioner Stortz, to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:25 p.m.

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

*Nay: None.*

*Motion Carried.*

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Dikker  
Board Secretary