

# BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

## Regular Meeting Highlights December 1, 2020



### **PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE 2021 BUDGET & APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE (ORDINANCE 20-03)**

Commissioner Stortz motioned to open discussion for the public hearing for the 2021 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance. President Ward invited those with comments to address the Park Board. There being no comments from the public, Commissioner Stortz moved to close the public hearing for the 2021 budget and appropriation ordinance.

### **2021 BUDGET & APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 20-03**

The Park Board of Commissioners had a brief discussion of the 2021 Budget & Appropriation Ordinance. The Glen Ellyn Park Board of Commissioners then approved the 2021 Budget & Appropriation Ordinance 20-03 as presented and published in the December 1, 2020 Board Packet.

### **CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) DISTRICT UPDATE**

Executive Director Harris stated the Governor previously announced that Tier 3 resurgence mitigations would be implemented on November 20<sup>th</sup>. Since that time further guidelines have been provided and Staff has restructured its current programs and events to conform. Director Harris then provided an overview of the District's programs.

Harris presented information on the various recreation programs stating that the majority have been either paused, rescheduled, or cancelled while a few have been modified such as Dance Academy offering one-on-one lessons for families. Preschool remains unchanged and will proceed as scheduled.

Several Special Events have been cancelled such as Polar Express Pajama Party while others have been modified including Donuts with Santa and Santa on the Stoop. Staff has also added additional Holiday Events to provide some seasonal fun for the community.

The Lake Ellyn Boathouse will be closed to all gatherings and will not be open the public should skating take place at Lake Ellyn but did state that the remote restrooms would remain open.

Harris reviewed the various Athletic programs with the Park Board providing that some programs have been suspended and will be reevaluated while a select few have moved to an online format. Harris listed the many indoor athletic programs that have been cancelled for the remainder of the season stating that prorated funds/credits will be issued to their house accounts. Some athletic programs have been modified including gymnastics which will now be offered as one-on-one lessons in place of regular classes and Midwest FC Travel Soccer which will continue training outside through December weather permitting.

Ackerman Sports & Fitness Center remains open limited to 25 patrons within the cardio and 25 in the strength area. Group fitness will continue with a limit of 10 patrons with masks being worn at all times and will be held on the indoor turf with doors open to the outdoors. Open Gym, Open Turf and Pickleball will continue with limited numbers as well as one-on-one fitness training. Lastly, Harris provided information on the week-long food drive that Ackerman has provided for the Community.

Natural areas will continue their ongoing efforts while offering guided walks for the community abiding by the new mitigations. Trails will continue to be open for the community's use.

Harris provided an update on the Marketing department stating they have shifted focus with the new guidelines promoting the revised programs and creating new programs for the community to enjoy. The department will continue with its digital only Playbook and has extended the release of the Winter playbook until December 16<sup>th</sup> to allow staff time to adjust should further restrictions be implemented.

Other areas that have been adjusted at this time include revised hours for the Spring Avenue and Main Street Recreation Centers, further restrictions implemented for the Paddle Tennis program and adjustments to the Parks department operations to further enhance the safety measures that are currently in place due to COVID-19.

Lastly, Director Harris provided an update of the current projects within the District. The Park Board thanked Director Harris for the thorough update and had a brief discussion of the various programs, guidelines and community events within the District and praised staff for its ongoing efforts to provide recreation and give back to the community.

### **NEWTON PARK ASPHALT IMPROVEMENT PAYOUT REQUEST #1**

Project Manager Troia discussed the Newton Park Asphalt Improvement project that consisted of removing and replacing the asphalt surface of the basketball court, the small parking lot to the south and the entry aprons to the northeast parking lot of Newton Park. All work has been completed and are available for use and the remaining element - color coating of the basketball court, will be completed in the Spring when the temperature and conditions allows.

The Park Board had a brief discussion and approved Newton Park Asphalt Improvement payout request #1 to Accu Paving in the amount of \$45,576.00.