

**Glen Ellyn Park District
Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
May 18, 2021
185 Spring Avenue**

I. Call to Order

President Ward called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

II. Roll Call of Commissioners

Upon roll call, those answering present were Commissioners Stortz, Nephew, Durham, Weber, Bischoff and President Ward. Commissioner Cornell arrived at 7:15 p.m.

Staff members present were Executive Director Harris, Superintendent of Finance & Personnel Cinquegrani, Project Manager Troia and Board Secretary & Executive Assistant Dikker.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

President Ward led the Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Changes to the Agenda

None.

V. Public Participation

None.

VI. Consent Agenda

Commissioner Nephew moved, seconded by Commissioner Bischoff, to approve the Consent Agenda including the Voucher List of Bills totaling \$137,795.20, the April 20, 2021 Regular Meeting minutes and the May 4, 2021 Workshop Meeting minutes.

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

Motion Carried.

VII. Oath of Office – Inauguration of Commissioners

Executive Assistant & Board Secretary Dikker administered the Oath of Office for newly re-elected Commissioners Michael Ward, Alex Durham, Rob Weber and Julia Nephew.

VIII. Election of Officers

President

Commissioner Ward nominated Commissioner Durham for the Office of President.
Commissioner Weber seconded the nomination.

Commissioner Nephew moved, seconded by Commissioner Weber, to close the nominations.
Motion Carried.

Vote to elect Commissioner Durham as President of the Board.

Roll Call: Aye: Commissioners Stortz, Nephew, Durham, Weber, Bischoff and Ward
Nay: None.

Motion Carried.

Vice President

Commissioner Ward nominated Commissioner Nephew for the Office of Vice President.
Commissioner Stortz seconded the nomination.

Commissioner Weber moved, seconded by Commissioner Bischoff to close the nominations.
Motion Carried.

Vote to Elect Commissioner Nephew as Vice President of the Board.

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

Motion Carried.

Treasurer

Commissioner Durham nominated Commissioner Cornell for the Office of Treasurer.
Commissioner Nephew seconded the nomination.

Commissioner Weber moved, seconded by Commissioner Ward, to close the nominations.
Motion Carried.

Vote to Elect Commissioner Cornell as Treasurer of the Board.

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

Motion Carried.

Executive Director

Commissioner Nephew moved, seconded by Commissioner Cornell to appoint Dave Harris as Executive Director.

Motion Carried.

Board Secretary

Commissioner Cornell moved, seconded by Commissioner Ward to appoint Kimberly Dikker as Board Secretary.

Motion Carried.

WDSRA Representative

Commissioner Ward moved, seconded by Commissioner Weber, to appoint Dave Harris as the WDSRA representative.

Motion Carried.

Law Firm

Commissioner Ward moved, seconded by Commissioner Nephew, to appoint Ancel Glink as the Park District law firm.

Motion Carried.

GEPD Citizens' Finance Committee Liaisons (Commissioners Nephew & Durham current)
Following discussion, Commissioners Nephew and Bischoff will be serving on the Citizens' Finance Committee.

Ackerman Sports & Fitness Center Advisory Committee Co-Chairs (Commissioners Stortz & Weber)

Commissioners Stortz and Weber will remain on the Ackerman Sports & Fitness Center Advisory Committee.

GEPD Athletic Advisory Committee Co-Chairs (Commissioner Stortz, Weber & Bischoff)
Commissioners Stortz and Weber will remain as Co-Chairs on the GEPD Athletic Advisory Committee.

GEPD Citizens' Environmental Advisory Committee Co-Chairs (Commissioners Cornell & Nephew)

Commissioners Cornell and Nephew will continue to serve as Co-Chairs on the GEPD Citizen's Environmental Advisory Committee.

Friends of GEPD Foundation Liaison(s) (Commissioner Cornell & Bischoff)

Commissioners Cornell and Bischoff will remain as a liaisons of the Friends of Glen Ellyn Parks Foundation and Commissioner Ward will be joining the committee as well.

IX. Unfinished Business

A. Co-Op Park Payout Request #1

Parks Project Manager Troia discussed the first payout request from Hacienda Landscaping Inc. who is the general contractor for the Co-Op Park replacement. Troia reviewed the elements of the project including removing existing playground equipment and site furniture, removal of timbers, installation of new playground equipment surrounded by concrete curb, a widened ADA compatible sidewalk, new site furniture, additional trees and a new park sign.

