

**Glen Ellyn Park District
Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
January 15, 2019
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, Ward, Wilson, Stortz and President Weber. Commissioner Cornell arrived at 7:04 p.m.

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

III. Pledge of Allegiance

President Weber led the Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Changes to the Agenda

None.

V. Recognition – Boathouse Staff

The Park Board of Commissioners recognized Dan Tripp and Ken McEwen for their outstanding service and dedication to the Glen Ellyn Park District. President Weber stated that both Dan and Ken have been working for the Glen Ellyn Park District for over 9 years in many different capacities with a variety of responsibilities.

Both began working as Facility Supervisors at the Lake Ellyn Boathouse in 2014 and continue to work many shifts at the Boathouse throughout the year securing the facility, assisting renters with any needs they may have, unloading and loading of equipment and material for the private parties, setting up the facility, and cleaning the Boathouse at the conclusion of the events. They both provide exemplary customer service and have received rave reviews from attendees of which some were read at the meeting.

President Weber stated that the success of the facility is largely attributable to Ken and Dan along with other staff members who are on site ensuring all goes well. Their shifts are often fast paced, high energy, quick turnover with tremendous expectations.

Both employees also contribute to other areas within the Park District working as scorekeepers and site supervisors for the Adult Basketball league, Softball, Youth Basketball and Soccer Leagues; Field Marshals during soccer season at Ackerman Park; Groundskeepers at weekend

athletic tournaments; and special event staff at many of the District's community wide special events.

It was stated that both have full-time positions elsewhere along with active families and Ken and Dan both are selfless in their duties with tremendous work ethic and take on an ownership mentality within their many roles in the District. President Weber, the Park Board of Commissioners and staff presented a small token of appreciation and thanked them for their outstanding service and dedication to the community.

VI. Public Participation

None.

VII. Consent Agenda

Commissioner Durham moved, seconded by Commissioner Stortz, to approve the Consent Agenda including the Voucher List of Bills totaling \$372,179.97 and the December 4, 2018 Regular Meeting minutes.

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

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

VIII. New Business

A. WDSRA Review & Update / Sandy Gbur, Executive Director

Executive Director Harris welcomed the Western DuPage Special Recreation (WDSRA) Executive Director Sandy Gbur and stated that W.D.S.R.A. is a recreation agency serving those with special needs. They provide support and assistance to people with special needs who reside in nine park districts including Glen Ellyn and services well over 4500 children and adults. W.D.S.R.A. Executive Director, Sandy Gbur, gave a brief overview and update regarding the organization. Ms. Gbur described the four strategic plan visions that are being utilized including partnerships, sustainability, talent management and culture. Gbur provided some insight into the various programs and events that WDSRA provides and their heartfelt stories. She then discussed the Rec and Roll Adult program that occurs at five (5) sites including the Ackerman Sports and Fitness Center and all are at full service capacity. This program services high school through adulthood and takes place 50 weeks out of the year. Ms. Gbur discussed their inclusion support and their continued efforts and challenge in recruiting and hiring seasonal staff. She stated that WDSRA also earned the highest safety award with PDRMA's Accreditation and Best Practices. Lastly, Ms. Gbur discussed the financial status as she stated they have earned the GFOA award for the 12th year in a row. She thanked all for their continued support and hoped some could join WDSRA at their upcoming fundraiser "The Black & Red Bash" that takes place on March 2nd.

The Park Board of Commissioners thanked Ms. Gbur for her dedication to the program, highlighting the past year and look forward to the continued partnership.

B. IMET Tolling Agreement

Superintendent of Finance & Personnel Cinquegrani discussed the current status of the Illinois Metropolitan Investment Fund (IMET) claim stating that approximately 14% of the total amount lost has been recovered. He reviewed counsel's recommendation that continuing negotiation and cooperation amongst all parties would be more productive than initiating litigation thus leading to the tolling agreement which was initiated in February of 2015 and extended in June of 2016, January of 2017 and again in January of 2018. Due to a degree of uncertainty relating to the timing and value of the distributions, Park District legal counsel is again recommending extending the tolling agreement to January 31, 2020 at which time all parties should have more information on additional disbursement of assets. Following some questions to staff Commissioner Nephew moved, seconded by Commissioner Ward to approve the extension of the tolling agreement between the Illinois Metropolitan Investment Fund and the Glen Ellyn Park District.

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

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

C. Ackerman Park Improvements – Bid Results Discussion & Approval

Executive Director Harris provided an overview of the efforts to review and plan for improvements to Ackerman Park beginning in 2013 with the development of the park masterplan to implementing some of the smaller scale elements such as trail connection to the Great Western Trail and the increasing of green space and now advancing to possibly constructing significant elements of the masterplan.

