

**Glen Ellyn Park District
Board of Commissioners
Workshop Meeting
February 4, 2020
185 Spring Avenue**

I. Call to Order

Vice President Durham called the meeting to order at 6:59 p.m.

II. Roll Call of Commissioners

Upon roll call, those answering present were Commissioners Stortz, Nephew, Weber, Bischoff and Vice President Durham. Commissioners Cornell arrived at 7:41 p.m. and Commissioner Ward was absent.

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

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Vice President Durham led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Changes to the Agenda

None.

V. Public Participation

None.

VI. Voucher List of Bills Totaling \$294,568.29

Commissioner Nephew moved, seconded by Commissioner Stortz, to approve the Voucher List of Bills totaling \$294,568.29

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

Motion Carried.

VII. Scholarship Policy Review

Superintendent of Recreation Esposito discussed the fruition of the District’s Financial Assistance Policy that was established in 1995. The policy was revised again in 2002 and reviewed in 2008. The policy was established to provide a fair and equitable system through which District residents could utilize recreation facilities and programs should they be financially unable to pay for such services. The assistance currently provides for \$200 per child per year or \$500 per household per year based on specific guidelines. Additionally, the District has the discretionary ability to provide further assistance based on extenuating circumstances. Based on rising program fees and

increased demand over the years along with additional available funds through recent fundraising efforts, staff is recommending raising the financial assistance allotment per individual. Preliminary recommendations were \$750 per individual per year but after further consideration and review of the 2020 budget, staff is now recommending increasing the individual allotment to \$400 per individual per year and no family allotment. While the parameters for financial assistance will remain the same, the Park District would still have discretionary ability to provide aid based on other situations including medical, unemployment or other extenuating circumstances. Finally, the revised allotment expands the available funding per recipient while remains within the increased 2020 budgeted amount.

Commissioner Weber inquired if other sports program participants such as the Lakers receive financial assistance. Superintendent Esposito confirmed that qualified participants of those programs are eligible. Out of the many athletic programs, travel soccer generated the most need due to the expense. Commissioner Stortz inquired as to which programs were requested for financial assistance and Esposito stated swim lessons, Camp Caravan, GBW and GBS sports camps and soccer programs were the most requested activities. Commissioner Nephew inquired about assistance for seniors and Executive Director Harris stated that adults including seniors are and will be able to take advantage of the financial assistance if requested and the criteria is met.

After a brief discussion the Board strongly supported the increased financial assistance allotment and Executive Director Harris stated it will be brought to the Board for approval at the February 18 Regular Meeting. In the meantime, if there were any further questions they can be directed to staff prior to February 18th.

VIII. Ackerman Indoor Turf Replacement

Project Manager Troia discussed that as part of the approved 2020 Annual Budget, funds were allocated for the replacement of the indoor artificial turf at Ackerman Sports and Fitness Center. Troia discussed the condition of the current turf, the details and timeline of the replacement turf and stated the District would be reusing the existing infill and compacted stone base while the old turf will either be recycled or sold overseas as used turf. Troia stated that the price of the turf has come under the budgeted amount of \$160,000 and will be purchased through “The Cooperative Purchasing Network” (TCPN) assuring the lowest possible price to the District and aligning with the District’s Purchasing Policy.

Commissioner Weber inquired as to the condition of the current turf and Executive Director Harris along with Project Manager Troia stated that the current turf has shown considerable wear and is beyond its useful life. After a brief Board discussion, Commissioner Stortz moved seconded by Commissioner Weber to approve the proposal from FieldTurf for the replacement of the indoor artificial turf through the Joint Purchase for the price of \$131,374.54.

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

Motion Carried

IX. Staff Reports

Executive Director Harris stated that this Friday is the annual Daddy Daughter Dance at the Abbington. Currently 530 people will be attending and all on the waitlist have been accommodated. Superintendent Esposito commented that additional photo booths and an extra room have been added based on the event popularity. Harris said next Tuesday the Park District Volunteer of Year award will be presented to Ron Aubrey at the annual Glen Ellyn chamber of Commerce Community Awards event. Aubrey is a former Park District Commissioner, who continues to volunteer and assist both the Park District and the Glen Ellyn community. Commissioner Nephew will be presenting Mr. Aubrey on Tuesday and will be in attendance along with Commissioner Bischoff and Park District staff.

X. Commissioners' Reports

Commissioner Bischoff congratulated the District on receiving the OSLAD grant for the Newton Park Improvements. Executive Director Harris discussed the grant that was awarded and thanked Project Manager Troia on his efforts to compile the grant and present at the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. Commissioner Durham and his daughter along with many of their friends are looking forward to the upcoming Daddy Daughter Dance.

XI. Adjourn to Executive Session

At 7:40 p.m. Commissioner Weber moved, seconded by Commissioner Bischoff, to convene into executive session under section 2(c)21 for the discussion of the minutes of prior executive session meetings, for the purpose of review, approval or release of such minutes and 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.

XII. Reconvene to Open Session

The Workshop meeting reconvened at 8:48 p.m.

XIII. Adjourn

There being no further business, Commissioner Bischoff moved, seconded by Commissioner Stortz to adjourn the Workshop Meeting at 8:48 p.m.

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

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Dikker
Board Secretary