

**Glen Ellyn Park District
Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
February 19, 2019
185 Spring Avenue**

I. Call to Order

Vice President Ward called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

II. Roll Call of Commissioners

Upon roll call, those answering present were Commissioners Cornell, Nephew, Durham, Wilson, Stortz and Vice President Ward. President Weber was absent.

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

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Vice President Ward led the Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Changes to the Agenda

None.

V. Recognition – Glen Ellyn Chamber of Commerce

The Park Board of Commissioners recognized the Glen Ellyn Chamber of Commerce for their continued partnership in planning, organizing and staging the 4th annual Chocolate, Cheese and Wine event.

Vice President Ward stated that the Glen Ellyn Chamber of Commerce, represented by Dawn Smith, the Executive Director and Steve Thompson, past President, has partnered with the Park District on the Chocolate, Cheese and Wine event since its inception 2016. The evening included a night of wine, chocolate and cheese tastings from around the world. The event took place in early February at the Village Links Reserve 22 Restaurant. Ward said that this year, the entire Village Links restaurant was closed to the public enabling the event to utilize the restaurant and banquet area. This allowed an additional 50 tickets to be sold while increasing the number of vendors. The event was at capacity including 100 of whom were Glen Ellyn residents.

The Chocolate, Cheese and Wine event is a combined fundraiser for the Glen Ellyn Chamber of Commerce and the Glen Ellyn Park District. Funds generated are shared among the two organizations each year. This year the event raised \$4,000 for the Park District with the funds earmarked for the scholarship program which enables residents in need to receive financial assistance for Park District programs and activities.

Ward provided that the success of the event is due in large part to the efforts of Dawn Smith and Steve Thompson, the excellent staff at the Chamber and the committee of Chamber volunteers and merchants who work tirelessly negotiating contracts, securing sponsorships, and coordinating the logistics of the event. The Park Board of Commissioners and staff of the Glen Ellyn Park District thanked Dawn Smith, Steve Thompson and The Glen Ellyn Chamber of Commerce for their continued collaboration and gratefully accepted the \$4,000 check to aid the many children and families from the community who benefit from the Park District scholarship program.

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 \$423,045.31 and the January 15, 2019 Regular Meeting minutes.

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

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

VIII. New Business

A. Ackerman Park O.S.L.A.D Grant

Executive Director Harris stated that the Glen Ellyn Park District was awarded a \$400,000 Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) grant by Governor Pritzker and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR). The OSLAD grant will fund a portion of the planned phase IV improvements at Ackerman Park, which includes renovation of the softball “hub”, an artificial turf athletic field, irrigation and drainage upgrades, bioswales, improved grass fields, an outdoor exercise area, and a trail system throughout the entire park.

The OSLAD grant enables the District to implement long overdue and well-planned improvements to Ackerman Park while reducing the financial burden for the District and residents. As discussed for the past year and vetted through a planning committee comprised of stakeholders, Board members, staff and consultant several improvements were prioritized to be completed including improved playability for soccer and softball, the addition of a recreational trail system throughout the park, improved storm water management, expanded irrigation, environmental best practices and an outdoor exercise area.

Harris reviewed the timeline of the Master Plan process for Ackerman Park describing phases I-III which took place from 2015-2018. Phase IV construction is anticipated to begin in June of 2019 and is expected to be completed in early 2020.

Harris provided that after a highly competitive and extensive process, over 89 park districts, forest preserves, and recreation agencies throughout the state will receive a total of over \$28 million in OSLAD Grants in 2019. The improvement projects planned with these funds will benefit residents of Illinois by providing open space and new/improved recreational facilities and public parks. Additionally, these projects will also generate additional revenue through job creation and the promotion of recreation.

Following, the Park Board of Commissioners posed questions regarding the OSLAD grant and look forward to commencement of this project.

B. O.S.L.A.D. - B.E.P. Utilization Plan – Resolution 19-01

Harris stated that recipients of an OSLAD grant are required to have a Business Enterprise Program (B.E.P.) Plan in place. Harris discussed that the B.E.P. plan establishes a goal for the District to contract with businesses that have been certified as owned and controlled by persons who are minorities, female, or persons with disabilities on projects where State Grant Funds are used. Resolution 19-01 was presented to adopt such a plan and to authorize and direct the District to take the necessary steps in implementing this Utilization Plan. Harris said the Utilization Plan presented has been reviewed by counsel and following a brief discussion Commissioner Stortz moved, followed by Commissioner Durham to approve Resolution 19-01, a Resolution adopting a Business Enterprise Program Utilization Plan for the District.

