

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting Highlights February 16, 2021



RECOGNITION - GLEN ELLYN LIGHTNING RUNNING CLUB - VOLUNTEER COACHES

The Park District Board of Commissioners recognized John Fredrick and Brian Wright for their volunteer efforts and dedication to the Glen Ellyn Park District in serving as volunteer head coaches for the Glen Ellyn Lightning Running Club since 2017.

Recreation Supervisor Hartnett provided a summary of the Lightning Running Club program which runs from July through mid-November and stated both coaches have over time, developed a dedicated group of runners, many of whom have been in the program for years largely because of the coach's continued efforts. Their efforts included implementing new and innovative aspects of the program including one-mile time trials to measure progress, and a team favorite, hill work outs. As the seasons progressed, the coaches encouraged the runners to track their running mileage with a goal of completing 100 miles over the summer. During their fourth and most challenging year due to the pandemic, Coach John and Coach Brian were diligent in the safety measures and were resourceful including creating and hosting the first Lightning Running Club Invitational which is sure to become a team tradition for years to come. The club had the highest participation numbers in years and will be expanding into a two-season program starting Spring 2021.

Coach John and Coach Brian have not only fostered a love of running in the participants, but they have taught the values of hard work, perseverance, comradery, and teamwork. They give freely of their time and talents to the program and the Glen Ellyn Park District and Park Board of Commissioners thanked them for their ongoing dedication and volunteerism and presented them with a small token of appreciation.

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) DISTRICT UPDATE

Executive Director Harris provided a summary of a recent Chicagoland Park District Director's roundtable Zoom discussion regarding COVID-19. This week, main discussion was regarding the opening of pools for the 2021 summer. In attendance were representatives from the DuPage County Health Department. Harris stated that after the discussion and presentation, the meeting and information presented, provided further confidence in the ongoing planning, and strategizing by staff regarding plans for Sunset Pool operations this summer.

Harris stated that ongoing programs, and activities were running smoothly but stated there was an update to the guidelines regarding fitness operations that now masks are to be always worn in all facilities. Previously it was stated that masks could be removed during cardio activity when you were able to socially distance but that has since changed and was quickly adjusted.

An update on some of the programs and events within the District were provided including the Valentines Care packages, Polar Plaza in downtown Glen Ellyn, preschool open house hosted last weekend and athletic registrations. Harris also provided an update on ice-skating within the District and the District's snow management efforts over the past week and throughout the challenging winter. The Park Board had a brief discussion of proposed Sunset Pool operations.