

**Glen Ellyn Park District
Board of Commissioners
Workshop Meeting
June 4, 2019
185 Spring Avenue**

I. Call to Order

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

II. Roll Call of Commissioners

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

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

III. Pledge of Allegiance

President Ward led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Changes to the Agenda

None.

V. Public Participation

None.

VI. Voucher List of Bills Totaling \$133,531.65

Commissioner Nephew moved, seconded by Commissioner Stortz, to approve the Voucher List of Bills totaling \$133,531.65

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

Motion Carried.

VII. Lake Ellyn Invasive Egeria Densa Update (invasive plant)

Executive Director Harris stated in August 2018, a representative with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) was conducting a routine review of algae issues at Lake Ellyn and in the process observed an aggressive weed, known as Brazilian elodea (Egeria densa), was present near the boathouse. The representative notified the Park District and provided some photos of the weed along with limited resources on how to manage this invasive, submerged aquatic plant.

Naturalist Frigo then stated that its presence was confirmed and noted that it appeared to be growing around the majority of the lake's perimeter. The lake management company, McCloud Aquatics, was notified and apprised and their technician also confirmed it was Egeria.

Frigo discussed the challenges in detecting Egeria as it is not often present in this region and is often mistaken for elodea (native) and hydrilla (non-native). As this plant is highly invasive, it can create an unbalanced ecosystem, impede lake activities, and potentially spread downstream if not addressed in timely and effective manner. Frigo reached out to McCloud Aquatics, to further understand this plant and the treatment options and shared the various options with the Park Board.

Frigo discussed the three options of eradicating this plant; draining the Lake, mechanically treating the plant and chemically treating. Frigo stated that chemically treating the plant is the most practical and would be included within our current chemical service plan that the District implements within Lake Ellyn. Frigo briefed the Board on the process of the chemical treatment, the steps involved and the timeline of the process. The Park Board posed questions and agreed that the chemical intervention appeared to be the best course of action. Naturalist Frigo stated a follow up presentation regarding Egeria densa will take place following treatment.

VIII. Summer Recreation Preview 2019

Superintendent of Recreation Esposito provided an overview of the Summer Programs offered by the Park District. Esposito discussed the new marketing efforts to publicize the many upcoming events within the District. Programs at Sunset Pool, Maryknoll Park, and Ackerman Sports and Fitness Center were then highlighted. Esposito also reviewed the various athletic programs, adult programming, nature camps and the many summer camps that were offered. Lastly, various Special Events were discussed that will be held this summer and Esposito provided information on the last 100-Year celebration that will take place in early November culminating our year long list of 100-Year celebration events. A Fall Fete celebration will be held at the Lake Ellyn Boathouse serving as a fundraiser for the Friends of Glen Ellyn Parks Foundation, specifically for the Scholarship Fund. This celebration will take place on the 100-Year Anniversary of the first Board Meeting of the Glen Ellyn Park District.

The Park Board of Commissioners discussed the programs and commended the staff for their efforts in providing such fun, educational and recreational activities and opportunities to so many people and look forward to the upcoming events.

IX. Staff Reports

Executive Director Harris stated that Rugby teams, Ducks and Stingers, integrated with the Glen Ellyn Park District several years ago and this year have won 4 state titles. The Park District provides the administration of the program while the volunteers run the program. Harris highlighted various sports successes at Glenbard West, lacrosse making it to the finals and baseball making it to the regionals, stating many of those students participated in the Park District programs when they were young. Harris discussed the budget that was approved by the State of

Illinois highlighting the Capital Project funds that will be provided to the Glen Ellyn Park District for various potential projects. Harris shared that \$900,000 has been allocated and staff will research the stipulations of the funds. Harris thanked Commissioner Stortz for monitoring and apprising the District of the outcome. Commissioner Stortz thanked Director Harris for his efforts as well. Harris apprised the Board that the State has also funded the OSLAD program again and will be reinstating the PARC grant that provides funding for public “bricks and motor” projects. Harris specifically thanked State Representative Terra Costa Howard for her efforts in regard to the funds recently awarded to the Park District. Lastly, Harris stated that the new Parks Project Manager will be starting his position on June 17th.

X. Commissioners’ Reports

Commissioner Stortz commended staff on the signage at Ackerman providing details of the upcoming construction and inquired on its effect on parking at Ackerman. Harris stated parking would not be affected. Commissioner Nephew enjoyed her Memorial weekend at Sunset Pool and Commissioner Durham stated the facility looked great and enjoyed his time at the pool.

XI. Adjourn to Executive Session

At 8:30 p.m. Commissioner Stortz moved, seconded by Commissioner Bischoff, to convene into executive session under Section 2(c)6 of the Open Meetings Act for the purpose of setting a price for the sale or lease of property owned by the District and Section 2(c)21 for discussion of the minutes of prior executive session meetings, for the purpose of review, approval or release of such minutes.

XII. Reconvene to Executive Session

The Workshop meeting reconvened at 9:35 p.m.

XIII. Adjourn

There being no further business, Commissioner Weber moved, seconded by Commissioner Bischoff to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:36 p.m.

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

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Dikker
Board Secretary