

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting Highlights July 16, 2019



RECOGNITION-CRAIG TURNER/BULLDOGS LACROSSE

The Glen Ellyn Park District Board of Commissioners recognized Craig Turner for his volunteer efforts and dedication to the Glen Ellyn Park District as he currently serves on the Bulldogs Lacrosse Executive Committee as the House League Coordinator for the 1st/2nd grade program while also coordinating the rental equipment program.

President Ward stated that as a former collegiate lacrosse player, community member and a parent of two lacrosse participants, Craig Turner first began working with the Bulldogs lacrosse program in 2016 as a volunteer coach and has since assumed the role of the Bulldogs Lacrosse House League Coordinator. His responsibilities include recruiting parent-coaches to assist at practice, compiling practice/game schedules, organizing team selections and providing instruction to those who may not be familiar with the game. He also teaches and orients the parent-coaches with the rules and techniques required to be successful. His responsibilities require a high level of organization and excellent communication, along with patience to teach these young athletes and parent-volunteers. Coach Turner excels at all those characteristics.

Recently, Coach Turner also assumed the task of Rental Equipment Manager whose primary responsibility is coordinating the lacrosse equipment rentals which lessens the financial burden on families and minimizes their initial commitment. Craig Turner has also pursued the US Lacrosse Coaching certification by attending conferences and seminars on best practices for teaching youth lacrosse and shares his training with all Bulldogs coaches which has helped to strengthen the Park District program. He has spearheaded the launch of the Bulldogs summer program in 2018 that introduces young players to the game during the off season and has helped to increase registration for the Fall, Winter and Spring seasons. He has also coached free clinics to allow new players the opportunity to experience the sport without the commitment to a full season.

President Ward said the Park District has many valued and dedicated volunteers throughout the year and Craig Turner is one that constantly goes above and beyond the expectations of his leadership role for the Bulldogs Lacrosse program as well as contributing to other programs within the District. The Park Board of Commissioners then presented Craig Turner with a small token of their appreciation for his dedication and volunteerism.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Former Park Board Commissioner Denny Shogren was in attendance and briefly spoke regarding his tenure in office in the 70's and 80's, fondly remembering his service to the community and was highly complementary of a fellow Board member, Tom Lawson. The present Board expressed their appreciation for his attendance and years of service.

ACKERMAN PARK PAYOUT REQUEST #1

Director Harris presented payout request #1 for Ackerman Park Phase IV improvement project- Construction Management Services in the amount of \$365,483.61 stating that this is the first payout request from Wight Construction, who is overseeing construction for Ackerman Park improvements. Wight's services include

bidding services, quality control, project scheduling, purchasing oversight, identifying cost savings (value engineering), provides checks and balances between owner and architect, and acts as an extension of Park District staff. Harris provided details of what has been completed; preparation and mobilization of construction site, a small athletic lighting change in anticipation of relocation of one athletic light and grading and earthwork for the grass/synthetic turf field(s). Following a brief discussion of the project the Park Board of Commissioners approved Wight Construction's payout request #1 for the Ackerman Park Phase IV Improvements - Construction Management Services in the amount of \$365,483.61.

EAST BRANCH DUPAGE RIVER TRAILS/PRE-ENGINEERING CONTRIBUTION

Executive Director Harris reviewed information discussed at a previous Park District Board meeting in which representatives from Friends of the East Branch DuPage River Trail provided information regarding efforts to implement previously developed plans by DuPage County to construct a north / south bike and pedestrian trail between the Great Western Trail and eventually connecting to the Morton Arboretum.

Recently, DuPage County awarded a contract (Alignment Study) for a portion of the East Branch DuPage River Trail (EBDRT) between the Great Western Trail and Illinois 56. This section of the overall trail would connect to the multi-use path constructed by DuPage County several years ago along Swift Road, north of the Great Western Trail and to the proposed multi-use paths included as part of IDOT's planned Illinois 56 and Illinois 53 reconstruction projects to the south.

Harris stated that funding commitments for the Alignment Study have been provided by the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County (\$175,000) and the Village of Glen Ellyn (\$7,500) and some Board members expressed interest in contributing to the pre-engineering efforts previously as well. The Park Board held a brief discussion of the Alignment Study and posed questions to Sidney Kenyon, Senior Transportation Planner for the DuPage County Division of Transportation, regarding the study and the project itself. Following discussion, the Park Board agreed to contribute \$3,000 to help fund the Alignment Study under the direction of the DuPage County Division of Transportation for the East Branch DuPage River Trail.

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. Cinquegrani stated that previously, there have been seven (7) members of the CFC while bylaws allow for a committee to consist of a minimum of five (5) members to a maximum of nine (9) members, consisting of staggered two-year terms. Of the three (3) memberships concluding in June 2019, two members expressed interest in remaining on the committee. Subsequently, additional volunteers were sought, and interviews conducted.

After interviews were conducted the recommendation was to have a nine (9) member CFC committee comprised as follows and the Park Board approved the presented slate.

1-Year Terms (concluding June 2020)

2-Year Terms (concluding June 2021)

Fred Bachman
Tom Lettenberger
Charlie Prisco
Don St. Clair

Leo Lanzillo (Chairman)
Michael Graham
Mike Hoban (newly appointed)
Art Pech (newly appointed)
John Vitalis (newly appointed)

POTENTIAL OSLAD PROJECTS

Executive Director Harris stated that the State of Illinois has recently approved the appropriation of \$29 million in the next state budget for the Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) grant program. The program is a state-financed grant managed in Illinois by the Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) with application due dates, equal grant maximums and general rules.

Written applications must be submitted to IDNR by August 19, 2019 and applications are evaluated and prioritized for funding assistance based upon recreation priorities and criteria identified in the Department's Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP).

Harris discussed previous OSLAD grants that were awarded in the past to the Glen Ellyn Park District and then presented two potential OSLAD eligible projects for consideration by the Park Board. Those projects were Newton Park and Churchill Park improvements and both would include addressing future asset replacement obligations while improving and enhancing the respective properties.

Project Manager Nate Troia presented preliminary scope and conceptual designs of each project highlighting the benefits and the potential outcomes. The Park Board then had a lengthy discussion following the presentation of the two projects inquiring on details of both the Newton Park project and the Churchill project focusing on items previously budgeted, items coming due in the asset replacement rotation and the overall project and its targeted audience. The Park Board also inquired on the funds allocated by the State of Illinois and potential projects for those funds.

Following the discussion there was consensus amongst the Board to direct the OSLAD application toward the Newton Park Improvement project and once the funds included in the State grant allocation become accessible, to direct a portion of those funds toward improvements at Churchill Park. An open house for Newton Park residents would soon be held to gather feedback on potential improvements for the Park.