

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Workshop Meeting Highlights October 6, 2020



RESOLUTION 20-05 “AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR PARTICIPATION IN DUPAGE COUNTY LOCAL GOVERNMENT COVID-19 REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM

Executive Director Harris discussed the IGA that was approved at the September 15, 2020 Regular Meeting that provides the Glen Ellyn Park District the opportunity to recoup some funds through the CARES Act facilitated by the County of DuPage, and that the Park District has expended specifically due to COVID-19. In accordance with the IGA, a formal resolution must be approved by the Park Board of Commissioners an expedited for compliancy. Staff presented Resolution 20-05 and following a brief discussion the Park Board of Commissioners approved Resolution 20-05 “An Intergovernmental Agreement for Participation in DuPage County Local Government COVID-19 Reimbursement Program”.

Harris stated that per counsel’s direction the Resolution will be ratified again at the October 20, 2020 Regular meeting as well for transparency.

PLACE 2020 TAX LEVY ON FILE

Superintendent of Finance and Personnel Cinquegrani stated that consistent with previous years, staff is recommending approving a Tax Levy Ordinance for 2020 that encompasses the amount of tax dollars allowed under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law (PTELL). Staff recommended an increase of 4.95% and after a brief discussion the Board approved Resolution 20-04 “Truth in Taxation Law” and approved placing the 2020 Tax Levy on file.

SUNSET POOL SAND REPLACEMENT

Project Manager Troia discussed the proposal to improve the small playground within the gates of Sunset Pool. Troia explained that the playground is situated in a sand surface and over the past several summers has been infiltrated with sand wasps, who nest and burrow within the sand and are impossible to eradicate. As a result, the area is closed almost every year for at least half of the season due to safety concerns.

Troia proposed removing the sand surface and replacing it with a synthetic turf grass (no infill) that is specifically designed for playgrounds that provides a safe, durable, and impervious surface for the playground.

The Park Board posed various questions regarding durability and maintenance and following the Park Board Commissioners approved the proposal of ForeverLawn Chicago to install playground turf at Sunset Pool for \$27,695 as purchased through the HGAC Buy Purchasing Cooperative program.

2021 DISTRICT FORECASTING DISCUSSION

Topics for the evening included financial overview and forecast, review of capital projects from this past year along with proposed projects from 2021 through 2025, discussion of the impact of COVID-19 on the District and provided further discussion on additional subjects including the following - Sunset Pool, Ackerman Sports and Fitness Center, full time staff, the Johnson Center and Lenox Road Property.

Superintendent of Finance and Personnel Cinquegrani highlighted the financial planning calendar for the remainder of the year while presenting the proposed 2021 annual budget and operating assumptions. Current staffing, available funding sources, fund balances, annual operating surplus, non-referendum bonds and special rec levy were highlighted. Cinquegrani stated the operating budget would be based on Illinois remaining in Phase IV of the Restore Illinois Plan. The Park Board of Commissioners had a discussion on the various topics presented and will continue the discussions in the upcoming 2021 budget process as well as revisit financials during the course of 2021 as staff evaluates the operating budget and surplus throughout the year during the continued pandemic.

Project Manager Troia discussed the many Capital projects that have been accomplished in 2020 as well as identifying the deferred and/or cancelled projects due to the pandemic. Troia then led the Park Board through a presentation of proposed Capital projects for 2021 and 2022 for the various parks and facilities of the District. Several larger previously proposed projects that were projected in 2024 and beyond have been deferred for future years including significant improvements to Sunset Pool, Ackerman Sports and Fitness Center and funds for possible land acquisition. As the financial projections regarding available capital funds were extremely conservative, it was stated that deferred projects could be revisited should the financial status of the 2021 budget change.

In preparation for programs, events, and facilities for 2021, staff has prepared summaries and contingency plans for facilities, camps, special events and athletics based on potential restrictions and guidelines should Illinois remain in Phase IV or should they revert to Phase III. Staff also provided summaries of the financial impact of COVID-19 within their respective departments.

Harris then highlighted discussion on Sunset Pool and walked the Park Board through a proposed operational plan should Illinois remain in Phase IV and the pool open in summer of 2021. Next Harris discussed the challenges with athletics should we remain in Phase IV and with the limitations and guidelines that are provided. The Park Board had a brief discussion regarding these areas and provided feedback regarding the opening of Sunset Pool next summer as well as surveying the Athletic patrons for sentiments on various athletic programs moving forward.

Lastly, Executive Director Harris identified additional topics that may warrant further discussion. Those topics included Sunset Pool, proposed improvements to Ackerman Sports & Fitness Center, the Johnson Center and Lenox Road property discussion.

The Park Board discussed the topics and agreed to include questions pertaining to Sunset Pool should staff utilize a Customer Attitude and Interest Survey in the next two years as well as supported engaging a consultant/engineer to assess and develop a long-term plan to maintain and improve the Johnson Center. Lastly, the Park Board discussed the need to create a plan of action for Lenox Road property in the near future. Harris stated that Staff will further research these topics and begin to implement and provide further details during 2020 budgeting process.