

**Glen Ellyn Park District
Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
December 12, 2017
185 Spring Avenue**

I. Call to Order

President Nephew called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

II. Roll Call of Commissioners

Upon roll call, those answering present were Commissioners Ward, Wilson, Weber, Stortz, Durham and President Nephew. Commissioner Cornell arrived at 7:24 p.m.

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

III. Pledge of Allegiance

President Nephew led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Changes to the Agenda

None.

V. Public Participation

The Volunteer recognition was moved to follow discussion regarding the “Environmental Initiatives” as the recipient was running late.

VI. Consent Agenda

Commissioner Wilson moved, seconded by Commissioner Ward, to approve the Consent Agenda including the Voucher List of Bills totaling \$236,441.28 and the November 14, 2017 Regular Meeting minutes.

*Roll Call: Aye: Commissioners Wilson, Ward, Weber, Stortz, Durham and President Nephew
Nay: None.*

Motion Carried.

VII. Public Hearing for the 2018 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance

President Nephew opened the public hearing for the 2018 budget and appropriation ordinance. There being no comments from the public, Commissioner Weber moved, seconded by Commissioner Stortz, to close the public hearing for the 2018 budget and appropriation ordinance.

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

Motion Carried.

VIII. New Business

A. Environmental Initiatives

President Nephew had previously requested discussion of broadening the marketing efforts and possibly collaborating with other public or non-profit agencies on educating the public regarding a variety of environmental initiatives.

Park District Naturalist Frigo and Marketing and Communications Supervisor O’Kray discussed the various educational initiatives that are currently being utilized through social media, programming and marketing material. Naturalist Frigo stated that the Park District Environmental Advisory Board discusses other areas in which the Park District can help to educate and provide outreach to patrons. Frigo also serves as the Park District liaison to the Village Environmental Advisory Board as well as jointly working with the Conservation Foundation, Glen Ellyn School District 41 and St. Petronille School. In 2018 the Park District will be working on Monthly Focus Topics highlighting a different environmental initiative or topic and will highlight on the Park District website. Superintendent of Parks and Planning Hopkins discussed that Lake Ellyn will have additional signage to educate the community at Lake Ellyn Park regarding the natural area, rain gardens, floating restorers, pergola and the LEED certification information.

The Park Board of Commissioners held discussion on the various initiatives being considered and welcome ideas to be proposed to the Environmental Advisory Board for further consideration and to continue to market and educate the community.

IX. Recognition – Glen Ellyn Platform Tennis Club – President Mike Graham

The Park Board of Commissioners and staff acknowledged Mike Graham and the Glen Ellyn Platform Tennis Club for their efforts to selflessly and generously raise and contribute funds to improve a public asset that not only benefits the club and its members but also the public and overall community. President Nephew discussed that one year ago the Board approved the 2017 annual budget which allocated \$250,000 for the expansion of the Platform Tennis facility with two (2) additional courts. The project was contingent based on \$100,000 contribution on behalf of the Glen Ellyn Platform Tennis Club.

Upon Board approval, under Mike Graham’s leadership along with the Glen Ellyn Platform Tennis Club, \$50,000 was raised within five months’ time. Upon completion of the expansion in October of 2017 the final payment was made. Donations were contributed by hundreds of community members.

Mike Graham and his family have resided in Glen Ellyn for twelve years and have been active in the Park District. Mike began platform tennis in 2007 when the first courts were constructed at

Maryknoll. After years of being a regular member Mike volunteered as an at-large board member for the Glen Ellyn Platform Tennis Club and became President during the 2016/2017 season. Mike also applied and serves on the Glen Ellyn Park District Citizens' Finance Committee (CFC) utilizing his finance and accounting experience that serves him in his profession.

President Nephew stated that Mike Graham has committed hundreds of hours serving and administering the Glen Ellyn Platform Tennis Club. His volunteerism, commitment and guidance has served not only the club members but has expanded the opportunities for the entire community. The Glen Ellyn Park District staff and Park Board Commissioners presented a token of thanks to Mike Graham for his efforts and dedication to the Platform Tennis program and community at large.

X. Unfinished Business

A. Approval of the 2018 Budget & Appropriation Ordinance

Superintendent of Finance & Personnel Cinquegrani presented the revised version of the 2018 Combined Budget & Appropriation ordinance that was previously presented and discussed at the November 14, Regular Meeting. The Board had a brief discussion of the minor changes reflected in the Budget regarding the Ackerman Entrance Road Repairs and carryover adjustments, then Commissioner Stortz moved, seconded by Commissioner Durham, to approve Ordinance 17-05 "A combined annual budget and appropriation ordinance for the purposes of the Glen Ellyn Park District for the year beginning January 1, 2018 and ending December 31, 2018."

*Roll Call: Aye: Commissioners Stortz, Durham, Cornell, Ward, Wilson, Weber and President Nephew.
Nay: None*

Motion Carried.

B. Approval of Revised 2018 Board Meeting Schedule

Executive Director Harris stated at the November 14, Regular Board Meeting a proposed meeting schedule for 2018 was approved. After discussion and consideration, it was recommended that a revised meeting schedule be presented to the Park Board Commissioners. Staff has researched and presented the revised meeting schedule and after brief discussion, Commissioner Cornell moved, seconded by President Nephew to approve the revised 2018 Meeting Schedule as presented.

*Roll Call: Aye: Commissioner Cornell, President Nephew, Commissioners Ward, Wilson, Weber, Stortz, and Durham.
Nay: None*

Motion Carried

XI. Staff Reports

A. Finance Reports

Superintendent of Finance and Personnel presented the Finance Report.

B. Staff Reports

Executive Director Harris stated that the Holiday Season is a busy time for the Park District. Harris said last week Santa home visits took place visiting over 170 kids and nearly 100 households, the polar express train ride was this past weekend with four different trains and Breakfast with Santa occurred at the Lake Ellyn Boathouse with three different seating's. Next week Santa will make an appearance at all the preschool classes.

Superintendent of Parks and Planning Hopkins discussed his sighting of a bald eagle over Ackerman this past week.

XII. Commissioners' Reports

Commissioner Durham thoroughly enjoyed the Turkey Trot event on Thanksgiving with his son who successfully ran the entire five (5) miles. Commissioner Stortz said he and his children were among the first to take advantage of sledding on the Newton sledding hill and said it was a wonderful asset for the District. Commissioner Weber commended Superintendent Cinquegrani on the budget process and discussed the Weber Family's enjoyment of the Turkey Trot. Commissioner Ward stated he was impressed with all that staff accomplishes for a District with only twenty-nine (29) employees. Commissioner Cornell wished everyone a Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. President Nephew enjoyed the Breakfast at the North Pole and also enjoyed the bird watching at Lake Ellyn with her children.

XIII. Adjourn to Executive Session

At 8:45 p.m. Commissioner Wilson moved, seconded by Commissioner Ward to convene into executive session under Section 2 (c) 5 of the Open Meetings Act for the purpose of discussion of the purchase, lease or sale of real property for the use of the district, including discussion of whether a particular parcel should be acquired and/or sold and Section 2 (c) 1 of the Open Meetings Act for the purpose of discussion of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees or legal counsel for the district.

Roll Call: Aye: Commissioners Wilson, Ward, Cornell, Weber, Stortz, Durham, and President Nephew.

Nay: None.

Motion Carried.

XIV. Reconvene to Open Session

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 10:09 p.m.

XV. Adjourn

There being no further business, Commissioner Weber moved, seconded by Commissioner Durham to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 10:10 p.m.

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

Nay: None.

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Dikker
Board Secretary