

# BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

## Regular Meeting Highlights January 14, 2020



### **RECOGNITION – SHARON MARSTON, THIS RUN'S FOR JACK**

The Glen Ellyn Board of Commissioners recognized Sharon Marston, along with the Jack H. Marston II Melanoma Fund Board of Directors and This Run's For Jack Committee members for their support of the Glen Ellyn Park District along with their assistance to help fund four new shade structures at Village Green Park for baseball fields 5-8.

Jack Marston was a longtime Glen Ellyn Park District volunteer coach in many sports and the winner of the 2005 Rich Macken Award, which recognizes a person whose involvement in the Glen Ellyn Youth Baseball program as a manager/coach best exemplifies the program's goal of bringing the love of the game to Glen Ellyn. He was an avid runner and four-time Chicago Marathon participant. Sadly, Jack lost his battle to melanoma on July 12th, 2004.

This Run's For Jack's 5k was established to raise funds and awareness for the Foundations efforts and is held every year in honor of Jack, the countless hours he gave to the community, his athletic successes and the four marathons he ran (one for each of his children).

On October 20th, 2019, the 16th Annual This Run's For Jack 5k was held at Ackerman Park and the surrounding streets of Glen Ellyn to raise funds to support their mission, a portion of which was earmarked to help fund the new shade structures at Village Green Park.

Ms. Marston presented a \$5,000 check to the Glen Ellyn Park District and the Park Board of Commissioners, thanked Sharon Marston, the Jack H. Marston II Melanoma Fund Board of Directors and This Run's For Jack Committee Members for their efforts and support to provide the shade structures at Village Green Park in the quest to prevent melanoma.

### **ACKERMAN PARK PHASE IV IMPROVEMENT PROJECT PAYOUT REQUEST #7**

Executive Director Harris presented the Ackerman Park Phase IV Improvement Project Payout Request #7 from Wight Construction and discussed the status of the project. Following a brief discussion, the Park Board of Commissioners approved Wight Construction payout request #7 for the Ackerman Park Phase IV Improvements-Construction Management Services in the amount of \$145,828.

### **WDSRA RECOGNITION – NANCY MINER**

Superintendent of Recreation Esposito and the Park Board of Commissioners recognized Nancy Miner, a 29-year employee for the Western DuPage Special Recreation Association (WDSRA) and former employee of the Glen Ellyn Park District, for her distinguished career. Nancy has held the positions of Program Specialist, Program Supervisor, Outreach Coordinator and Superintendent of Recreation. Nancy began her career in the Recreation industry with the Glen Ellyn Park District as a recreation supervisor and worked in Glen Ellyn for nine years until 1996, at which time she was hired by WDSRA. After a distinguished career of 38 years, Nancy retired effective December 31, 2019.

Nancy's greatest achievements occurred during her 29 years at WDSRA where she served in three (3) positions during her tenure, eventually being promoted to a Superintendent of Recreation. Nancy was an integral part of the growth and evolution of WDSRA and served as the leader of the agency's team of recreation professionals who create, plan and implement hundreds of programs in the areas of, athletics, adaptive sports, cultural arts, day programs, disability awareness, family play sessions, mental health programs, seasonal and summer day camps, social clubs, trips and special events.

Nancy's efforts included Disability Awareness which seeks to provide engaging instruction and activities that help attendees be more receptive to those with disabilities, WDSRA's Aktion Club as a way to provide adults living with disabilities an opportunity to develop initiative, leadership skills and to serve their community and taking a trendy Food Truck Festival idea and challenging her staff to adapt this event and bring this opportunity to our families and participants.

Nancy was a tremendous listener and true advocate for those WDSRA participants and families. As a result, programs, activities, events along with procedures and policies were implemented over the years that were reflective of the special needs community. Staff and the Park Board of Commissioners presented Ms. Miner with a small token of their appreciation for her many accomplishments, her unwavering support for the special needs community and her distinguished career of 38 years beginning first at the Glen Ellyn Park District and concluding after 29 years at WDSRA.

#### **WDSRA REVIEW & UPDATE / SANDY GBUR**

Executive Director Harris welcomed the Western DuPage Special Recreation (WDSRA) Executive Director, Sandy Gbur, and stated that WDSRA is a recreation agency serving those with special needs. They provide support and assistance to people with special needs who reside in nine park districts including Glen Ellyn and services well over 4500 children and adults. WDSRA Executive Director, Sandy Gbur, gave a brief overview and update of the past year regarding the organization. Ms. Gbur stated that the development team and trustees have spent 2019 creating a sustainable funding program and have held many impact meetings to share insight, stories and provide a personal element of WDSRA to potential donors and community members. Ms. Gbur provided that their aim is to spread the word of WDSRA and share information on aspects of their programs including inclusion, strengthening families through support, and building community.

Ms. Gbur discussed their staff structure, the training involved for staff, presented their new logo and marketing material and answered questions from the Park Board. The Park Board thanked Ms. Gbur for her dedication, highlighting the past year and look forward to the continued partnership.

#### **PLACE THE AMENDED 2019 BUDGET & APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE ON FILE – ORDINANCE 20-01**

Superintendent of Finance and Personnel Cinquegrani presented the amended Budget & Appropriation Ordinance for 2019 fiscal year. He stated that the amendment is necessary to properly budget expenditures relating to Board approved capital projects during the 2019 budget year that may have changed due to scope, timing or deferral of a project from a previous budget year. Cinquegrani discussed the changes,

provided highlights and said that a public hearing will take place at the February 18, 2020 Regular Meeting followed by formal approval. The Park Board held a brief discussion and approved to place Ordinance 20-01 “The amended and restated ordinance making a combined annual budget and appropriation ordinance for purposes of the Glen Ellyn Park District for the year beginning January 1, 2019 and ending December 31, 2019” on file.

### **IMET TOLLING AGREEMENT**

The Glen Ellyn Park District Board of Commissioners approved an extension to the Tolling Agreement regarding the ongoing situation involving the Illinois Metropolitan Investment Fund (IMET). The Tolling Agreement was previously negotiated between attorneys representing participants and IMET to preserve all potential claims that may be available to all parties, notwithstanding the passage of time, including applicable statutes of limitation and allowing the timeline to file a claim. The original Tolling Agreement was extended through 2017, 2018 and again in 2019. Superintendent of Finance and Personnel Cinquegrani stated that 55.6% of the total amount lost has been recovered. The Board had a brief discussion of the ongoing case and approved an extension of the Tolling Agreement through January 31, 2021 at which time all parties should have more information on additional disbursement of assets.

### **PARTICIPATION TROPHY DISCUSSION**

Per the suggestion of Commissioner Nephew, staff researched the current practice of providing participation trophies/medals/awards for some of the District’s youth sports programs (house league soccer, baseball, softball, basketball). The intention was to possibly reduce to improve sustainability efforts as trophies and medals are not recyclable or able to be repurposed. Staff met with Baseball, Softball, Youth Basketball and House Soccer volunteer committees and discussed the topic of continuing, discontinuing and/or adjusting the practice of providing participation awards. While some adjustments were agreed upon, consensus was to continue many of the current recognition practices. Staff will continue to research means to improve sustainability related to trophies and recognition awards. The Park Board of Commissioners appreciated the dialogue and encouraged on continued discussion and evaluation.