

**Glen Ellyn Park District
Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
April 16, 2019
185 Spring Avenue**

I. Call to Order

Vice President Ward called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

II. Roll Call of Commissioners

Upon roll call, those answering present were Commissioners Nephew, Durham, Wilson, Stortz, and Vice President Ward. President Weber was absent and Commissioner Cornell arrived at 7:06 p.m.

Staff members present were Executive Director Harris, Superintendent of Recreation Esposito, Superintendent of Finance & Personnel Cinquegrani, 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 – Commissioner Chris Wilson

The Glen Ellyn Park District recognized Chris Wilson for her service, commitment and efforts as a Park District Commissioner as she has served for the past four years as a Park District Commissioner.

Vice President Ward stated that Chris was first elected in the spring of 2015 and during her time as Park Board Commissioner, she was instrumental in many successful and positive outcomes including achieving an operating budget that generates greater revenue than expenses; establishing and meeting the requirements of a sensible fund balance policy; the creation of the Citizen’s Environmental Advisory Committee and Youth Sports Advisory Committee; serving on the Citizens Finance Committee; a revised and combined I.G.A. with District 87 that mutually benefits the Glen Ellyn community; a marketing program that reflects the tremendous opportunities available within the Glen Ellyn Park District; a customer service program; reduction of the Park District tax levy; Meet and Greet events; appointed as District treasurer; and near and dear to Chris’ passion, the restoration of the Boathouse and the improvements of Lake Ellyn Park based on a community supported master plan. Finally, Chris was able to fulfill one of her goals she presented when first running for Commissioner in 2015 - the acquisition and preservation of open space which the District did just that with the recent purchase of property next to Manor Park.

Vice President Ward said achieving and contributing to many significant accomplishments, Chris' dedication and desire to do what was in the best interest of the District was her most lasting achievement. Her passion, commitment and dedication she brought to the position of Park District Commissioner, also enabled her to contribute elsewhere within the Village of Glen Ellyn over the many years. Chris has lived in Glen Ellyn for the past 58 years and during that time, service for her community has always been a priority for Chris. Over the years, she was appointed as a commissioner for the Village of Glen Ellyn Historical Commission, volunteered for the District 41 Facility Development Committee, was appointed to the Village of Glen Ellyn Streetscape Committee and is currently serving on the Civic Betterment Party and is an active member of the Citizens for Glen Ellyn Preservation.

Director Harris relayed a statement on behalf of President Weber thanking Chris for being an excellent representative for the community, dedicating her time and bringing a thoughtful, principled and civil approach to her position.

The Glen Ellyn Park District staff and the Park Board of Commissioners thanked Chris Wilson for her years of service and accomplishments as a Park District Commissioner and presented her with a small token of appreciation.

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 \$311,918.12 and the March 19, 2019 Regular Meeting minutes.

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

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

VIII. New Business

A. Discussion of Board officers and advisory committee liaisons for May 2019-May 2020

The Park Board of Commissioners discussed the officer positions that will be nominated and selected at the May 7, 2019 Workshop meeting. Commissioner Cornell stated she would like to remain on the District's Citizens' Environmental Advisory Committee and the Friends of Glen Ellyn Parks Foundation. Commissioner Nephew stated that she would be happy to serve in any capacity with an officer position as she has had prior experience but would defer to the other current Commissioners so that they may have the chance to serve in those capacities if desired. Nephew would be happy to serve on the Citizens' Environmental Advisory Committee as well as the Citizens' Finance Committee. Commissioner Durham would be willing to continue as Board Treasurer or would also be open to serving as Vice President. Durham would like to continue to

serve on the Ackerman Sports and Fitness Center Advisory Committee and would also like to serve on the Citizens' Finance committee should that committee need more Board representation. Commissioner Stortz would like to continue the Ackerman Sports and Fitness Center Advisory Committee as well as continue serving on the Youth Sports Advisory Committee. Vice President Ward would consider serving as the next Board President and would continue on with the Citizens' Environmental Advisory Committee if needed. Director Harris stated that President Weber would like to continue serving on the Youth Sports Advisory Committee and is open and willing to serve in other capacities if needed. Additionally, Harris did apprise newly elected Commissioner Bischoff of the process and suggested that he contact Harris with any areas of interests. At the conclusion of the discussion, Harris stated that Commissioners can follow up with further interest prior to next month's Annual Workshop Meeting and election. At that meeting, nominations for the officer positions and committee liaisons will be made followed by formal action.

