



**VI. Unfinished Business**

**A. 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.

Ongoing programs, and activities were running smoothly stating 100 Valentines care packages were delivered on Friday and the Polar Plaza in downtown Glen Ellyn would be opening this Friday providing outdoor skating opportunity for the next few months. He also provided that Lake Ellyn opened for skating last Friday after hours of manual snow removal due to the challenges of having so much snow on the ice and ice conditions still not able to safely support plow trucks. Snow will be removed again from Lake Ellyn tomorrow following this latest snowfall. The preschool open house was held last weekend for 2021-2022 with 71% of the program filled so far. With a few weeks left to register, athletic enrollment is down 15% which can be attributed to continuing concerns regarding COVID-19 and a result of lower enrollment of kindergarten age which is consistent with D41's enrollment at that age. Lastly, Harris stated that the realignment transition of current employees has begun and is progressing well.

The Park Board had a brief discussion of how Sunset Pool would operate this summer in Phase IV.

**VII. 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.

John Fredrick was in attendance via Zoom and thanked staff for their support especially Recreation Supervisor Hartnett for her oversight of the program over the past few years. Frederick stated with runners of a variety of ages and ability, he and Coach Wright work to motivate, inspire, and ensure the participants enjoy running and have a good time! The program was a great asset and healthy outlet during this challenging time and thanked the District for its support.

## **VIII. Staff Reports**

A. Finance Report – January 2021 (for information only)

B. Staff Reports

Harris stated tomorrow is the conclusion of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion project with the other local taxing bodies. He hopes to have the results presented for the Board soon. Harris gave a summary on snow removal within the District providing how the process to remove and manage snow and weather-related conditions takes place. Included in the discussion was areas of priority, call out schedules, and management of overtime expenses. An outdoor skating update was presented and lastly, mention of the snow stock piling by the Village of Glen Ellyn at Ackerman Park was provided. This is part of an IGA with the Village of Glen Ellyn that enables the Village to dump snow removed from the downtown area at Ackerman Park. If that location becomes full, then Village Green is used as a secondary location.

Commissioner Cornell inquired on the snow removal of the Village and if efforts could be made to further protect the DuPage river when the snow melts. Commissioner Stortz inquired about athletics regarding tournament play and requested a brief budget summary for 2020. President Ward inquired if staff was recognized for their efforts during the many snow removal occurrences due to the demand on their availability and schedule. For example, many are often required to come in at 2:30 a.m. and work through mid-day.

## **IX. Commissioners' Reports**

Commissioner Durham appreciated all of the snow removal efforts from the District. Commissioner Cornell agreed with that sentiment and stated she was happy to see people at Lake Ellyn skating. Cornell said she would like for the District to research any filtration efforts that can be used to diminish the potential effects of the stockpiled snow at Ackerman once it begins to melt and dissipate.

## **X. Adjourn**

There being no further business, President Ward moved, seconded by Commissioner Cornell to adjourn the Regular meeting at 8:13 p.m.

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

*Motion Carried.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Board Secretary