

**Glen Ellyn Park District
Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
January 14, 2020
185 Spring Avenue**

I. Call to Order

President Ward called the meeting to order at 7:01 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, Project Manager Nate Troia, Executive Assistant Dikker and Marketing & Communications Supervisor O’Kray.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

President Ward led the Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Changes to the Agenda

None.

V. 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.

President Ward stated that 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.

President Ward provided that the shade structures have been a welcome addition, have received numerous compliments, and without the support and commitment of Jack's Fund, the shade structures would not have been possible.

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. Ms. Marston presented a \$5,000 check to the Glen Ellyn Park District for the shade structures and thanked them for their support. Members of Glen Ellyn and the Rebels Baseball program thanked the Jack H. Marston II Melanoma Fund Board of Directors for their contribution and stated that the shade structures have been a tremendous and welcomed asset to the Baseball Program.

VI. Public Participation

None.

VII. Consent Agenda

Commissioner Nephew moved, seconded by Commissioner Durham, to approve the Consent Agenda including the Voucher List of Bills totaling \$321,789.22 and the December 17, 2019 Special meeting minutes. Commissioner Nephew stated that the December 3, 2019 Regular Meeting minutes have been removed from the Consent Agenda and will be amended to reflect additional comments provided during that meeting. Those minutes will be included in the February 18, Regular Meeting's Consent Agenda.

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

Motion Carried.

VIII. Unfinished Business

A. Ackerman Park Improvements Phase IV – 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 of the remaining timeline and components, Commissioner Stortz moved, seconded by Commissioner Bischoff, to approve Wight Construction payout request #7 for the Ackerman Park Phase IV Improvements-Construction Management Services in the amount of \$145,828.

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

Motion Carried.

IX. New Business

A. WDSRA Recognition – Nancy Miner

Superintendent of Recreation Esposito 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. Esposito stated during those years Nancy 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. An example of this was the creation and development of the Rec and Roll weekday program for individuals aged 22-55 with an intellectual disability which has expanded from its infancy to now serving 135 participants at six (6) different locations including one at Ackerman Sports and Fitness Center.

Superintendent Esposito and the Park Board 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.

B. WDSRA Review & Update / Sandy Gbur, Executive Director

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, provided 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. Following their impact meetings, Ms. Gbur stated that thirty-two (32) attendees pledged to give support over a five-year program.

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.

C. 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 following, Commissioner Durham motioned, seconded by Commissioner Stortz 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.”

Roll Call: Aye: Commissioners Weber, Bischoff, Cornell, Stortz, Nephew, and President Ward
Nay: None

Motion Carried.

D. IMET Tolling Agreement
Superintendent of Finance & Personnel Cinquegrani discussed the current status of the Illinois Metropolitan Investment Fund (IMET) claim stating that approximately 55.6% of the total amount lost has been recovered. He briefly reviewed the IMET Tolling Agreement from fruition stating it was initiated in February of 2015 and extended in June of 2016, January of 2017, January of 2018 and again in January of 2019. Cinquegrani said it remains the recommendation of Park District counsel to extend the tolling agreement with IMET for an additional year to January 31, 2021. Following some questions to staff, Commissioner Weber moved, seconded by Commissioner Bischoff to approve the extension of the tolling agreement between the Illinois Metropolitan Investment Fund and the Glen Ellyn Park District.

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

Motion Carried.

E. Participation Trophy discussion

Per the suggestion of Commissioner Nephew, staff researched the practice of providing participation trophies/medals/awards for the District's youth sports programs. Staff met with Baseball, Softball, Youth Basketball and House Soccer volunteer committees and discussed the various award and recognition practices. Superintendent of Recreation Esposito and Assistant Superintendent of Athletics Babicz reviewed their past year's discussions with various athletic organizations within the District on the topic of continuing, discontinuing and/or adjusting the practice of providing participation awards and other forms of recognition. Some adjustments were supported including the elimination of baseball consolation games (thus eliminating related awards). However, based on the consensus of the committee's, staff recommended continuing to provide participation awards as presented but continue to research and discuss the matter further.

Additionally, discussion took place regarding the Freedom Four race and the practice of providing a shirt to all participating runners. While potentially administratively challenging, staff will continue to consider an opt out opportunity for those runners who do not want a shirt. Staff will also look at alternative promotional items to take the place of the race shirt.

Following the discussion, the Commissioners agreed that it was worthwhile to initiate the conversation about improved sustainability practices and encouraged and directed evaluation of the process of providing awards.

X. Staff Reports

A. Finance Report – December 2019 (for information only)

B. Staff Reports

Executive Director Harris said that Ackerman was very active over the Holidays with community members. This Saturday will be the start of house league basketball games along with other sports and the center will be extremely busy. Harris reminded the Park Board that the PARC grant will be submitted this week and Superintendent Esposito reminded all of the upcoming Chocolate, Cheese and Wine event that will be held on January 31st benefitting the Park District's Scholarship program.

XI. Commissioners' Reports

Commissioner Stortz said that Ackerman Sports and Fitness Center looks great and commented on the large attendance of open basketball play that occurred over the Holidays. Commissioner Bischoff agreed with Commissioner Stortz stating that many college kids made use of the courts over school break. Commissioner Weber suggested that the architects involved in the ASFC Improvement planning should attend the facility on a busy Saturday morning to view the center in its full capacity. Commissioner Durham enjoyed the adult league basketball play and was complimentary of the officials.

XII. Adjourn

There being no further business, Commissioner Weber moved, seconded by Commissioner Bischoff to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:26 p.m.

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

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Dikker