

# BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

## Regular Meeting Highlights April 20, 2021



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

Executive Director Harris provided an update on the Coronavirus as the District remains in Phase IV mitigations. The District hosted a vaccination clinic in collaboration with the Library, Village, and Police, staging the 2<sup>nd</sup> dose clinic just this past Thursday at Ackerman Sports and Fitness Center. Nearly 1200 vaccinations were provided to community seniors and those in category 1B. The District also continues to hold food and blood drives for the community monthly.

As the Park District had three long-term employees accept early retirement offers, a realignment plan was established to distribute duties and responsibilities amongst the remaining employees. Staff has been receptive to the added duties and welcome their expanded professional opportunities. Mary Defiglia, Assistant Superintendent will be the final employee to retire under this plan and her last day is April 30.

Capital projects are proceeding as planned and budgeted. Work has begun at Co-op Park with the existing playground being removed this week.

Recreational programming has been strong with nearly all programs at or near capacity. The 2021-22 Preschool program is near capacity as well. Summer Camp programs are also full. Tennis Camps remain strong with demand exceeding supply and the Platform Tennis program continues to experience strong participation despite moving into its "off season". Ackerman memberships are down but seems to have stabilized for the time being. However, facility rentals have been in great demand. Holes and Knolls opened this past weekend with 300+ rounds played between Friday evening and Sunday night. The facility is in great condition thanks to Assistant Superintendent Defiglia, Recreation Supervisor Hartnett and the Park maintenance crew. The Splash Pad will open Memorial Day weekend. Harris commended Defiglia on her leadership and oversight as this will be her last time opening this facility. She has been present for every opening of the Maryknoll facilities since their construction.

The Boathouse has been limited due to restricted guidelines of 50 people or less and staff is working with PDRMA and the Health Department on guidance for use of the outdoor deck. Status regarding the Cardboard Boat Regatta, Picnic in the Park and the Freedom Four will be forthcoming shortly. Family Fun Night has been modified and will be staged as satellite Family Fun events throughout the District on a smaller scale. Movies in the Park will continue and will remain free but pre-registration will be required. Thirsty Thursdays will return and Jazz concerts in July and August could be a possibility. Fall events will be determined later.

The Athletic programs are currently running at 90% of pre-COVID numbers with all programs being very active. Staff is working with Glenbard South and West High Schools on their summer camp programs. This summer the camps will only be available to current and incoming High School students as weekly COVID testing is required by the School District.

Harris then reviewed information on Sunset Pool that was distributed to the community last Friday in an eblast and has been posted on the website. Harris highlighted the guidelines set forth for the pool based on current and anticipated restrictions. The Park Board of Commissioners posed questions and were appreciative that the pool will be opened albeit with some modifications and limitations in 2021.

Superintendent of Finance and Personnel Cinquegrani provided an overview of first quarter financials of the District. Cinquegrani reviewed key budgeted surplus and deficits while highlighting the District's primary revenue sources. He then reviewed the District's operating activity along with employment expenses. Next Cinquegrani reviewed the various fund centers including Ackerman Facility, Sunset Pool, Athletic Programs, and General Recreation programs. Overall, most areas are on track to perform or exceed forecasted budget.

### **GLEN ELLYN SCHOOL DISTRICT 41 AND GLENBARD SCHOOL DISTRICT 87 – PARK DISTRICT FACILITY/FIELD USAGE DISCUSSION**

Executive Director Harris discussed the impact COVID-19 has had in relation to our Intergovernmental Agreements (IGAs) with Glen Ellyn School District 41 and Glenbard School District 87. Due to the more severe restrictions and limited or no access to the school's facilities, the Park District has been impacted disproportionately as we have been unable to use their facilities per the corresponding IGAs. At the same time, the Park District has provided services, financial commitments and in-kind services as required within the two IGA's.

Assistant Superintendent of Athletics Babicz provided a summary regarding Glenbard School District 87 and Glen Ellyn School District 41 Facility/Field usage over the past year stating that the Park District provided facility space for District 87 athletic programming and has continued to mow all District 41 schools' properties as agreed upon in the IGAs. In return, the Park District had no access to D41 until just this spring where Lincoln and Forest Glen green space became available. D87 has also recently allowed some use of their fields at GBW and GBS and use of GBW tennis courts in 2020 and anticipated in 2021.

Executive Director Harris stated that our relationship with Glenbard West and Glenbard South is productive and mutually respectful and has been beneficial despite the disparity of access this past year. The challenges and diminished usage will be presented in future discussion with the Glenbard District 87 and staff remains hopeful that D41 will be agreeable to an extension of the existing IGA to compensate for lack of access to their facilities but will be prepared to adjust if needed.

### **GLEN ELLYN SCHOOL DISTRICT 89 – IGA AGREEMENT ADDENDUM**

Community Consolidated School District 89 requested an addendum to be added to the current longstanding IGA with the Park District confirming the Glen Ellyn Park District's acceptance to abide by all current and most recent Illinois Department of Health COVID-19 safety guidelines, regulations, and mitigation efforts. Assistant Superintendent of Athletics Babicz stated that the IGA enables the Park District to utilize athletic fields and some limited access to facilities at D89 Schools for Park District athletics and programming. Additionally, the Park District administrates summer athletic camps which will be offered again after being shut down in 2020 due to COVID-19.

Following a brief Board discussion, the Park Board approved the presented addendum to the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement between the Glen Ellyn Park District and Community Consolidated School District 89.

**DISCUSSION OF IN PERSON MEETINGS**

Executive Director Harris recommended the Board consider staging in-person Board meetings beginning on May 4, 2021 and stated that all necessary COVID-19 precautions and guidelines will be followed. Remote Zoom meetings will still be offered for those not comfortable attending in-person.

All Board Members present were in agreement to attend in-person meetings starting May 4, 2021.