B. Ackerman Paths Bid

Executive Director Harris stated that at the Glen Ellyn Park District Board meeting on January 15, 2019 the Board of Commissioners approved several bids related to the Ackerman Park Improvement project Phase IV. Harris reminded all that a planning committee identified recommended priorities for Phase IV and those recommendations were presented to the Park Board and approved by the majority of Commissioners.

Harris reviewed the supported recommendations and explained that at the time of bidding the Ackerman Park Improvement Project Phase IV, the Lower Ackerman Trails were included in the bid process as an alternate and following the opening of the bids, the recommendation regarding the trails and pathways was to wait until the outcome of the OSLAD Grant submittal. If awarded the grant the Lower and Upper Ackerman trails would then be rebid in hopes of achieving a more competitive bid. Since then, the District was successful in receiving an OSLAD Grant and has publicly bid the entire trails and pathways. The bids were opened on April 2, 2019.

Harris reviewed the three (3) bid proposals that were received and discussed the recommended material, a 3/8" FA-1 crushed stone aggregate that is proposed for the trails project and presented as Alternate Bid #1. This material is identical to the trail connection within the park and both the Great Western Trail and the Prairie Path. Harris stated that the low bidder was CPMH Construction with an amount of \$139,900 (alternate bid #1). All references were favorable.

Harris stated the recommendation is under budget and all trails and pathways installation will be included within the schedule of construction for the previously bid items and will be scheduled in coordination with park usage.

The Park Board discussed the material to be used in the proposed trails and asked questions regarding the outdoor fitness equipment and the layout of the paths. Following the discussion, Commissioner Wilson made a motion to award the "Ackerman Park Pathways and Trails,

Alternate Bid #1" to CPMH Construction, as the lowest responsive and responsible bid for an amount not to exceed \$139,900.

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

Motion Carried.

IX. Staff Reports

A. Finance Report

Commissioner Stortz asked if the District was tracking accordingly as stated in the Finance Report and Superintendent of Finance and Personnel Cinquegrani confirmed that the District was progressing accordingly within the budget.

B. Staff Reports

Executive Director Harris said Arbor Day will be celebrated on April 27th at Sunset Park where twenty (20) trees will be planted by various groups and patrons are welcome to partake in the planting. Harris commended Supervisor Marquez for her efforts on a successful Adult Egg Hunt with over 100 participants. Harris said many local merchants donated to the cause and Marquez did an outstanding job representing the community's efforts. Harris said the next adult event is the Mini Golf Masters at Holes and Knolls on April 27th. Harris and Commissioner Durham met with State Representative Terra Costa-Howard this past morning and had a productive conversation. Durham stated she was very straightforward and forthcoming with her discussion. On April 28th, Earth Day will be celebrated at the Lake Elyn Boathouse. The Park District will be partnering with S.C.A.R.C.E. and roughly 50 vendors will be present along with other activities including guided tours through the Park, food, entertainment, etc.

Superintendent of Recreation Esposito relayed that the upcoming weekend will be busy in the Park District with two (2) large egg hunts, tee ball parade, and opening day for baseball and opening day activities for softball along with many other outdoor activities.

X. Commissioners' Reports

Commissioner Cornell thanked Commissioner Wilson for her service, guidance and collaboration over the past four years. Commissioner Nephew praised Commissioner Wilson for her longevity in the community and being a supporter over the years. Commissioner Durham thanked Commissioner Wilson for her service and then stated he was sorry to miss the adult Easter egg hunt and looks forward to the use of the new trails at Ackerman Park. Commissioner Wilson expressed her thanks and appreciation to everyone over the years and looks forward to the Earth Day events and the new trails at Ackerman Park. Commissioner Stortz thanked Commissioner Wilson for her commitment to the community and also thanked the Park District for their programs where his kids are creating a great network of friendships. Commissioner Ward thanked Commissioner Wilson and echoed the others sentiment. Ward is looking forward to the softball parade and the Earth Day event. Ward also enjoyed his sledding experience with his kids

this past Sunday. Lastly, Director Harris thanked Commissioner Wilson on behalf of the staff for her efforts over the last four years and for her lasting legacy within the Park District.

XI. Adjourn

There being no further business, Commissioner Stortz moved, seconded by Commissioner Cornell to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:07 p.m.

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

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Dikker
Board Secretary