

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Workshop Meeting Highlights September 1, 2020



CITIZENS' FINANCE COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

Superintendent of Finance & Personnel Cinquegrani discussed that pursuant to the Citizens' Finance Committee bylaws, the Park Board of Commissioners shall annually approve by a majority vote the members of the Citizens' Finance Committee. Eight current committee members, Leo Lanzillo, Michael Graham, Mike Hoban, Art Pech, Tom Lettenberger, Charlie Prisco, Don St. Clair and John Vitalis were presented to the Board and the Board unanimously approved the members as presented.

PARK DISTRICT POLICY MANUAL UPDATES

Superintendent of Finance & Personnel Cinquegrani presented policies from the Glen Ellyn Park District Policy Manual that have been updated and revised. Cinquegrani stated these policies are for Chapter III – Personnel Policies, Sections 1.00 through 6.00, in their entirety. He discussed that the policies have been updated for compliance purposes, to ensure consistencies and that all have been reviewed and approved by legal counsel. Employee benefits remain unchanged and the updates and revisions were based off recommendations from the Park District Management Agency (PDRMA) and/or the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM).

The Park Board had a brief discussion of the policy updates and they will be placed on the Consent Agenda at the September 15th Regular Meeting for formal approval.

2021 OSLAD DISCUSSION

Executive Director Harris reviewed the outcome of the Fiscal Year 2020 Open Space Land Acquisition (OSLAD) program stating that the District applied for funding for Newton Park and while not awarded the project was considered as a top alternate if another applicant declines its award.

He said presently, the status of FY 2021 OSLAD is unknown but could be available at some point during 2020. Should the 2021 OSLAD process be released, staff would like to get direction from the Park Board on projects for consideration.

Harris discussed three options to be considered. The first option is to enhance and strengthen the Newton Park project and resubmit for 2021 OSLAD consideration. The second option would be to submit the Churchill Park improvement project, which was previously proposed at the July 16, 2019 Regular Board Meeting as a potential project, for the 2020 OSLAD grant cycle. At the same time, the Newton Park project would remain as an alternate for OSLAD FY2020 and hopefully be advanced to a grant recipient. For budgetary purposes, the Newton Park playground replacement and the skate park renovations would be included in the 2021 capital projects and provide the matching requirement if needed. The Churchill project would occur in 2022 and the matching funds would be budgeted in that year. This scenario would be subject to further budget evaluation.

The third option should the Board desire would be to not move forward with either project and prioritize other proposed projects and not submit an OSLAD proposal.

Executive Director Harris would inquire on the status of the 2020 OSLAD submittal and recommended waiting to see if the Newton Park project would be granted as 2020 OSLAD recipient and pursuing submittal of the Churchill Park renovation project for the 2021 OSLAD grant cycle should that be released. The Park Board had a brief discussion of the 2020 OSLAD status and will further review the renovation project for Churchill Park.

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION – EAGLE SCOUT, ADAM BODZIOCH

The Park Board of Commissioners and Glen Ellyn Park District staff acknowledged the contribution of an Eagle Scout who installed a flagpole at the front entrance of Ackerman Sports and Fitness Center this past spring.

President Ward stated that Adam Bodzioch is a member of Glen Ellyn Troop 46, lives in Glen Ellyn, and currently is a Senior at Glenbard West High School. He designed, planned, and raised approximately \$3,000 for the project. Ward described the parameters of the project which included permitting through the Village of Glen Ellyn and installation which was done under the leadership of Adam along with the help of volunteers, Boy Scouts, and Park District Staff.

The Park Board of Commissioners and the Glen Ellyn Park District are very appreciative of Adam's efforts and contributions. Staff and the Park Board presented a small token of their appreciation and commended Adam's willingness to work cooperatively with the Glen Ellyn Park District and relayed that this project will benefit the community for years to come as it provides a wonderful presence for the Ackerman Sports & Fitness Center facility.

SITE TOUR – ACKERMAN PARK

The Park Board went on a walking tour of the recently completed renovation of Ackerman Park. The Board viewed the completed outdoor fitness center and updates to upper Ackerman fields and then walked the property viewing the updates to the Softball Hub, Softball Fields, paths within the Park and the many landscaping renovations and stormwater improvements. Following the Park Board proceeded to the newly installed Artificial turf field and soccer fields within lower Ackerman Park.