

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting Highlights November 12, 2019



VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION – DENIS KANIA

The Glen Ellyn Park Board of Commissioners recognized Denis Kania for his years of contributing and volunteering behind the scenes of the Glen Ellyn Park District’s environmental efforts. Manager of Natural Areas and Outdoor Education Frigo stated that he has selflessly expended hundreds of hours of his personal time and energy, has offered invaluable advice and guidance, while facilitating the donation of thousands of dollars of plant material.

Frigo discussed Denis Kania’s extensive background in Natural Areas while at the St. Charles Park District and said Denis has assisted with the District’s restoration efforts by cutting, hauling and stacking invasive trees and shrubs; planting trees and plugs; collecting and dispersing seeds; helping with burns and spreading woodchips; pulling weeds and inventorying plant communities.

Additionally, Denis has served as an environmental educator, volunteering to teach bird classes and to guide nature walks. He has worked with hundreds of St. Petronille and District 41 students who come to our parks for service projects and field trips.

While Denis was with the St. Charles Park District, the two Districts have worked collaboratively to purchase trees and swap native seeds on an annual basis. He has even contributed many seeds and plants from his personal property and this year has taken on the role of stewarding the oak restoration area of Lake Ellyn Park. He has volunteered over 100 hours on site and at home, completing restoration tasks and updating the area’s survey records.

The Glen Ellyn Park District Board of Commissioners and the District, thanked Denis for his volunteerism and contributions over the past 10 years as the Glen Ellyn Park District’s natural sites and outreach efforts would not be where they are today without his dedication, service, passion and efforts.

APPROVE 2019 TAX LEVY ORDINANCE 19-01

Superintendent of Finance and Personnel Cinquegrani presented Ordinance 19-01 “An Ordinance for the levy and assessment of taxes for the year 2019” to the Board of Commissioners. In accordance with the truth in taxation requirements, the Park District Board placed the tax levy on file at the October 1ST meeting wherein the Board approved Resolution 19-03 “Truth In Taxation Law Resolution”. After Board discussion, Ordinance 19-01 was approved.

2020 BUDGET DISCUSSION

Superintendent of Finance and Personnel Cinquegrani stated that at the October 15th Board meeting a draft of the 2020 Budget & Appropriation Ordinance was placed on file, presented to the Park Board, and discussed. Since that time, a few 2019 budgeted projects were deferred to 2020 due to scheduling challenges and inability to address in 2019. Harris discussed those projects, status and details. Harris also reviewed per Board direction, two new full-time positions and depending on Board approval could be included within the 2020 Budget. Harris reviewed those positions with the Park Board and based on Board

consensus, the positions will be included in the final budget which is to be presented at the December 3 Board meeting with anticipation of approval following the public hearing also taking place at that meeting.

ACKERMAN PARK PHASE IV IMPROVEMENT PROJECT PAYOUT REQUEST #5

Executive Director Harris presented the Ackerman Park Phase IV Improvement Project Payout Request #5 from Wight Construction and discussed the status of the project. Following a brief discussion, the Park Board of Commissioners approved Wight Construction payout request #5 for the Ackerman Park Phase IV Improvements-Construction Management Services in the amount of \$468,812.10.

2019 ASPHALT PROJECT(S) PAYOUT REQUEST #1

Project Manager Troia discussed the first payout request for the asphalt improvements at Safety Village and Sunset Park Tennis Courts from Accu-Paving and provided an update on the project. Troia stated that final details will be completed in the Spring and signage has been placed at the Tennis Courts notifying patrons. After a brief discussion the Park Board approved Accu-Paving Co. payout request #1 for the Asphalt Improvements at Safety Village and Sunset Tennis Courts in the amount of \$80,257.50.

WALNUT GLEN PARK PLAYGROUND REPLACEMENT PAYOUT REQUEST #1

Project Manager Troia presented Walnut Glen Park Playground payout request #1 from D & J Landscape Inc. Troia provided an update to the project and the Park Board held a brief discussion. Following discussion, the Park Board of Commissioners approved D & J Landscape Inc. payout request #1 for Walnut Glen Playground Renovation project in the amount of \$53,403.84.

2020 PROPOSED MEETING SCHEDULE DISCUSSION

Executive Director Harris presented the 2020 Proposed Meeting Schedule that was amended per direction of fellow Commissioners prior to the meeting. The Park Board held a brief discussion and revised that amended Proposed Meeting Schedule. Staff will place the revised schedule onto the Consent Agenda for approval at the December 3, 2019 Regular Meeting.

APPROVAL OF DESIGNATE FOR IAPD CREDENTIALS FOR ANNUAL MEETING

Executive Director Harris stated that as a member of the Illinois Association of Park Districts, the Glen Ellyn Park District is required to formally designate a representative and an alternate to attend the association's annual Board meeting held in late January 2020. This enables the District representative to attend and participate in any action or matters of business that might be presented. The Park Board held a brief discussion and following approved to appoint Executive Director Harris as the delegate and Superintendent Esposito as the alternate delegate to represent the Glen Ellyn Park District at the 2020 Illinois Association of Park District's annual meeting.