For Phase IV, a planning committee was created to determine priorities of the master plan as the available funds could not support the entire plan. Harris presented those recommendations. Based on these priorities, Wight Construction and Kimely-Horn, who were retained earlier in the process, divided the total scope of work into five (5) project bid packages. On December 10, 2018 and January 8, 2019 (irrigation), the bid packages were submitted and publicly opened. 31 contractors submitted bids for the five (5) packages with a total cost for the recommended elements equaling \$3,495,081 which included construction activities (\$2,951,735), professional services and permit fees (\$398,346) and a contingency allowance of (\$145,000). The bids per the recommendation including contingency are less than 3% over budget and staff and the consulting team are confident that the project was bid competitively and favorably and that the recommendation with the reduced scope remains favorable for the District to address most of the identified priorities.

Staff provided and reviewed the project budget, information regarding the project schedule and information on the purchase of the artificial turf along with a list of recent FieldTurf local installations.

The Park Board discussed the various elements of proposed plan, the items to be deferred to 2020 dependent on available funds, the OSLAD grant status, elements of the artificial turf and the costs of items within the proposed plan. After the Board discussion, Jon Ciero, softball program co-chair, thanked the Park District for their time and effort expended in this project. Kenta Shinohara representing the Lakers Soccer program also thanked staff and stated this will have a very positive effect on the program.

Following all discussion, Commissioner Stortz moved, seconded by Commissioner Ward to award the contract(s) for:

Bid Package #1 Excavation and Site Utilities for the Ackerman Park Improvement project to Hoppy's Landscaping, Inc. in the amount of \$944,441

Bid Package #2 Site Concrete for the Ackerman Park Improvement project to Lindblad Construction Company in the amount of \$399,900

Bid Package #2 Site concrete / alternate Bid #1 in the amount of \$64,500 to Lindblad Construction Company to be deferred to 2020 and subject to available funds

Bid Package #3 Fencing for the Ackerman Park Improvement project to Action Fence Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$546,780

Bid Package #3 Fencing / alternate Bid #1 in the amount of \$163,385 to Action Fence Contractors, Inc. to be deferred to 2020 and subject to available funds

Bid Package #4 Landscaping for the Ackerman Park Improvement project to Breezy Hill Nursery, Inc. in the amount of \$393,400

Bid Package #5 Irrigation for the Ackerman Park Improvement project to Aqua Design, Inc. in the amount of \$356,386

Synthetic Turf Purchase & Installation for the Ackerman Park improvement project to FieldTurf in the amount of \$453,828

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

Nay: Commissioner Cornell and Commissioner Wilson

Motion Carried.

IX. Staff Reports

Executive Director Harris discussed the first event of the 100-Year Celebration that took place last weekend at Ackerman Sports & Fitness Center. Gym Jam had approximately 1000 patrons in attendance and was well received. Harris said the next event, Lunar Eclipse, takes place on Sunday evening beginning at 7:30 pm continuing until late in the evening at the Lake Ellyn

Boathouse. Superintendent Esposito said the Chocolate Cheese and Wine event on February 1st is sold out with Reserve 22 expanding its capacity to accommodate the 300 people. Esposito also discussed the Daddy daughter dance on February 8th being held at the Abbington which is also sold out with over 400 attending. Over the last few years, the District has added over 30 community wide and often complimentary events bringing the total to over 70 per year.

X. Commissioners' Reports

Commissioner Stortz commended staff on the sport's banners that are displayed in the turf area of Ackerman Sports & Fitness Center. Commissioner Wilson enjoyed the Gym Jam event to honor the 100-Year Celebration of the Park District. Commissioner Ward is looking forward to the Lunar Eclipse event and the Daddy Daughter Dance at the Abbington in February. Commissioner Cornell was happy to hear of the success of the Gym Jam event and hopes to attend the Lunar Eclipse event this weekend. Commissioner Nephew is excited about the Lunar Eclipse event as is Commissioner Durham and he is also looking forward to the Daddy Daughter dance.

XI. Adjourn to Executive Session

At 9:00 p.m. Commissioner Ward moved, seconded by Commissioner Stortz, to adjourn to Executive Session under Section 2 (c) 21 for the discussion of the minutes of prior executive session meetings for the purpose of review, approval or release of such minutes.

XII. Reconvene to Open Session

The Regular meeting reconvened at 9:10 p.m.

XIII. Adjourn

There being no further business, President Weber moved, seconded by Commissioner Nephew to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:11 p.m.

*Roll Call: Aye: Commissioners Cornell, Nephew, Durham, Ward, and Wilson
Nay: None*

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Dikker
Board Secretary