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

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

C. Ackerman Advisory Committee Meeting update

Superintendent of Recreation Esposito stated that the Ackerman Sports and Fitness Center Advisory Committee meeting was held on Thursday, February 7, 2019. In attendance was Co-Chairman Durham along with 5 committee members and staff with discussion centered around highlights from 2018 as well as goals and projects planned for 2019.

Esposito shared some of the highlights from 2018 and projects planned for 2019. Esposito said those in attendance had very positive comments regarding the facility and were excited to hear of the new items posed for 2019. Co-chairman Durham commended Facility Manager Ryan Miller for his efforts as they have had an impact on the Facility. He said the facility looks more polished, the banners are an excellent addition and staff is always courteous and positive.

Harris concluded that the meeting went well and briefed the committee on the RFP for the Ackerman facility and all look forward to the upcoming project. The Board had a brief discussion and also look forward to the upcoming project proposals.

D. Purchase of 2019 Budgeted Maintenance Vehicles

Superintendent of Parks and Planning Hopkins discussed the Vehicle & Equipment program that was established within the Asset Replacement Fund (ARF) to accumulate reserves in order to have future funds available for the replacement of vehicles and equipment. Hopkins discussed the equipment that was recognized to be replaced as well as the new equipment that was recommended for purchase as this will allow staff to better meet the increased demands for maintenance activities district-wide.

Hopkins reviewed the joint purchasing program, Illinois Department of Central Management Services (CMS), sponsored by the DuPage Mayors & Managers conference and discussed the benefits of purchasing through this program. Following a brief discussion among the Board regarding use of the various equipment, Commissioner Cornell moved seconded by Commissioner Stortz to approve the purchase of the following:

One (1) 2019 Ford F – 350 (Crew Cab, Pick Up Truck) in the amount of \$41,863.00 from Bob Ridings Fleet Sales of Taylorville, Illinois

One (1) 2019 Ford F – 150 (Crew Cab, Utility Truck) in the amount of \$26,690.00 from Morrow Brothers Ford of Greenfield, Illinois

One (1) 2019 Toro Groundsmaster 7210 (Polar Track) in the amount of \$47,067.00 from Reinders Inc. of Mundelein, Illinois

One (1) 2019 Toro Groundsmaster 4000 (Large Production Mower) in the amount of \$80,276.00 from Reinders Inc. of Mundelein, Illinois

One (1) 2019 John Deere 310L EP (Backhoe) in the amount of \$80,440.00 from Westside Tractor Sales of Rockdale, Illinois

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

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

IX. Staff Reports

Executive Director Harris stated the Community Awards are next Tuesday evening and will consist of recognizing various volunteers and community members. The Park District will recognize Dan Minkus as the District’s volunteer of the year. Harris discussed the generosity of Dan Minkus and thanked Commissioners Wilson, Cornell and Nephew for attending next week as well. Harris discussed the difficult conditions affecting ice skating this year saying that Lake Ellyn only had 1 day of ice skating this season and that the weather does not look favorable for the near future. The Park District hosted its first pop up event on Monday serving hot chocolate at Newton Park to those skating on the Newton rink, along with the sledders from the hill and the soccer players who were participating in the Frosty 3 on 3 tournament. Esposito said it was a great turn out for

the first event and patrons were very appreciative. Harris thanked Marketing and Communications Supervisor O’Kray for her efforts in compiling the 2018 Annual Report. Lastly, Harris reported that the minimum wage increase became official as of today and will begin in January of 2020. Harris said that staff will have a report at a following Board meeting with the financial impact on the District.

Superintendent of Recreation Esposito said that Spring/Summer Park District brochures will be delivered on March 2nd.

X. Commissioners’ Reports

Commissioner Cornell thanked staff for their diligent work during the Polar Vortex. Commissioner Nephew and her husband enjoyed their evening at the Chocolate/Cheese and wine event and she looks forward to the Community Awards next Tuesday evening. She also thanked staff for their efforts during the extreme cold. Commissioner Durham was happy to have Ackerman open during the cold weather and also enjoyed the Chocolate/Cheese and wine event. Commissioner Stortz is pleased Executive Harris will be meeting with state representatives to discuss legislative matter. Stortz commended staff for keeping Ackerman open during the cold weather and is looking forward to the WDSRA Black & Red Bash fundraiser in March. Commissioner Wilson thanked staff and Commissioner Ward and his daughter enjoyed the Daddy Daughter dance that was held at the Abbington. Ward said they also attended the pop-up event at Newton Park and thoroughly enjoyed the hot chocolate and sledding.

XI. Adjourn

There being no further business, Vice President Ward moved, seconded by Commissioner Stortz to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:14 p.m.

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

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Dikker
Board Secretary