Troia stated the project is 90% complete with playground installed, curbing and seating completed. The remaining work is the connecting sidewalk, trees and restoration of turfgrass. Final paperwork will be submitted the end of May and Troia stated the neighborhood sentiment has been very favorable regarding the project and it is on time and on budget.

The Park Board had a brief discussion of the project and following Commissioner Ward moved, seconded by Commissioner Bischoff to approve Hacienda Landscaping Inc. payout request #1 for the Co-Op Park Improvements in the amount of \$10,512.

Roll Call: Aye: Commissioners Ward, Bischoff, Stortz, Cornell, Nephew, Weber, and President Durham

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

B. Sunset Pool Discussion

Executive Director Harris provided an update on Sunset Pool to the Park Board. Harris stated that in early May it was recognized that the pool was losing water after it was filled. Staff immediately initiated efforts to determine the cause. After review including engaging a leak detection contractor, a significant breach was discovered in an 8-inch pipe that supplies water to the zero-depth area. The area was excavated, repaired and the pool is now being refilled and monitored. Once confirmed that the leak is repaired, the area will be restored, and the pool filled again. After which, chemicals will be added, and the heat activated. The repair costs will be \$7,000 approximately including water loss.

An update to the guidelines of the pool was provided based on the Bridge phase. The pool will now have two (2) zones with capacity of 100 people each which allows for increased capacity and larger swimming space. Phase IV would have included three (3) smaller zones of 50 people each. Also, consideration to providing facility chairs will occur as CDC recommendations on surface exposure has been modified. As the guidelines continue to evolve, contingency plans are being planned if we do advance to Phase 5 including implementing season passes and increasing overall capacity.

The Park Board inquired on other pool matters including concessions which will not be offered in 2021, various hours of the pool and camps access to the pool. Facility Manager Ryan Miller and Aquatics and Fitness Facility Assistant Manager Chad Shingler were in attendance to answer questions regarding Sunset Pool and the Park Board thanked them for their creativity and resourcefulness in development of the summer schedule and program for Sunset Pool.

Director Harris reiterated that staff will keep the Board apprised of any and all changes that may occur within the next few weeks and commended staff for their ability to pivot and adapt during this time.

X. Staff Reports

A. Finance Report (For Information Only)

B. Staff Reports

Executive Director Harris stated that the District, in collaboration with the Village of Glen Ellyn and Library, hosted another vaccination clinic at Ackerman Sports & Fitness Center today with the majority of the inoculations geared to 12–15-year-olds. Harris said the community was very appreciative. Harris provided that a Neighborhood Public Meeting will be held on June 17th at Newton Park to gather feedback regarding the Newton Park Improvement project. This meeting will be specifically about the proposed playground improvements. Harris welcomed all Commissioners to attend the public meeting which will take place from 5:30-7:30 p.m. that evening. In anticipation of the project, staff met with WDSRA representatives on preliminary conceptual plans of an inclusive playground and received constructive feedback and insight. Project Manager Troia has also spoken with surrounding Districts that have all inclusive playgrounds and believes the District has a good foundation for a playground that will be both inclusive while enabling and encouraging for integrated parallel play.

Harris provided information on the 4th of July events within the community including the parade, fireworks, and Freedom Four Race. Staff will be meeting tomorrow to discuss the changing guidelines relating to masks and will be providing an update to the public prior to the weekend. Lastly, Director Harris thanked Commissioner Ward for his service as Park Board President over the last two (2) years during the pandemic stating that Commissioner Ward provided strong leadership throughout his term. He was calm, decisive, supportive, and available throughout and the District benefited tremendously by his leadership.

XI. **Commissioners' Reports**

Commissioner Cornell thanked the District for hosting another vaccination clinic for the community. Commissioner Nephew was pleased to see the adjustments with the pool's guidelines and is happy to see things opening. Commissioner Ward commended all on a well-run vaccination clinic. Ward also stated after meeting with developers at the US Bank site he was pleased with their ideas relevant to Prairie Path Park. Commissioner Stortz appreciated staff opening the Hub at Ackerman Park and stated that the patrons were appreciative and complimentary of the improvements. Commissioner Bischoff attended the luminaire event honoring mothers at Lake Ellyn on Mother's Day saying it was truly a beautiful event. Lastly, President Durham reiterated the previous comments regarding the District's continued efforts to provide services and opportunities for the Glen Ellyn community.

XII. **Adjourn**

There being no further business, Commissioner Bischoff moved, seconded by Commissioner Ward to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Roll Call: Aye: Commissioners Bischoff, Ward Cornell, Stortz, Nephew, Weber, and President Durham.

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Dikker
Board Secretary